Name : _____ ( )

Class : Primary 4 _____

CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

Primary 4

Semestral Assessment 2

19 October 2012

English Language

Paper 2 Booklet A

Duration of Paper (Booklets A & B) : 1 h 30 min

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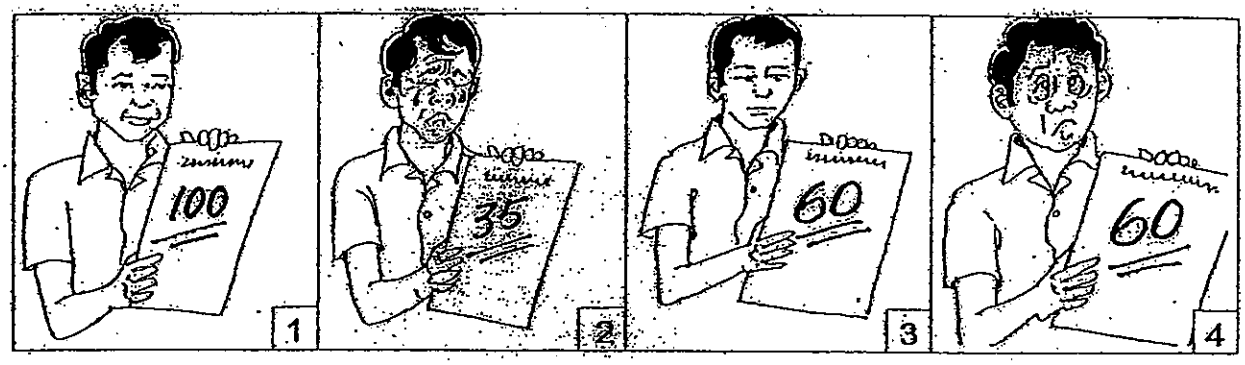
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Section A: Picture Matching MCQ (4 x 1mark)

Look at the set of pictures. Listen carefully to your teacher and choose the picture that best describes the statement read. Choose the most suitable answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

