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AI TONG SCHOOL
2016
MID-YEAR EXAMINATION
PRIMARY 4

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

Total Time For Part 1 and 2: 1 hour 15 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES
Do not open the booklets until you are told to do so.
Follow all instructions carefully.
Answer all questions.

Name: _____ ( ) **Marks:**

Class: **Primary 4** _____ 50

Date: **5 May 2016**

Parent's signature: _____

Paper 1	Paper 2	Paper 3	Paper 4	Total Marks
/20	/50	/14	/16	/100

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Section A: Grammar MCQ (8 x 1 mark)

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 (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

1. Mr Tan told us to share the box of sweets among _____.

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

2. Mary _____ to bed by the time her parents reached home.

   (1) went
   (2) has gone
   (3) had gone
   (4) was going

3. John ,together with his parents , _____ going to watch a movie at the cinema

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

4. "How _____ you cross the road without looking out for cars?" Jane's mother questioned Jane sternly.

   (1) could
   (2) might
   (3) would
   (4) should

5. Brad screamed when he saw a rat scampering _____ the room towards him.

   (1) onto
   (2) along
   (3) across
   (4) throughout

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6. The elderly couple feel extremely lonely as their daughter, who does not live with them, _____ visits them.

(1) often
(2) usually
(3) seldom
(4) occasionally

7. Mrs Lim told the pupils, "Please bring _____ books that are placed at the back of the classroom to me."

(1) this
(2) that
(3) these
(4) those

8. While the children were watching television in the living room, their mother _____ dinner in the kitchen.

(1) has cooked
(2) had cooked
(3) was cooking
(4) were cooking

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Section B: Vocabulary MCQ (6 x 1 mark)

For each question from 9 to 14, 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 (OAS).

9. The boys trekked _____ up the rugged hiking trail as they did not want to slip and fall.

(1) casually
(2) securely
(3) stealthily
(4) cautiously

10. The two teams dazzled the spectators with their _____ soccer skills.

(1) popular
(2) influential
(3) prominent
(4) impressive

11. The traffic police had to cordon off the site of the car accident when they _____ their investigations.

(1) reported
(2) operated
(3) monitored
(4) conducted

12. Jenny ran back to the canteen to _____ the water bottle that she had left behind.

(1) return
(2) retrieve
(3) replace
(4) redeem

13. Four shops along Bishan Street were _____ by a gang of burglars last weekend.

(1) broken off
(2) broken into
(3) broken away
(4) broken down

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14. The father of the bride welcomed all the guests and began the wedding _____ with a speech.

(1) ritual
(2) festival
(3) occasion
(4) ceremony

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Section C: Visual Text Comprehension (5 x 1 mark)

Study the following poster carefully. For each question from 15 to 19, 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 (OAS).

Mozzie Wipeout Exhibition

@ Bishan Community Club



Join us and learn how to

fight dengue!

Be a ***responsible*** resident!

Date: 4 June 2016
Time: 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Venue: Bishan Community Club Main Hall

All visitors can collect their door gifts at the entrance on the day of the event.

Highlights:

Exhibition Booth

- Learn how Aedes mosquitoes transmit dengue fever
- Learn how to prevent mosquitoes from breeding in your homes by practising the "5-step Mozzie Wipeout"

Merchandise Fair

- Special discounts on insect repellents and pesticides by selected vendors
- Learn and practise the correct way to use insect repellents and pesticides

Fight Dengue!
Our Lives, Our Fight!

For more information, contact Mr Ali at 6454 1234 or email him at ali@bishancc.sg

Campaign proudly brought to you by Bishan Residents' Committee with advice from Bishan Constituency and National Environment Agency.

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15. The "Mozzie Wipeout Exhibition" is organised by _____.

