ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL (JUNIOR)

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1 - 2011

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY 4

Name : _____ ( )

Class : P 4 . ( ) Date: 6 May 2011

BOOKLET A

30 Questions

30 Marks

Total Time For Booklet A and B : 1 hour 20 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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Vocabulary (11 marks)
For each question from 1 to 11, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. A _____ of owls live in the old oak tree.

   (1) herd
   (2) flock
   (3) troop
   (4) parliament

2. Jenny slipped and _____ on the toilet floor.

   (1) squat
   (2) strolled
   (3) strewed
   (4) sprawled

3. Lily _____ her sister for being such a coward.

   (1) dreaded
   (2) demoted
   (3) despised
   (4) discarded

4. Ken wanted to be a _____ in the Natural History Museum to work on fossils.

   (1) zoologist
   (2) psychologist
   (3) entomologist
   (4) palaeontologist

5. The detective conducted an investigation and _____ that the evidence was authentic.

   (1) notified
   (2) verified
   (3) clarified
   (4) satisfied

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6. The government refused to _____ to the terrorists' demands.

(1) give in
(2) give up
(3) give off
(4) give away

7. The teacher _____ at the pupil's funny answer.

(1) groaned
(2) sneezed
(3) chuckled
(4) grumbled

8. "Put your hands up!" the policeman _____ the robbers.

(1) ordered
(2) persuaded
(3) interviewed
(4) interrogated

9. Gale treated her daughter to a _____-scoop ice-cream for doing well in her English test.

(1) bi
(2) uni
(3) semi
(4) triple

10. Forensic scientists _____ the wreckage for clues about the cause of the explosion.

(1) spun
(2) deduced
(3) examined
(4) discovered

11. The arrogant man _____ about his newly bought car.

(1) aped
(2) horsed
(3) crowed
(4) ducked

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Grammar (11 marks)
For each question from 12 to 22, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

12. A litter of puppies and a kitten _____ with milk by the veterinarian.

(1) fed
(2) feed
(3) was fed
(4) were fed

13. Both Tom and Jerry _____ children's favourite cartoon characters.

(1) is
(2) was
(3) are
(4) will be

14. "Every one of you _____ guilty of misconduct!" the discipline master reprimanded the pupils.

(1) is
(2) am
(3) are
(4) were

15. The twins put on _____ clothes inside out on purpose.

(1) its
(2) his
(3) her
(4) their

16. The dog is caring for _____ puppies.

(1) it
(2) its
(3) it's
(4) their

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17. There were cars parked on _____ side of the street.

(1) all
(2) both
(3) each
(4) some

18. The boys were tired after the hike. _____, they wanted to go for a swim in the river.

(1) If
(2) Yet
(3) Since
(4) However

19. Dan was disappointed _____ he failed to qualify for the Asian Games.

(1) and
(2) but
(3) until
(4) because

20. Each of us _____ the ability to make a positive impact on the global environment today.

(1) has
(2) had
(3) is having
(4) are having

21. _____ golf is fun and relaxing.

(1) Play
(2) Plays
(3) Played
(4) Playing

22. An hour after the bad news was released, Justin had not recovered _____ his shock.

(1) with
(2) over
(3) from
(4) between

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Punctuation (3 marks)
For each question from 23 to 25, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Yanny was terribly overweight, so his doctor placed him on a strict diet.

"I want you to eat regularly for two days, then skip a day, and repeat this procedure for two weeks. The next time I see you **[23]** you'll have lost at least five kilograms," his doctor assured him.

When Yanny returned, he shocked his doctor by having lost almost ten kilograms.

"Why, that's amazing **[24]**" the doctor said, greatly impressed. "You certainly must have followed my instructions."

Yanny nodded, "I'll tell you what though, I thought I was going to drop dead on the third day."

"Why, from hunger **[25]** asked his doctor.

"No, from all that skipping."

23. (1) [.] full stop
(2) [,] comma
(3) [?] question mark
(4) [!] exclamation mark

24. (1) [.] full stop
(2) [,] comma
(3) [;] semi-colon
(4) [?] question mark

25. (1) [."] full stop and inverted commas
(2) [,"] comma and inverted commas
(3) [?"] question mark and inverted commas
(4) [!"] exclamation mark and inverted commas

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Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow it.

A man and his son were once going with their donkey to the market. As they were walking along by its side, a countryman passed them and said, "You fools! What is a donkey for but to ride upon?

So, the man put his son on the donkey and they went on their way. But soon they passed a group of men, one of whom said, "See that lazy youngster; he lets his father walk while he rides."