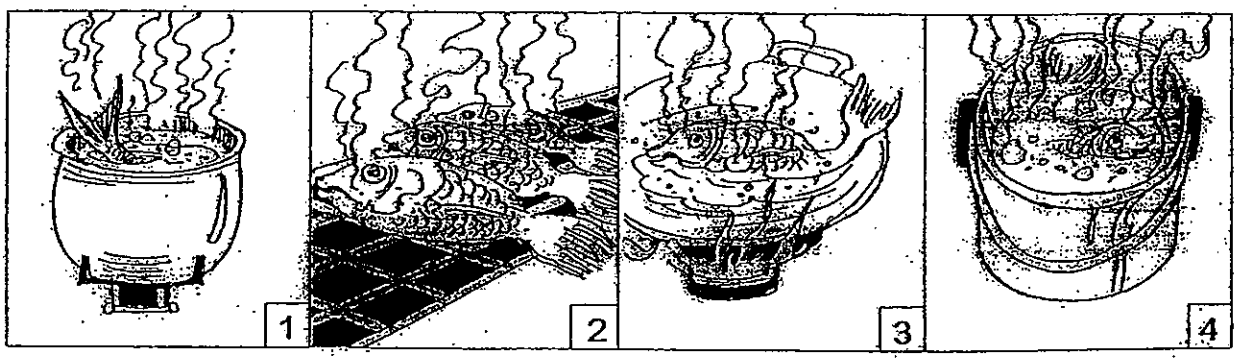
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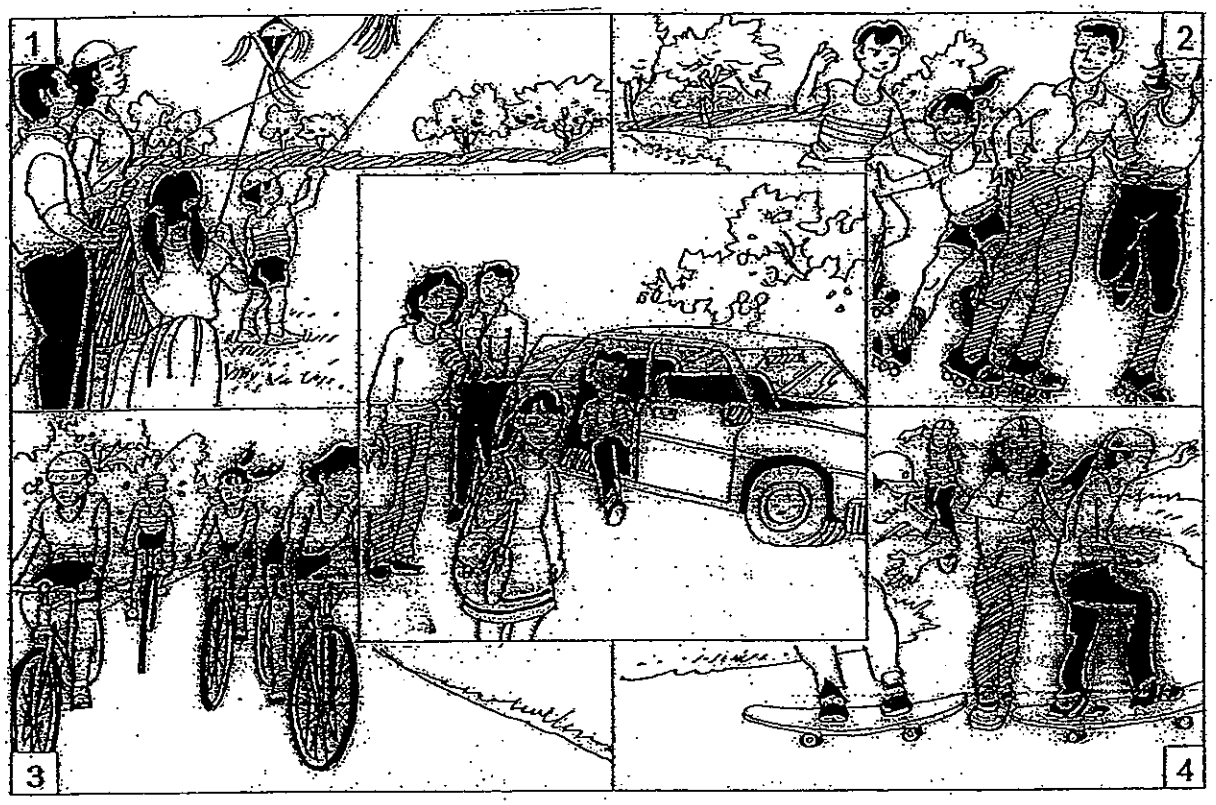


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Section B: Vocabulary MCQ (7 x 1mark)

Read the questions carefully. Choose the most suitable answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

5. The _____ cheered when a new record was set in the 100-metre relay race.

(1) viewers
(2) audience
(3) onlookers
(4) spectators

6. My heart _____ wildly as I approached the principal's office.

(1) pushed
(2) vibrated
(3) pounded
(4) squeezed

7. Tom stared _____ at his teacher as he did not think he was in the wrong.

(1) defiantly
(2) patiently
(3) arrogantly
(4) reluctantly

8. Japan faced wide-spread _____ on March 12, 2011 when a massive earthquake hit its northeastern coast and destroyed some cities.

(1) pollution
(2) demolition
(3) devastation
(4) contamination

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9. The dentist gave an injection to _____ the gum so that the patient would not feel any pain.

(1) numb
(2) freeze
(3) paralyse
(4) amputate

10. Joe has no choice but to put _____ with his untidy and inconsiderate roommate.

(1) in
(2) up
(3) out
(4) down

11. The bank robbers _____ their guns at the hostages, threatening to shoot any who disobeyed them.

(1) showed
(2) paraded
(3) displayed
(4) brandished

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Section C: Grammar MCQ (8 x 1 mark)

Read the questions carefully. Choose the most suitable answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

12. "Ask him _____ if you don't believe me," Melissa said angrily.

