Rulang Primary School

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2 BOOKLET A
LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION
2017

Name : _____ ( ) **Marks :** _____ / 14

Class : Primary 4 _____ **Date : 26 October 2017**

Setter : Mr Loo Chee Choon

14 Questions

Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1 Hour 15 Minutes

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Section A: Grammar (8 x 1mark)

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. Andy and I referred to the recipe and prepared breakfast _____.

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

2. While strolling at the park last night, Mrs Tan _____ pleased to meet her neighbour.

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

3. Arul's parents _____ proud of him when he donated part of his savings to the orphanage.

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

4. "Listen carefully to the chef. He _____ the ingredients to be used for the fruit salad right now," Junkai told his friends.

   (1) explains
   (2) explained
   (3) is explaining
   (4) has explained

5. The children _____ about healthy eating at the exhibition held by the Health Promotion Board last weekend.

   (1) learn
   (2) learnt
   (3) has learnt
   (4) was learning

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6. While the children _____ a sandcastle at the beach, a crab appeared.

(1) build
(2) will build
(3) have built
(4) were building

7. _____ little kitten playing there is very adorable.

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

8. The tour guide advised the tourists to travel light and not to carry too _____ luggage for the holiday.

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

Section B: Vocabulary

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 on the Optical Answer Sheet.

9. Mr Lim placed an _____ in the newspaper for the sale of his flat.

(1) appeal
(2) application
(3) advertisement
(4) announcement

10. The observatory at the Singapore Science Centre provides the public a range of _____ for stargazing every Friday.

(1) telescopes
(2) microscopes
(3) stethoscopes
(4) kaleidoscopes

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11. Nurul readily _____ help to the old man who was struggling with his bags of groceries.

(1) supplied
(2) rendered
(3) delivered
(4) administered

12. Ryan's shoddy work showed that he was _____. He did not have the skills required for the project.

(1) intelligent
(2) inefficient
(3) incompetent
(4) inconsiderate

13. The team has to _____ the meeting as the leader is currently overseas.

(1) put off
(2) put out
(3) put back
(4) put down

14. Hakim must decide and make his choice soon. He cannot _____ forever.

(1) sit on the fence
(2) hang by a thread
(3) blow hot and cold
(4) beat about the bush

~ End of Booklet A ~

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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
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Name : _____ ( ) **Marks** : _____ / 36

Class : Primary 4 _____ **Date** : 26 October 2017

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27 Questions

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Section C: Grammar Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

(A) 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.

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY

(A) her	(B) their	(C) us
(D) we	(E) I	(F) them

Mrs Tan and Mrs Wee had been friends for years. They were discussing holiday activities for (15)_____ children. "Both John and Michael enjoy cooking. Let's enrol (16)_____in a cooking class!" Mrs Tan suggested. Mrs Wee nodded (17)_____ head and said, "I'm sure the boys will be excited to cook for (18)_____." They could not wait to tell the boys of their idea.

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

Hui En and her cousins (19) [is / are] throwing their grandparents a party next weekend. Hui En (20) [offer / offers] to bake a cake while her cousins (21) [cook / cooks] a dish each. Everyone (22) [is / are] excited about the party. They look forward to having an enjoyable time with their families.

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Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (4 x 1 mark)
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.

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(A) throws	(B) competition	(C) quality
(D) shared	(E) distributed	(F) swirls

There was a farmer who grew corn. It was discovered that the farmer (23)_____ his best seed corn with his neighbours although they would be challenging one another in the same (24)_____ every year. Many found his action puzzling. The farmer explained, "The wind picks up pollen from the ripening corn and (25)_____ it from field to field. If my neighbours grow inferior corn, it will affect the (26)_____ of my corn. Thus, if I want to grow good corn, I must help my neighbours grow good corn too."

Adapted from http://peopleforothers.loyolapress.com/2012/08/wisdom-story-115/

Section E: Sentence Combining (4 x 1 mark)
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).