The father ordered his son to get off, and got on himself. But they had not gone far when they passed two women, one of whom said to the other, "Shame on that lazy lout to let his poor little son **trudge** along."

Well, the man did not know what to do, but at last he took his boy up before him on the donkey. By this time, they had reached the market, and the passer-bys began to jeer and point at them. The man stopped and asked what they were scoffing at. The men said, "Aren't you ashamed of yourself for overloading that poor donkey with you and your hulking son?"

The man and boy got off and tried to think of what to do. They thought and thought, till at last they cut down a pole, tied the donkey's feet to it, and raised the pole and the donkey to their shoulders. They went along amid the laughter of all who met them till they came to Market Bridge, when the donkey, getting one of its feet loose, kicked out and caused the boy to drop his end of the pole. In the struggle, the donkey fell over the bridge and with his forefeet being tied together, he was drowned.

"That will teach you a lesson," said an old man, who had followed them. "Please all and you will please none."

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Comprehension MCQ (5 marks)
For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

26. A countryman called the father and son fools because _____

_____.

(1) they rode on the donkey
(2) they walked to the market
(3) they were going to the market
(4) they walked to the market without the donkey

27. The father ordered his son to get off the donkey as _____

_____.

(1) he was tired
(2) his son was tired
(3) he did not want them to be insulted
(4) he did not want the donkey to be insulted

28. Which of the following word has the same meaning as the word "**trudge**" in *paragraph 3*?

(1) hop
(2) skip
(3) slog
(4) stroll

29. Which of the following statement is **false**?

(1) The donkey drowned with all its feet bound.
(2) The donkey fell over the bridge and drowned.
(3) The donkey was carried with its feet tied to a pole.
(4) The donkey's kick caused the boy to lose his grip of the pole.

30. What is the moral of the story?

(1) Do not laugh at others.
(2) Do not try to please everyone.
(3) Do not carry a donkey over a bridge.
(4) Do not go to the market with a donkey.

END OF BOOKLET A

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BOOKLET B

25 Questions

35 Marks

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Booklet	Component	Possible Marks	Marks Obtained
A	-	30	
B	Grammar Cloze	5	
	Editing for Spelling & Grammar	5	
	Synthesis and Transformation	10	
	Comprehension Cloze	5	
	Comprehension OE	10	
	Total	35	

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GRAMMAR CLOZE (1 MARK X 5)

There are 5 blanks, numbered 31 to 35, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. **Write its letter (A to H) in the blank.**

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) at	(C) with	(E) down	(G) for
(B) by	(D) off	(F) on	(H) to

Dave was the only son of a farmer. His father's farm was far out in the country. Dave and his uncle, Jim, worked at Stan's Farm for a long time. Then Dave's father died. Dave said, "I needn't stay here now. I'll sell (31) _____ this farm and buy one in a better place. Then I'll soon be rich!"

So Dave bought a farm in the east of the rural country. His new neighbours dropped (32) _____ for a visit. They told his uncle, "The weather here is often very bad. Instead of breezy days, there are heavy storms. The wind is so strong that it breaks glass windows and destroys trees and plants. You must build an underground shelter. Then you and your nephew will be kept safe."

So the two men worked hard and built a special room under the ground. It was hard work, but they laboured (33) _____ tirelessly until the shelter was completed. However, for a long time after, the weather was good. There was no wind and Dave muttered angrily, "Why did I listen (34) _____ my silly neighbours? I needn't have wasted my time and energy on building that room!"

One night, there was a strong wind, followed by claps of thunder and a massive storm. Dave and Jim were safely hiding (35) _____ there for a long time. Finally morning came and the sky was clear again. They found their windows broken and doors damaged. Plants had been uprooted and several trees had fallen over.

Dave smiled happily and said, "Ah! I am glad we did build that room after all!"

Adapted from L A Hill's Stories

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EDITING FOR SPELLING AND GRAMMAR (1 MARK X 5)
Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each <u>underlined</u> word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

The Australian or European farmer grows grass in summer to give his

(36) [ ]
cattle food in winter. However, this grass has to be thoroughly <u>dry</u> by the sun

before it can be stored. The long grass that has been cut is left in the field to dry.

(37) [ ]
Long forks are used to turn over the grass so that all of it may be ~~ex~~**paused** to the

(38) [ ]
sun's powerful rays. The labourers must <u>look</u> advantage of every hour of available

sunshine. If the grass is not dried properly, it never becomes "hay", the correct

(39) [ ]
name for **purfactly** dried grass. The term for turning over the cut grass is "hay

(40) [ ]
making". Thus, this is where the <u>proverbs</u> "Make hay while the sun shines"

originates.