(1) myself
(2) herself
(3) himself
(4) yourself

13. While jogging in Peirce Reservoir last week, Ted _____ thrilled when he saw a group of monkeys.

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

14. The pupils in Primary 4B _____ elated when they won the Cleanest Class award.

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

15. "Pay attention. The principal _____ an important announcement now," said the teacher.

(1) make
(2) made
(3) is making
(4) was making

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16. Yesterday, I accidentally _____ into a puddle of water on my way to school.

(1) step
(2) stepped
(3) was stepping
(4) have stepped

17. While we _____ in the field, it suddenly began to rain cats and dogs.

(1) play
(2) will play
(3) have played
(4) were playing

18. _____ pair of earrings in my hand is designed by a famous jeweller.

(1) This
(2) That
(3) These
(4) Those

19. "There isn't _____ tea left in the pot," Margaret told her aunt.

(1) little
(2) some
(3) many
(4) much

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Section D: Graphic Stimulus (5 x 1 mark)

Study the advertisement carefully and answer questions 20 to 24.

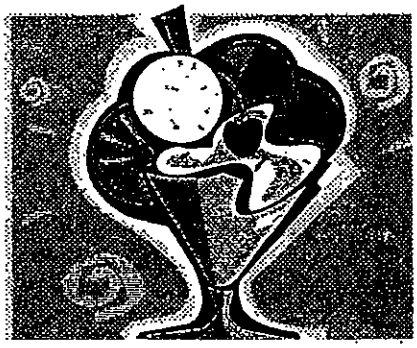
Dessert Paradise

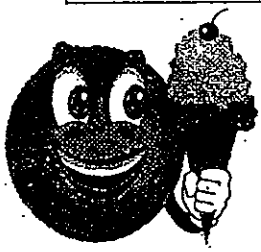


A NEW COOL RESTAURANT AT STAR PLAZA
OPEN FOR BUSINESS ON 1 NOVEMBER 2012

Savour the most delicious desserts in Singapore!

SPECIAL ICE CREAM PROMOTION
(FROM 15 NOVEMBER TO 22 NOVEMBER)
House special, **VERY STRAWBERRY**, is going at half-price. Other popular flavours such as **COCO CHOCOLATE**, **VAIN VANILLA** & **YUMMY YAM** are at 20% discount.





Our ice cream is made from fresh milk and our ingredients are strictly halal. Come and enjoy our delicious ice cream now!

Simply spend $10 and above in November and December to qualify for our lucky draw! There are attractive prizes to be won!

First Prize: A pair of return air tickets to Venice, Italy
Second Prize: A pair of return air tickets to Hong Kong
Third Prize: $300 Star Plaza shopping voucher
Fourth Prize: $180 Calbury chocolate voucher

Prizes sponsored by various retailers in Star Plaza

Date of Lucky Draw: 30 December 2012

Come and visit us!
The first 100 customers to spend $20 on opening day will receive a Dessert Paradise umbrella!

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Choose the correct answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

20. Dessert Paradise will open its doors for business on _____.

(1) 1 November 2012
(2) 15 November 2012
(3) 22 November 2012
(4) 30 December 2012

21. _____ is the signature flavour of Dessert Paradise.

(1) Vain Vanilla
(2) Yummy Yam
(3) Very Strawberry
(4) Coco Chocolate

22. Which of the following items is <u>not</u> found on the menu at Dessert Paradise?

(1) meat pies
(2) fruit waffles
(3) Calbury chocolate
(4) chocolate brownies

23. Ethan did not receive an umbrella because he _____.

(1) did not order the house special
(2) dined at Dessert Paradise on 2 November
(3) already had 20% off his order of Yummy Yam
(4) was among the first 100 customers at Star Plaza

24. The prizes in the lucky draw are sponsored by the owners of _____.

(1) Calbury
(2) Star Plaza
(3) Dessert Paradise
(4) shops in Star Plaza

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Section E: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 25 to 29.

Soloman the Wise was once an advisor at a king's court. Soloman's wisdom was respected throughout the whole country. But there came a day when Soloman was tired of royal life and decided to leave the palace.