(1) Bishan Constituency
(2) Bishan Community Club
(3) Bishan Residents' Committee
(4) National Environment Agency

16. Which one of the following is **not** a highlight of the event?

(1) door gifts for visitors at the exhibition
(2) exhibition on the "5-step Mozzie Wipeout"
(3) merchandise fair selling discounted insect repellents
(4) hands-on experience on the correct usage of insect repellents

17. People who are interested to obtain more information about the event before the exhibition can do so by _____.

(1) writing an email to Mr Ali
(2) contacting National Environment Agency
(3) visiting Bishan Community Club's Main Hall
(4) calling Bishan Residents' Committee at 6454 1234

18. Why are many exclamation marks used in the poster?

(1) to add excitement to the exhibition
(2) to attract more visitors to the exhibition
(3) to show the enthusiasm of Bishan Residents' Committee
(4) to emphasise the importance of fighting dengue as a community

19. The main aim of this exhibition is to _____.

(1) kill mosquitoes in Bishan neighbourhood
(2) show the correct way of using insecticide
(3) promote the National Environment Agency
(4) educate the public on their role in combating dengue

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Section D: Grammar Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

Passage 1

There are 4 blanks numbered 20 to 23 in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the correct answer for each blank. Write the letter (A to F) in the blank.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) although	(B) at	(C) because
(D) however	(E) if	(F) to

Cassie's parents waited anxiously for her call. A tsunami had struck near the beach hotel she was staying in. (20) _____ the news had reported that all Singaporeans were safe, Cassie's mother still wanted to speak with her desperately.

"I need to know (21) _____Cassie is all right," muttered her mother who kept her eyes glued (22) _____ the telephone.

"It may take some time for her to be able to make a call (23) _____ of power failures caused by the tsunami. Be patient, don't worry," assured Cassie's father.

Suddenly, the telephone rang. Mother picked up the receiver. It was Cassie.

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Passage 2

There are 4 blanks numbered 24 to 27 in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the correct answer for each blank. Write the letter (A to F) in the blank.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) a few	(B) all	(C) any
(D) many	(E) much	(F) none

The pupils of class 4A had been assigned a writing task. Despite the fact that there was not (24) _____ time left to complete their work, (25) _____ of the pupils were still chit-chatting. Only (26) _____ pupils who were doing their work noticed that their teacher was upset. Finally, the bell rang and it was time to go home. However, the teacher declared that (27) _____ of them would be dismissed from class until everyone had finished their work. They realised their mistake and got down to completing their work.

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Section E: Editing For Spelling (3 x 1 mark)

For each question from 28 to 30, correct each word in **bold** for spelling. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

Are you planning to go for a camp? Being well-prepared for a camping trip is important. First, decide where you want to go and how long you want to stay there.

Next, write down a list of things to bring. Make sure you include a note

(28) [ ]

stating your allergies and health **kondision**. Do not forget to bring a first-aid kit.

(29) [ ]

After that, pack an **aproprate** amount of food. Try not to pack too

(30) [ ]

many perishable items like cheese and milk. Remember to pack **enuf** water for the duration of the trip.

Finally, gather all the things on your list and pack them in a small, lightweight bag. You are now ready to go camping!

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Section F: Synthesis and Transformation (2 x 2 marks)

For questions 31 and 32, 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).

31. Tom told the villagers the truth. The villagers did not believe Tom.

_____ but

_____

32. Mary did not have the invitation card. Mary could not attend the party.

_____ since

_____

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Section G: Comprehension 1 (8 marks)

Read the passage below carefully and answer questions 33 to 37.

It was Mrs Goh's first English lesson with the class. However, she made the pupils sit for a vocabulary test. She then displayed a number of storybooks, which were bestsellers, on the class library shelves. For the next thirty minutes, she went on to set expectations for the class.

Three minutes before the dismissal bell rang, when Mrs Goh was about to assign the day's homework, Nick shot up his hand to ask a question. He was an expert at distracting teachers in the hope that they would forget to assign homework to the class. Timing was important for his ploy to work but distracting the teacher with the right question was even more crucial. Nick knew all the tricks and had been very successful in asking such questions in the past.

Seeing Nick's hand, Mrs Goh glanced down at the class seating plan and then at him.

"Yes, Nick?" she asked.

"Mrs Goh, from the many bestselling storybooks you have displayed on the shelves, which book do you find most interesting?" inquired Nick.

His classmates smiled in support of Nick's question The whole class knew what he was up to. Unfortunately for Nick, so did Mrs Goh.

"What a fascinating question, Nick," she commented. "I will only tell you which book I find most interesting after you have read all the books on the shelves," replied Mrs Goh, as she smiled very sweetly at him before giving the class homework.