Adapted from A Johnson's "Common English Proverbs"

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SYNTHESIS AND TRANSFORMATION (2 MARKS X 5)

For each of the questions 41 to 45, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

41. The eggs have been hatched. The caterpillars feed on leaves.

After _____

_____

42. Lee had a severe headache. Lee went to see a doctor at the nearest clinic.

Since _____

_____

43. That is the shoe factory. My aunt worked there for ten years.

_____ **where** _____

_____

44. The wily fox stole a chicken. The fox has been shot dead by a hunter.

_____ **which** _____

_____

45. Robin is not in school today. His friends are not in school today.

Neither _____ **nor** _____

_____

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COMPREHENSION CLOZE (1 MARK X 5)
Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Elephants are the largest animals on land. They have a good sense of (46) _____.Their long trunks are used to sniff the air and help them detect the scent of animals around them. The trunks also suck up water and act like water hoses during bath time. When elephants are in a cheeky (47)_____, they may even spray water at one another!

Besides picking up food and placing them in their mouths, elephants also (48) _____ on their trunks to lift heavy loads. You cannot fathom nor imagine their usefulness when it comes to trunks lifting tree trunks!

An elephant walks slowly, most of the time, because of its gigantic (49)_____. However, it can certainly run fast when the need arises. During a commotion, when noise (50) _____ rise or when it is simply agitated, frightened or angry, it trumpets and announces its displeasure, loudly, to those around it. However, elephants are still my favourite kind of animals!

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COMPREHENSION OPEN-ENDED (2 MARKS X 5)
Read the passage below and answer questions 51 to 55.

Taufik, Taufu and Taukee were siblings and they were the cheekiest set of triplets around town. They were identical in look and mannerism. They dressed in similar outfits and it was hard to tell them apart. They invoked a sense of excitement but caused confusion wherever they went. Just so, because they were always up to tricks. Even their grandparents realised that they had often been taken for a ride by their mischievous grandsons. Coupled with their cheeky sense of fun and wit, it was really hard for anyone to pinpoint and catch the culprit. Thus, many a time, the brothers got away scott free.

The 3 Ts, as their parents affectionately referred to them, were intelligent dreamers. The reason being that they seemed to have had a knack of making their dreams come true. They often built sandcastles in the air, wove wild dreams and yet, through a stroke of luck (if you may call it) found fulfilment in their dreams.

One such remarkable happening occurred when they were ten years old. They were flipping through the newspapers and wistfully wishing that they could visit their favourite soccer team in Spain. Before they knew it, their teacher announced proudly that Taufu had won the National Story Writing Contest. His prize, a week's stay for three in Madrid! What followed was recorded on film and even more so, etched forever in their hearts and minds.

The triplets had a whale of a time. Delicious pots of bamboo clams, crustaceans and the famous paella or rice dish were more than finger-licking good. Whirlwind tours and visits to museums, ruins and other touristy sites were fabulous. But the highlight was a game at the stadium, hosted by their Spanish soccer stars. Riotous roars accompanied the many goals scored. Never before did the 3 Ts cry and laugh at the same time. Oh, what the realisation of a dream could do to bring such immense joy to three young boys!

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ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

51. Why were the triplets described as cheeky?

_____

_____

52. Why was it difficult to catch the culprit?

_____

_____

53. Which word in the passage tells us that the triplets were much loved by their parents?

_____

54. Besides photograph albums, where did the three siblings keep precious memories of their trip?

_____

_____

55. Which part of the fulfilled dream was the happiest for the triplets?

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END OF BOOKLET B

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SCHOOL : ACS
SUBJECT : PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH

TERM : SA1

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Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
4	4	1	4	3	2	2	3	2	3	3	1	2	D	B	F	H

35)E 36)dried 37)exposed 38)take 39)perfectly

40)proverb

41)After the eggs have been hatched, the caterpillars feed on leaves.

42)Since Lee had a severe headache, she went to see a doctor at the nearest clinic.

43)That is the shoe factory where my aunt worked for ten years.

44)The wily fox, which stole a chicken, has been shot dead by a hunter.

45)Neither Robin nor his friends are in school today.

46)smell 47)mood 48)depend 49)size 50)levels

51)They were often up to tricks.

52)They looked and dressed alike.

53)The word is "affectionately".

54)They kept their precious memories of their trip etched forever in their hearts and minds.

55)The happiest part of the fulfilled dream for the triplets was a game at the stadium, hosted by their Spanish soccer stars.

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