Without his advisor at hand, the king was hesitant about making decisions. Hence, he sent his servants to find Soloman. As no one knew where Soloman had gone, the servants were unable to locate him.

The king finally devised a plan. He made a golden plow* and sent a few of his soldiers with the plow throughout the countryside. Everywhere they went, they said, "The king offers a reward to anyone who can prove him wrong. He wagers that no one in this country can correctly guess the worth of his golden plow." The farmers and villagers tried to guess the plow's worth but no one could come up with the correct answer.

One day, they came across a beggar sitting by the side of the road eating a crust of bread. The king's men asked, " Would you like to guess the value of the king's golden plow?"

The beggar replied, "Do you really want to know what the plow is worth?"

"Yes, we do," replied the king's men.

"Well, I can tell you this. If it doesn't rain soon, your plow won't be worth my crust of bread."

The king's men looked at one another and smiled.

* *a tool for turning over land*

Adapted from The Golden Plow by Margaret Read Macdonald

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Choose the correct answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

25. Soloman was _____.

(1) a king
(2) a soldier
(3) a servant
(4) an advisor

26. The king's servants were unable to find Soloman because _____.

(1) he had left the country
(2) they did not have a plan
(3) no one knew where he was
(4) they were not smart enough

27. The king made a golden plow to _____.

(1) help him locate Soloman
(2) teach the villagers the value of gold
(3) play a guessing game with the villagers
(4) enable his soldiers to work in the countryside

28 In line 9, the word **'wagers'** means _____.

(1) bets
(2) boasts
(3) declares
(4) suggests

29. Why did the king's men smile when they heard the beggar's answer?

(1) The beggar knew where Soloman was.
(2) They thought that the beggar was funny.
(3) The beggar knew what the plow was worth.
(4) They realised that they had found Soloman.

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19 October 2012

English Language

Paper 2 Booklet B

Duration of Paper (Booklets A & B) : 1 h 30 min

Instructions to Candidates:
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Answer all questions.

Booklet A	29
Booklet B	36
Total	65

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Section F: Note-Taking (6 x 1 mark)

Listen carefully to your teacher. Each blank, from Q30 to Q35, should be filled with a word or a phrase. As you listen, fill in the blanks with the information given.

Merlion Shopping Centre Anniversary Celebrations

30. Merlion Shopping Centre is celebrating its _____ anniversary.

31. The lucky draw will start on _____

32. To get a lucky draw coupon, you need to spend at least _____ at any participating store.

33. Prizes that can be won at the lucky draw: _____, vouchers and mystery gifts.

34. There are _____ iPads to be won.

35. Using your membership card will get you _____ lucky draw coupons.

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Section G: Vocabulary Cloze (7 x 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the most suitable answer from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to K) in each blank. The letter 'I' has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.
Use each word only once.

(A) around	(C) lined	(E) nudge	(G) shrieks	(J) tears
(B) folded	(D) murmured	(F) properly	(H) surrounded	(K) together

Wanda always wore the same faded blue dress to school. It was clean but always crumpled. It looked as though it had never been ironed (36) _____

One day at break time, Wanda stood in the school yard, watching some little girls play hopscotch. Peggy and her friends walked towards Wanda and they (37) _____ her.

"Tell us Wanda," Peggy said mockingly, giving the friend beside her a (38) _____, "how many dresses did you say you had hanging up in your closet?"

"A hundred," said Wanda.

"A hundred!" exclaimed all the girls incredulously, and the little girls stopped playing hopscotch and listened.

"Yeah, a hundred, all (39) _____ up," said Wanda. Then her thin lips drew (40) _____ in silence.

"What are they like? All silk?" questioned Peggy.

"Yeah, all silk, all colours."

"Velvet too?"

"Yeah, velvet too. A hundred dresses all hung up," (41) _____ Wanda.

Then Wanda's face turned red and she walked away. Before Wanda had gone very far, the girls could not help bursting into (42) _____ and peals of laughter.

"A hundred dresses!" echoed Peggy.

