Rulang Primary School

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2 BOOKLET A
LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION
2015

Name : _____ **Marks :** _____ **/31**

Class : Primary 4 ( ) **Date : 11 May 2015**

Setter : Mrs Joyce Li

26 Questions

Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1 Hour 30 Minutes

Instructions to Pupils:

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3. Answer **all** the questions.
4. This question paper consists of **9** printed pages, including the cover page.

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For each question from 1 to 8, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. The burglar rummaged through the _____ of drawers for valuables.

1) set
2) pack
3) suite
4) chest

2. Mrs Williams was _____ when she was separated from her three-year-old daughter at the mall.

1) eager
2) frantic
3) thrilled
4) furious

3. Susie is a _____ girl who is afraid to speak up for herself.

1) timid
2) gullible
3) spunky
4) confident

4. The old floorboards in the run-down building _____ whenever someone walked on it.

1) rattled
2) creaked
3) whistled
4) slammed

5. Phillip is joining a team of climbers in their next _____ to conquer Mount Everest.

1) trail
2) journey
3) voyage
4) expedition

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6. The victim is in a _____ condition right now. He needs to undergo an immediate operation.

1) lethal
2) critical
3) crucial
4) pivotal

7. The behaviours of wild animals can be _____ at times. Do not try to approach them as you never know what they may do to you.

1) unreliable
2) unbecoming
3) unpredictable
4) unconditioned

8. Mother Teresa was an _____ lady who had spent her life helping others in need without expecting any rewards in return.

1) inept
2) affable
3) egoistic
4) altruistic

Section B: Grammar MCQ (8 marks)

For each question from 9 to 16, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

9. Either Zita or Ryan _____ representing the class in the competition tomorrow.

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

10. Carl and his parents _____ dinner when they heard a scream from their neighbour's house.

1) had
2) will have
3) are having
4) were having

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1) will
2) can
3) may
4) shall

12. "Please keep this secret _____ us," Tommy told his best friend, Ali.

1) with
2) above
3) among
4) between

13. Sally refused to forgive me _____ I had apologised to her.

1) if
2) so
3) since
4) although

14. Kirsten sings very well, _____ she?

1) do
2) does
3) don't
4) doesn't.

15. Ben let his teacher _____ when he continued to misbehave in class.

1) in
2) on
3) out
4) down

16. Fazlee takes good care of his health. He _____ eats unhealthy snacks.

1) often
2) always.
3) seldom
4) frequently

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Section C: Visual Text Comprehension (5 marks)

Study the following advertisement carefully. For each question from 17 to 21, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Family Day

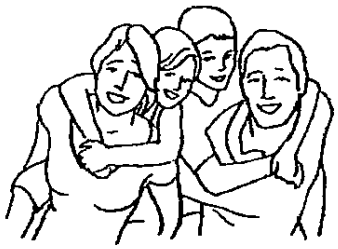
Celebrate families, celebrate your family!

Family Day 2015 is **designed for families to spend a day interacting and having fun together. Join us in exciting activities, watch great performances, win attractive prizes and forge closer bonds with your family!**

*Brought to you by the Community Development Board

Date : 6 June 2015, Saturday
Time : 10 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.
Venue: The Botanic Gardens
Cost : $3 per adult
$2 per child below 12 years of age

***Register and make payment online at www.cdb.org.sg by 15 May 2015 to be entitled to a goodie bag worth $10 and a lucky draw ticket per family!**



Programme Outline	
9.30 a.m.	**Registration and collection of goodie bags**
10.00 a.m.	**Performance by skipping team of Botanic Green Primary School** Learn to skip freestyle with our skippers and compete in speed-skipping!
11.00 a.m.	**Treasure Hunt** (limited to 20 teams of 2 to 4 people) Put on your thinking caps, follow the clues and solve the mystery!
1.00 p.m.	**Family Portrait Drawing Contest** (open to children aged 7 to 12) After the contest, you could purchase mugs or T-shirts and have your portraits printed on them to be taken home as souvenirs!
3.00 p.m.	**Family Obstacle Race** (limited to 30 teams) Form a team of four with your family members to take part in our exciting obstacle race! Get ready to get wet and dirty!
5.00 p.m.	**Lucky Draw**

Delicious food and drinks will be available for sale.

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17. The event is organised to _____.

1) give away prizes
2) raise funds for the needy
3) encourage families to spend more time together
4) showcase the talents of the skipping team of Botanic Green Primary School

18. In order to receive the goodie bag, you have to _____.

1) pay ten dollars
2) take part in the lucky draw
3) register and make payment online by 15 May 2015
4) register by 9.30 a.m. at The Botanic Gardens on Family Day 2015

19. Which of the following is true?

1) The Treasure Hunt is limited to thirty teams.
2) Food and drinks are not included in the entrance fee.
3) Thirteen-year-old Julie needs to pay $2 to participate in Family Day 2015.
4) Mr and Mrs Lim can take part in the Family Obstacle Race with their only son.

