Anglo-Chinese School (Junior)

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2 - 2017

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY 4

Name : _____ _____ . ____ ( )

Class : P 4 . (**)** **Date : 30 October 2017**

BOOKLET A

15 Questions

15 Marks

Total Time For Booklet A and B : 1 hour 15 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1 **Do not open the booklet until you are told to do so.**

2 **Follow all instructions carefully.**

3 **Answer all questions.**

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Part 1: Vocabulary (6 marks)

For each question from 1 to 6, 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 _____ saw the accident and stopped to help.

   (1) victim
   (2) spectator
   (3) passer-by
   (4) participant

2. The refugees' living condition at the slums was _____.

   (1) rotten
   (2) rugged
   (3) mouldy
   (4) wretched

3. John's teacher was angry and she _____ at him after he told her a blatant lie.

   (1) smiled
   (2) winked
   (3) scowled
   (4) stomped

4. I saw Frank casting a quick _____ at Keith's papers during the examination.

   (1) gaze
   (2) stare
   (3) glare
   (4) glance

5. Queen Elizabeth was _____ crowned by the Bishop in the Church of England.

   (1) swiftly
   (2) sparsely
   (3) solemnly
   (4) soothingly

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6. After not talking for many years, Tom and I have decided to _____ and we are good friends now.

(1) pull strings
(2) bury the hatchet
(3) beat about the bush
(4) kill two birds with one stone

Part 2: Grammar (8 marks)

For each question from 7 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.

7. The President wrote the commendation letter _____.

(1) itself
(2) herself
(3) ourselves
(4) themselves

8. I have been working _____ six this morning.

(1) if
(2) since
(3) when
(4) although

9. Universities in Singapore are thought by many to be _____ the best in the world.

(1) along
(2) beside
(3) among
(4) between

10. Your opinion might be heard, but _____ is important as well.

(1) I
(2) my
(3) me
(4) mine

11. The lions were chasing _____ zebras over there.

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

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12. _____ shirts are these?

(1) Who
(2) Who's
(3) Whom
(4) Whose

13. The woman asked the boys if the toys _____ to them.

(1) belong
(2) belonged
(3) is belonging
(4) was belonging

14. Please keep the noise level down. I _____ trying to complete my work.

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

Part 3: Punctuation (1 mark)

For question 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

15. "The longest river in the world is in Brazil [ ]" said the teacher.

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

END OF BOOKLET A

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BOOKLET B

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Booklet	Component	Possible Marks	Marks Obtained
A		15	
B	Grammar Cloze 1	4	
	Grammar Cloze 2	4	
	Editing for Spelling & Grammar	3	
	Synthesis and Transformation	4	
	Comprehension 1	10	
	Comprehension 2	10	
	Total	35	

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Part 4: Grammar Cloze 1 (4 marks)

There are 4 blanks, numbered 16 to 19, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to F) in the blank.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

A	her	B	their	C	him
D	it	E	he	F	our

For a few more nights, Amy watched the light from the balcony. Sometimes Justin, (16) _____ brother, would join. However, sometimes (17) _____ just wanted to play with his toys.

One night, together, they agreed to wander out of (18) _____ house. (19) _____ was confirmed, with the aid of her watch, that the lighthouse beam took 10 seconds to make a complete turn. That was an unforgettable night.

Adapted from Best New Singaporean Short Stories Volume One, "Lighthouse"

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Part 5: Grammar Cloze 2 (4 marks)

Read the passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

Solar eclipses have always been a phenomenon that many people around the world are curious about. A solar eclipse (20) [is / was] a rare astronomical event. During a solar eclipse, the Moon (21) [pass / passes] between the Sun and Earth and blocks all or part of the Sun for up to about three hours. For this eclipse, the longest period when the Moon completely blocks the Sun from any given location along the path will be about two minutes and 40 seconds.

Earth continuously (22) [rotates / rotated] around its axis while it orbits the Sun, and the moon orbits Earth. This is why all solar eclipses seem to (23) [travel / travels] from one place to another. This amazing wonder of nature will continue to awe and inspire many.

Adapted from timeanddate.com – Solar Eclipses

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Part 6: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (3 marks)

Read the passage carefully. The words with spelling errors are in **bold** and the words with grammatical errors are underlined. Write the correct spelling or form of the word in each box.

Good evening, this is Channel NewsAsia, and my name is Sarah.

Team Singapore swimmers clinched the gold medal for the men's

(24) [ ]

4x100m rilay at the 2017 SEA Games this morning.

The quartet of Joseph Schooling, Quah Zheng Wen, Darren Lim and

(25) [ ]

Lionel Khoo clock a time of 3:37 46 seconds at the National Aquatic Centre, more than 2.8 seconds ahead of their closest rival, Indonesia.

For the second successive SEA Games, Singapore has won all six

(26) [ ]

team events at the swimming **compitition**.

Thank you for watching us, at Channel NewsAsia.

Adapted from Channel NewsAsia

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Part 7: Synthesis & Transformation (4 marks)

For each of the questions 27 to 28, 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).