Adapted from The Hundred Dresses by Eleanor Estes

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Section H: Synthesis and Transformation (5 X 1 mark)

For each of the questions from 43 to 47, make one sentence using the word(s) given by combining the two sentences given. The meaning of the new sentence must be the same as the sentences given.

43. Amy washed her feet. Then she put on her socks and shoes.

_____ before

_____

44. The food was tasteless. Grandma finished it.

Even though _____

_____

45. I dropped the vase. The vase shattered into pieces.

_____ when

_____

46. Hilda hid under her blanket. She was very scared.

_____ so _____

that_____

47. Jack is not a good swimmer. His brother is not a good swimmer.

Neither _____

nor _____

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Section I: Comprehension Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. Fill in each blank with the most suitable word.

Jacques Cousteau was born in France in 1910. He (48) _____ interested in diving, so he joined the French Navy.

At that time, it was not easy (49) _____ divers to move freely underwater. This was because the diving suits were very (50) _____; the sheer weight of these suits made moving underwater very difficult.

Jacques wanted to move more freely underwater. He wanted to be called a "manfish". Thus, he and two friends (51) _____ what is now known as scuba gear. This new equipment is able to give air to a diver whenever he or she needs it. It is lighter and therefore made moving underwater (52) _____. Soon Jacques was able to dive two hundred feet below the surface of the sea.

Jacques was also innovative and he (53) _____ a way to take a movie camera underwater. Now he could (54) _____ all the things he saw in the underwater world and share the video clips with people who were curious about ocean life.

In 1963, Jacques made a film called *World without Lights*. For this movie, Jacques placed a (55) _____ built cabin thirty-five feet below the surface of the Red Sea. He named the cabin 'Starfish House'. Viewers could then observe how people lived underwater in this special cabin for a month!

Adapted from Jacques Cousteau: Ocean Explorer by Cassandra Sharp

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Section J: Comprehension Open-ended (5 x 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions 56 to 60.

A small group of campers was travelling through Kenya, Africa. One day, the campers saw an African elephant disappear into some nearby bushes and decided to follow it. After a short distance, they suddenly heard a loud noise and the elephant burst out of the bushes, trumpeting loudly. The enormous animal was heading straight at them.

The campers ran in different directions. The elephant caught sight of one of the campers, John, and stormed after him. John could hear the elephant's giant feet pounding the ground behind him. He zigzagged through an area of thorn bushes, hoping the tight turns would slow the elephant down. Despite its size, the elephant was surprisingly agile and soon caught up with him.

The elephant knocked John down with its heavy trunk, forcing him to curl his body into a ball. It gored John with its tusks. It kicked him several times and moved him about 15 metres. Then, the elephant thrust its tusk into John's calf muscle, tearing it into half.

Despite the pain, John kept very still. The elephant nudged him with its foot and flipped him over with its tusk to make sure he was dead. Then, it trumpeted loudly and walked away. John lost a lot of blood and needed eighty stitches in his leg. It was a close call. John would not have survived if he had not tried to protect his vital organs.

Adapted from The African Elephants by August House

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Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

56. What did the campers do after the elephant had disappeared into the bushes?

_____

_____

57. Why did John zigzag through the thorn bushes?

_____

_____

58. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as "stabbed"?

_____

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59. What made the elephant walk away from John?

_____

_____

60. How did John protect his vital organs?

_____

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End of Paper



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Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29
1	4	1	3	3	2	4	4	3	1	1	4

30 to 35 listen 36)F 37)H 38)E 39)C 40)K 41)D 42)G

43)Amy washed her feet before she put on her socks and shoes.

44)Even though the food was tasteless, Grandma finished it.

45)The vase shattered into pieces when I dropped it.

46)Hilda was so scared that she hid under her blanket.

47)Neither Jack nor his brother is a good swimmer.

48)was 49)for 50)heavy 51)invented 52)faster

53)found/discovered/devised 54)film/capture/videotape/record/tape

55)specially

56)The campers decided to follow the elephant.

57)John hope the tight turns would slow the elephant down.

58)The word is 'thrust'.
59)The elephant thought John was dead.
60)John curled his body into a ball.

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