20. If ten-year-old Dina and her family reach the venue at 9.30 a.m. and have to leave at 5 p.m., which of the activities would she not be able to participate in?

1) Lucky Draw
2) Treasure Hunt
3) Speed-skipping Competition
4) Family Portrait Drawing Contest

21. Which of the following is the organiser of the event?

1) FairPrice
2) Family Day 2015
3) The Botanic Gardens
4) Community Development Board

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Section D: Comprehension (10 marks)

Read the following text carefully and answer questions 22 to 26.

Thousands of sea lion pups have ended up on beaches along the California coast. They are not there to soak up the sun. The pups are sick and without their mothers.

Sea lions are mammals that care for their pups. Sea lion pups learn to swim and hunt at about two months old. However, mother sea lions nurse their babies for six months to a year before they are strong enough to survive on their own.

Sea lions gather to breed in large colonies on islands such as the Channel Islands. The sea water around these islands is warmer than usual. The warm water is driving anchovies, sardines, squids, and other sea lions' prey away. This means that mother sea lions have to spend more time away from their pups to hunt for food.

The starving pups eventually swim away from home in a desperate search for food. However, as they are too young to travel far, the pups are drifted ashore.

California rescue centres are trying to save as many of them as possible. The workers feed them smoothies of herring, salmon oil and other nutrients to nurse them back to health.

Unfortunately, many of these pups are already too sick to be saved when they are washed ashore. Only about half of them can be treated.

Adapted from "Sea Lions in Distress" by Jennifer Marino Walters
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in the box below. [2m]

23. List two specific things that sea lions eat in the wild according to the passage.

i. _____ [1m]

ii. _____ [1m]

24. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

Why are many sea lion pups found along the California coast? [1m]

- [ ] They are there to enjoy the sun.
- [ ] They have been abandoned by their mothers.
- [ ] They are too weak to swim home and are washed ashore.

25. Write 2, 3 or 4 in the boxes below to show the chain of events. The first event has been numbered for you. [3m]

1	Sea waters around the Channel Islands become unusually warm.
	Sea lions have to swim further out to sea to hunt for prey.
	Starving sea lion pups try to hunt on their own.
	Sea lion prey moves to cooler waters.

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26. For the following questions, tick (✓) to indicate whether the statements are true or false. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

	Statement	True	False
Example :	Sea lions are mammals.	✓	
(a)	Mother sea lions nurse their pups for at least six months.		
(b)	The sea water is too cold for the sea lion pups.		

~ End of Booklet A ~

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Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (8 marks)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to M) in each blank. The letter "I" has been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

USE EACH WORD ONLY ONCE

(A) audiences	(D) concerned	(G) established	(K) immediate
(B) collection	(E) conservation	(H) icon	(L) gradual
(C) centuries	(F) decades	(J) image	(M) removed

The Ringling Circus said that it will soon be entertaining (27)_____ without the help of one of its star performers. The acts involving elephants will be (28)_____ from all of its shows.

The elephant has been an (29)_____ of Ringling Circus's act since it was founded 145 years ago. However, public opinion on using elephants in the circus has changed. Many people are (30)_____ about the negative effects that captivity has on these highly intelligent animals over the past few (31)_____, which has led Ringling Circus to come to this decision.

However, the change will not be (32)_____. There are still thirteen elephants which will perform with Ringling Circus until 2018. Once officially retired, the elephants will be moved to an elephant (33)_____ centre.

The centre, which was (34)_____ in 1995, focuses on the safe breeding of elephants. Protecting the future of these animals is a high priority for the centre.

Adapted from "Elephants' Next Act" by Zachery Humenik
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Read the following passage carefully. Choose from the words given in the box and fill in each blank with the correct word. Write its letter (A to F) in the blank.

(A) **USE EACH WORD ONLY ONCE**

(A) me	(C) our	(E) themselves
(B) ourselves	(D) us	(F) I

It is the first week of school. My teacher, Ms Kim, is explaining to my classmates and (35)_____ the importance of class rules. If we understand what is expected of (36)_____, the classroom will be a conducive place to learn. We will also be more engaged in (37)_____ learning. Ms Kim puts us into groups and we are to come up with the rules (38)_____. We look forward to the exciting year ahead.

(B) **USE EACH WORD ONLY ONCE**

(A) see	(C) saw	(E) will see
(B) sees	(D) had seen	(F) was seeing

During recess, Sandra wanted to go to the school library to borrow some books. "I (39)_____ you later!" she chirped to her friends. Along the way, she (40)_____ her classmate, Steven, entering their classroom and then exiting a moment later with a smirk on his face. After recess, a student reported that her calculator was missing. "Did any of you (41)_____ anyone entering the classroom?" Miss Luo asked the class. Sandra wondered if she should tell her teacher what she (42)_____ earlier.