27. Roger did not attend school. Kelvin did not attend school too.

Neither _____ nor _____

_____.

28. John heard that he had won first prize. John shouted for joy.

After _____

_____

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Part 8: Comprehension Passage 1 (10 marks)

Read this passage and answer questions 29 to 33.

Sophie could not sleep. A brilliant moonbeam was slanting through a gap in the curtains. It was shining right on her face, keeping her awake. The other children in the hostel had been asleep for hours.

Sophie closed her eyes and lay quite still. She tried very hard to doze off. It was no good. The moonbeam was like a silver blade slicing through the room on to her face. No voices came up from downstairs. There were no footsteps on the floor above either.

Perhaps, she told herself, this was what they called the darkest hour. The darkest hour, somebody had once whispered to her, was a special moment in the middle of the night when every child and every grown-up was in a deep sleep, and all the dark things came out from hiding and had the world to themselves.

The moonbeam was brighter than ever on Sophie's pillow. She decided to get out of bed and close the gap in the curtains.

You got punished if you were caught out of bed after lights-out. Even if you said you had to go to the toilet, it was not accepted as an excuse and they punished you the same. However, there was no one about now, Sophie was sure of that.

She reached out for her glasses that lay on the chair beside her bed. They had steel rims and very thick lenses, and she could hardly see a thing without them. She put them on, then she jumped out of bed and tiptoed over to the window.

Adapted from The BFG

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WRITE YOUR ANSWERS IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

29 Why was Sophie unable to sleep? [2m]

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30 How do you know that the hostel was very quiet? [2m]

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31 In line 8, what does the phrase **"special moment"** refer to? [2m]

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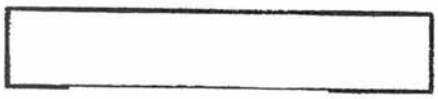
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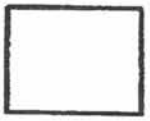
32 What would happen to Sophie if she was caught standing by the window? [2m]

_____

_____

33 Which word (in paragraph 6) has the same meaning as 'walking quietly and carefully'? [2m]





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Part 9: Comprehension Passage 2 (10 marks)

Read this passage and answer questions 34 to 40.

I enjoyed my room for six months before Tim came from Malaysia, to stay and share it. My mother broke the news to me. She was very sure that we would get along. My cousin was a very nice, quiet boy and he was very polite. He played the piano and was in Primary Three. His mother, Auntie June, often asked him to play classical pieces after dinner.

I was less convinced that Tim was good. Tim had to do a lot to persuade me that his presence was not a threat to me. When he arrived, he first made friends with my sisters.

He was good in all subjects and his best subject was Mathematics. He was also a good runner and tennis player and played songs during recess on the school piano in the hall, when our classmates requested.

He was always nice, cheerful and helpful to everyone. In a month, he made more friends in the class than me, who was a bit of a loner. I admit that I was a little jealous.

However, Tim quietly spoke up for me with my family so my parents and even my sisters occasionally saw my point of view, and our house became more peaceful. Every friend he made in school, he insisted that they should get along with me and be my friend too. He helped me with Mathematics and my other weak subjects when we studied together. It was then when I grew closer to him.

We had started out so different but by the end of that first year, people who just met us thought we were brothers.

Adapted from My Cousin Tim

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Q34. From Paragraph 1, state 2 character traits of Tim. [2m]

i. _____

ii. _____

35 Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'hazard'? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

Tim had to do a lot to persuade me that his presence (A) was not a threat (B) to me.

For Q36 to 38, read each statement and tick ✓ "True" or "False". The first example has been done for you. [3m]

	Statement	True	False
Example	Tim was my cousin.	✓	
36	Tim was not from Singapore.		
37	The author always requested for Tim to play the piano.		
38	The author liked Tim from the start.		

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39 Based on the passage, arrange the following sentences in the correct sequence. Write 1, 2 and 3 to indicate the sequence in the blanks below. [3m]

____ Tim and the author became as close as brothers.

____ The author lived with his parents and his sisters.

____ Tim helped the author out with school work and sports.

40 Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

From the last paragraph, we know that the author has learnt to _____. [1m]

	accept the differences between people
	grow bigger and taller
	make friends by playing the piano for them

END OF PAPER

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EXAM PAPER 2017 (P4)

SCHOOL : ACS

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

TERM : SA2

ORDER CALL :

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
3	4	3	4	3	2	2	2	3	4
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
3	4	2	2	1	A	E	B	D	is
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26				
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27)Neither Roger nor Kelvin attended school.

28)After John heard that he had won first prize, he shouted for joy.

29)She was unable to sleep because a brilliant moon bean was slanting through a gap in the curtains. It was shining on her face, keeping her awake.

30)Voices camp up from downstairs and there were no footsteps on the floor above.

31)In line 8, the phrase "special moment" refers to the darkest hour.

32)She would get if she was caught standing by the window.

33) 'tiptoed'

34)i)polite ii)friendly

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35)threat

36)True

37)False

38)False

39)3 , 1, 2

40)accept the differences between people.

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