ROSYTH SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2, 2012
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
PRIMARY 4

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Class: Pr 4- _____

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BOOKLET A

Instructions to Pupils:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 20 questions (Questions 1 to 20) and 7 pages.
4. Answer all questions.
5. Shade your options on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

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Section A: Grammar (8 marks)

For questions 1 to 8, choose the most suitable answer and shade the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS given. (8 x 1 mark)

1) My classmates and I followed the printed instructions closely and made the puppet _____.

(1) myself (2) ourselves
(3) himself (4) themselves

2) While watching television just now, Jerry and his friend _____ irritated when the phone kept ringing.

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

3) Your mother _____really surprised by the results of the competition because she did not expect to win at all.

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

4) "Pay attention, please. The principal _____ us about the emergency evacuation routes now," said my teacher.

(1) tell (2) is telling
(3) tells (4) has told

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5) Last week, many children _____ the party after asking their parents for permission.

(1) attend (2) will attend
(3) attended (4) were attending

6) While Father _____, Mother remained in the kitchen to cook breakfast for the family.

(1) exercises (2) has exercised
(3) will exercise (4) was exercising

7) _____ children swimming there have to be extra careful as they are swimming in the open sea.

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

8) Michael decided not to eat at that restaurant yesterday as there were _____ people in the long queue.

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

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Section B: Vocabulary (7 marks)

For questions 9 to 15, choose the most suitable answer and shade the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS given. (7 x 1 mark)

9) As the hunting dogs had picked up its _____, the fox found it very difficult to escape.

(1) scent (2) sound
(3) trail (4) appearance

10) Mr Lim was really _____ when his car broke down in the middle of the expressway yesterday.

(1) surprised (2) annoyed
(3) endangered (4) disappointed

11) When the hikers saw that the cliff face was almost _____, they decided to turn back.

(1) flat (2) steep
(3) vertical (4) horizontal

12) The old woman _____ under the heavy sack of potatoes on her way to the market.

(1) crept (2) shuffled
(3) strolled (4) staggered

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13) During the Japanese Occupation, the people living on this island had to _____ many sufferings.

(1) endure (2) persevere
(3) resolve (4) withstand

14) To test out the new set of underwater equipment, the deep-sea diver had to _____ himself in the water for at least thirty minutes.

(1) hurl (2) sink
(3) drown (4) submerge

15) When ambushed by the police, the desperate criminal whipped out his dagger and took a _____ step towards the men in blue.

(1) quick (2) forward
(3) threatening (4) trembling

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Section C: Comprehension MCQ (10 marks)

Read the following passage carefully. Then answer questions 16 to 20. Choose the most suitable answer and shade the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS given. (5 x 1 mark)

Like many other primary school pupils, nine-year-old Minnal K Dhayalan went overseas with her parents during the recent school holidays. It may come as a surprise to learn that she neither shopped at a mall nor ate at a fancy restaurant. Instead, she climbed a mountain.

For eight days in May, Minnal trekked nearly 100 kilometres to reach the 5,364-metre-high Everest base camp in Nepal. The plucky girl commented on her unique adventure, "I thought, this was going to be exciting." It has not been confirmed if the Primary Four pupil is indeed the youngest Singaporean to reach the base camp, as no such records are kept.

Everest's south base camp in Nepal is where climbers intending to ascend the world's highest peak, stay to acclimatise to the altitude. However, it will be some years before Minnal can attempt the Everest climb as the minimum age required is sixteen years.

How did it all start? It all began last year when Minnal's mother decided she might want to climb the lofty Himalayas. An avid trekker, she asked both father and daughter if they were up for the challenge. This year, on 20 May, the trio flew to Nepal.

Minnal shared that most of the next eight days were spent hiking ten to fifteen kilometres from 8am to 6pm each day, with the help of three local guides and two porters. Luckily, she added, nobody fell ill with altitude sickness. She also said that she is thinking of conquering Everest in future.

Adapted from LRD article "Mountain climber at just nine"

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16) Minnal went to Nepal with her parents last May to _____.

(1) shop at a mall

(2) climb a mountain

(3) eat at a fancy restaurant

(4) spend time with her family

17) The duration of Minnal's unusual holiday activity was _____.

(1) about 8 days

(2) under 1 week

(3) exactly 7 days

(4) more than 2 weeks

18) According to the text, serious climbers stay at the base camp in order to _____.

(1) set a record for themselves

(2) admire the beautiful scenery

(3) train to be a mountain climber

(4) get used to the great height above sea-level

19) The word in the text that has the same meaning as 'keen' is _____

(1) avid

(2) plucky

(3) unique

(4) exciting

20) In the last paragraph, the sentence "Luckily, she added, nobody fell ill with altitude sickness" tells us that Minnal _____.

(1) was enthusiastic about keeping fit

(2) felt proud that her family stayed strong

(3) was relieved her family stayed healthy during the hike.

(4) felt lucky that her family were careful about their health

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BOOKLET B

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Component	Maximum	Marks Obtained
Grammar & Vocabulary	25	
Comprehension Cloze	5	
Comprehension MCQ & Open-ended	20	
Total	50	

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Section A : Grammar (8 marks)

For questions 21 to 24, read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. (4 x 1 mark)

USE EACH OPTION ONCE ONLY.