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Section G: Comprehension Cloze (5 marks)

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

I love to read all types of books. Reading has definitely helped to expand my general (43)_____ and improve my language skills. Apart from these benefits, reading also provides me (44)_____ great entertainment and delight.

Whenever I am bored or have nothing to do, I pick up a book and start reading. Reading non-fiction gives me the opportunity to make interesting discoveries about various topics which I am not (45)_____ in school.

However, I love fiction more. Picking up a fiction book allows me to escape from (46)_____ as I am immediately transported to another world of great adventure or drama. In this world, I can meet all (47)_____ of people and do many things that I would never get the opportunity to do in reality. It is a magical experience and I am always most reluctant to put down a book and step out of that world of imagination.

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Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

It was getting dark. The wind blew hard and Vicky shivered. She pulled

(48) [ ]

her sweater tighter on her. She made her way to the bus stop and sat down on the

(49) [ ] (50) [ ]

bench. Looked around her, she realised that the entire area seemed to be **dizerted.**

(51) [ ]

There was no one around besides her. Vicky wanted to be home where she can feel

(52) [ ]

warm and secure. Suddenly, she felt a presence. She turned and saw a **figer**

standing in the shadows. How she wished that it was just her eyes playing tricks on

her.

Section I: Synthesis and Transformation of Sentences (3 marks)

For each question, 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(s) of the given sentence(s).

53. **Andrea would rather cycle than jog.**

_____ **prefers** _____

_____

54. **Justin has not watched this movie. Justin's sisters have not watched this movie too.**

Neither _____

_____

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55. Mrs Toh closed all the windows. Then she left the house.

After _____

_____

Section J: Open-Ended Comprehension (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Write your answers in complete sentences.

Lim Bo Seng, a well-known war hero of Singapore, was born in China in 1909 and came to Singapore at the age of sixteen to study at Raffles Institution.

War broke out between China and Japan in 1937. Lim Bo Seng actively participated in anti-Japanese activities by boycotting Japanese goods and helping to raise funds to support the war effort in China. In 1941, he was put in charge of organising a group of volunteers in Singapore to resist the Japanese who were advancing towards Southeast Asia, including Singapore.

When war came to Singapore in 1942, Lim Bo Seng travelled to India to be trained to fight in the jungle. He later recruited and trained hundreds of secret agents and set up an intelligence network in Malaya. This network helped to collect information about their enemy's activities.

Unfortunately, there were traitors in the network, who leaked out information to the Japanese. **This** led to the capture of many anti-Japanese activists. Lim Bo Seng was captured in March 1944. To force him to reveal the names of the people who had worked with him against the Japanese, his captors tortured him brutally. However, he stood firm and refused to betray his comrades.

Due to the dirty living conditions in the prison, a few months after being captured, Lim Bo Seng fell ill. On 29 June 1944, he passed away due to an inflammation of the intestine. He died at the age of thirty-five, leaving behind his wife and seven children.

His children fondly remember their father as a loving father and a noble man who had lived and died for what he believed in.

Adapted from "Lim Bo Seng"
Singaporeheroes.weebly.com

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57. How did Lim Bo Seng show that he was anti-Japanese during the war in China?

58. What does 'this' in line 13 refer to?

59. Which sentence in the passage tells you that Lim Bo Seng was loyal to his friends?

60. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as "filthy"?

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Q 11	Q 12	Q 13	Q 14	Q 15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
1	**4**	**4**	**4**	**4**	**3**	**3**	**3**	**2**	**1**
Q21									
4									

Q22 gather Q23i) anchovies Q23ii) sardines

Q24. They are too weak swim home and was washed ashore.

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Q25. 3 – Sea lions have to swim further out to sea to hunt for prey.

Q25. 4 – Starving sea lion pups try to hunt on their own.

Q26a. TRUE Q26b. FALSE

Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36
A	**M**	**H**	**D**	**F**	**K**	**E**	**G**	**A**	**D**
Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40	Q41	Q42				
C	**B**	**E**	**C**	**A**	**D**				

Q43 Knowledge Q44 with Q45 taught Q46 reality

Q47 kinds Q48 around Q49 Looking Q50 deserted

Q51 could Q52 figure Q53. Andrea prefers cycling to jogging.

Q54. Neither Justin nor his sisters have watched this movie.

Q55. After Mrs Toh had closed all the windows, she left the house.

Q56. Lim Bo Seng came to Singapore to study at Raffles Institution.

Q57. Lim Bo Seng boycotted Japanese goods and raised funds to support the war effort in China.

Q58. It refers to the leaking out information to the Japanese by the traitors.

Q59. The sentence is "However, he stood firm and refused to betray his comrades."

Q60 "Dirty"

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