For the first time, Nick felt defeated. Everything he had heard about Mrs Goh was true. She was not a teacher whom one could mess with!

Adapted from Frindle by Andrew Clements

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For question 33, choose the correct answer 1, 2, 3 or 4 and write your answer in the bracket. (1 mark)

33. Nick's interaction with Mrs Goh clearly shows that he was a/an _____ pupil. (1m)

(1) rude
(2) arrogant
(3) disruptive
(4) inattentive ( )

34. Which word has the same meaning as 'popular'?
Circle either **(A)** or **(B)**. (1m)

"Mrs Goh, from the many <u>bestselling</u> storybooks you have displayed
(A)
on the shelves, which book do you find most <u>interesting</u>?" inquired Nick.
(B)

35. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story. (1m)

_____ Mrs Goh assigned homework to the class.

_____ Mrs Goh displayed many storybooks on the shelves.

_____ Mrs Goh checked her class seating plan.

36. What was Nick's intention when he asked Mrs Goh the question? (2m)

_____

_____

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37. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. (3m)

	True/False	Reason
It was Nick's first attempt in asking questions that distracted the teacher.		
Nick's classmates approved of what he was doing.		
Mrs Goh fell for Nick's trick.		

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Section H: Comprehension 2 (8 marks)

Read the passage below carefully and answer questions 38 to 42.

For the last six hours, Bob had been lost in the wilderness. Feeling cold and drained, Bob had to spend his first night alone in the wild after being separated from the group during the trek.

Under the moonlight, the shadows of the trees frightened Bob. They made him think of the monsters he had seen in horror movies. The fear was too much for him to bear and he wondered how he was going to escape this ordeal.

All of a sudden, Bob heard something shuffle beside him and it brushed against his feet. Terrified, Bob kicked it as hard as he could. Instantly, a sharp pain shot up his left foot. He felt as if he had been pierced by a hundred needles.

Bob screamed in pain as he staggered away from where he had been assaulted in an attempt to save himself from another attack. When Bob was sure that he was safe, he collapsed to the ground. With the little amount of light around him, Bob strained his eyes to check on his injured foot.

To his horror, he saw eight needle-like objects pierced into his flesh . At that moment, Bob knew he must have been attacked by a porcupine. In an attempt to defend itself, the porcupine had driven its quills into Bob's foot when he had kicked it earlier.

Tears streamed down Bob's cheeks. He wanted to throw in the towel. However, Bob knew that this was not the time to be discouraged. He had more important tasks to fulfil ahead of him. Enduring the intense pain, Bob pulled out the quills from his foot bravely , one quill at a time. After all the quills were removed from his foot, he felt better. Bob continued his search for a way out of the wilderness.

Adapted from Hatchet By Gary Paulsen

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38. Why did Bob have to spend the night alone in the wilderness? (2m)

39. What does the word 'they' in line 4 refer to? (1m)

40. What had attacked Bob? In what way had it injured Bob? (2m)

41. Write a **four-word phrase** from paragraph 6 that has the same meaning as "give up". **(1m)**

42. Bob had two 'important tasks to fulfil ahead of him' (line 22). What were they? (2m)

Please check your work carefully.

End of Paper

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EXAM PAPER 2016 (P4)

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SUBJECT : ENGLISH

TERM : SA1

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
2	3	1	1	3	4	4	3	2	4
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
4	2	2	4	3	1	1	4	4	A
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27			
E	F	C	E	D	A	F			

28)condition 29)appropriate 30)enough

31)Tom told the villagers the truth but they did not believe him.

32)Mary could not attend the party since she did not have the invitation card.

33)3

34)A

35)3, 1, 2

36)Nick's intention was to distract Mrs Goh so that she would forget to give home word for the class.

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37)False / Nick had been successful in asking such question.

True / Nick's classmates smiled in support of his question.

False / Mrs Goh knew what he was up to.

38)Bob had to spend the night along in the wilderness because he was lost after he was separated from the group during the trek.

39)It refers to the shadows of the trees.

40)A porcupine attacked Bob as it had driven its quills into Bob's foot when he had kicked it earlier.

41)throw in the towel.

42)He had one task was to pull out the quills from his foot another task was to search for a way out of the wilderness.

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