(A) he	(B) it	(C) us
(D) we	(E) you	(F) them

Dear Matt,

I am excited to hear of your recent award for bravery. (21) _____ must have been thrilled and pleased when you were nominated by your school for the award. My family and I were not surprised that you received it when (22) _____ heard of what you had done in the terrible fire. Although there were bystanders at the scene, you had actually rescued the twins yourself. I cannot imagine how awful it must have been for you. Rescuing (23) _____ from the burning apartment was indeed a brave act. I hope to talk to you soon to hear what (24)_____ was like, meeting the guest-of-honour and receiving the award during the award ceremony.

Regards,

Ron

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For questions 25 to 28, read the passage carefully. Then underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets. (4 x 1 mark)

Do you know that the Coca-Cola drink has a long and unique history? The formula for making this soft drink (25) (was , were) developed in 1885 in America by John Pemberton. Pemberton's drink became popular towards the end of the nineteenth century. Today, it is one of the most popular drinks in the world. It (26) (contain , contains) mainly water, sugar and a gas that makes it fizzy. The other ingredients that make up the formula (27) (remain , remains) a trade secret. Its strongest rival is Pepsi-Cola, a similar drink (28) (creates , created) by Caleb Bradham in his pharmacy in 1898.

Section B: Sentence Combining (2 marks)

For questions 29 to 30, 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). (2 x 1 mark)

29) I was waiting for my brother. I saw someone waving at me

_____when_____

_____

30) "I drink milk before I go to school every day," Lily says.

Lily says_____

_____

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Section C: Comprehension Cloze (5 marks)

For questions 31 to 35, read the passage carefully. Fill in each of the blanks with the most suitable word. (5 x 1 mark)

YOU ARE ONLY ALLOWED TO USE ONE WORD FOR EACH BLANK.

The first Olympic game was held in Olympia, Greece. At that time, this great festival (31)_____ place to honour the Greek god, Zeus. For the first thirteen Olympic games, there was only one event. It was the 192 metres running race. As the years passed, more competitive (32)_____ such as swimming, basketball, wrestling and gymnastics were added

Before the start of the modern Olympic games, a torch is lighted in front of the ruins of the Temple of Hera in Olympia. The torch with the flame is carried by various runners throughout the country (33)_____ the Olympic games will be held. The torch relay ends when the runners reach the main stadium.

While the Olympic heroes received a crown of olive branches for their accomplishments in ancient times, modern Olympic winners are awarded a medal. The medal (34)_____ the first winner is plated with 6 grams of fine gold. Becoming an Olympic medallist takes a lot of (35)_____work. Some of them wake up before dawn and put in hours of training. They maintain the strictest diets and have to ensure that they have sufficient rest and sleep.

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Section D: Comprehension (OE) (10 marks)

Read the following passage carefully. Then write the answers for questions 36 to 40. (5 x 2 marks)

The world came crashing down on eleven-year-old Angela's family when they learnt that she was stricken with a crippling disease. Angela was unable to walk and her movement was restricted in other ways as well. The doctors did not hold much hope of her ever recovering from this illness. They predicted she would spend the rest of her life in a wheelchair. They said that few recovered after contracting this disease. However, Angela was not discouraged.

Angela was transferred to a hospital where she received treatment so that she could return to her normal daily activities. The therapists were charmed by her undefeatable spirit, They taught her to imagine herself walking again so that it would give her hope and something positive to do in her waking hours. Angela also put in effort in her regular exercise sessions with the therapists so that she could recover speedily.

One day, as she was straining with her might to imagine herself walking again, an earthquake struck. The bed moved! She panicked when she saw everyone in the hospital screaming and running for cover. Equipment was falling and glass was breaking. Angela had no choice but to deliberately fall of the bed so that she could drag herself under it. Her quick thinking saved her life.

After the terrifying earthquake incident, Angela was even more determined to recover. She continued to attend her exercise sessions with the therapists. Miraculously, she was back in school within a few years. On her own two legs! No crutches, no wheelchair.

Adapted from "Chicken Soup for the Soul, compiled by J. Canfield and M. V. Hansen"

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36) What caused Angela to be in a wheelchair?

_____

_____

37) Which two-word phrase in the 2nd paragraph tells us that Angela was a determined person?

_____

_____

38) How did the therapists help Angela to think positively while she was in the hospital?

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39) Why did Angela hide under the bed?

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40) How did Angela prove her doctors wrong within a few years?

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25)was 26)contains 27)remain 28)created

29)I was waiting for my brother when I saw some one waving at me.

30)Lily says that she drinks milk before she goes to school every day.

31)took 32)sports 33)where 34)for 35)hard

36)Angela was stricken with a crippling disease and she was unable to walk and was also restricted in other ways, so ,she had to be in a wheelchair.

37)The phrase is "undefeatable spirit".

38)The therapists taught Angela to imagine herself walking again to give her hope.

39)Angela hid under the bed because an earthquake struck and equipment were falling and glass was breaking. In order to avoid being hit by the equipment, Angela had to hide under the bed.

40)Angela went back to school within a few years on her own legs without any crutches or wheelchair.

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