27. Gavin prefers drinking milk to coffee before he sleeps.

_____ **would rather** _____

_____.

28. Devi had a sore throat. She participated in the singing contest.

_____ **even though**

_____.

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29. The doorbell rang. Rudy ran to the door immediately.

As soon as _____

_____

30. Both Roslan and his brother dislike playing computer games.

Neither _____

_____

Section F: Comprehension 1 (10 marks)
Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

A wealthy man realised his precious young son had many bad habits. After searching the whole town, he met a wise old scholar and pleaded with him to help his son get rid of his bad habits.

The old scholar took the youth for a stroll through a garden. Suddenly, stopping in front of a tiny plant, the scholar asked the youth to pull it out. The youth held the plant between his thumb and forefinger and pulled out the plant easily. The old scholar then asked him to pull out a slightly bigger plant, a shrub. With a slight tug, the plant came out, together with the roots and all.

"Now, how about that one," asked the old scholar, pointing to a bush. Using all his strength and effort, the boy managed to yank it out successfully.

"Now, take this one out," said the old scholar, indicating a guava tree. The youth grasped the trunk and tried hard to pull it out. However, it simply would not budge even after many tries.

"It's impossible!" said the youth, panting.

"So it is with bad habits," said the old scholar. "When they are young, it is easy to correct them. On the other hand, once they take hold and become part of you, they cannot be corrected easily."

Adapted from The Wise Man http://www.moralstories.org/the-wise-man/

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31.	Which word has the same meaning as 'treasured'? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]
	A **wealthy** man realised his **precious** young son had many bad habits. (A) (B)

32.	What does the word "**they**" in Paragraph 6 refer to? [1m]

33.	Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage. [1m]

	The old scholar and the youth went for a walk.
	The youth was instructed by the old scholar to pull out a bush.
	A wealthy man approached an old scholar for help.

For question 34, read the statement and tick ✓ "True" or "False". Refer to the passage to help you. The example has been done for you. [3m]

	Statement	**True**	**False**
Example	**The guava tree could not be pulled out.**	✓	
34a.	The tiny plant could be pulled out easily.		
34b.	The wealthy man paid the old scholar to help him.		
34c.	The youth used his thumb and forefinger to pull out the shrub.		

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35. Based on the passage, tick **three** adjectives that describe the old scholar. [3m]

Adjectives	✓ (tick)
stubborn	
smart	
youthful	
hasty	
helpful	
elderly	

36. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

Which statement correctly describes the lesson that the old scholar wanted the youth to learn? [1m]

	It is difficult to get rid of bad habits when we are older.
	It is easy to correct our bad habits when we are young.
	It is more difficult to correct our bad habits when they have become part of us.

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Section G: Comprehension 2 (10 marks)
Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Children are no strangers to digital gadgets such as smartphones. They have more options for reading than ever before.

Reading from a digital gadget is more convenient because a handy, slim device can hold numerous books. It also has exciting features such as a built-in dictionary, and even a read-aloud capability which can enhance a child's reading experience.

However, studies showed that reading from digital gadgets generally discourage deep reading and recall of information which are the foundations of reading. There is also a tendency to just browse for information when reading, rather than read slowly and carefully. This leads to superficial reading.

In addition to that, the actual feel of a book has more importance than we realise. Readers make connections to the book when they flip the pages. They can also follow the words with their fingers and that provides the reader with a sensory experience that cannot be replaced with digital reading.

However, reading on both types of mediums must still be encouraged to instil a love for reading in children. In fact, a recent survey shows that the percentage of children who read digital texts has increased steadily. Parents can take advantage of this trend. Frequent reading of digital texts can ignite a love for reading which can later be transferred to print reading.

Adapted from E-books vs. Paper Books: Which is better for children?
https://www.schoolbag.sg/story/e-books-vs-paper-books-which-is-better-for-children

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37. What are the advantages of reading from a digital gadget? [2m]

38. According to the passage, what are the foundations of reading? [2m]

39. What does **'This'** in Line 10 refer to? [2m]

40. How can parents help to instil a love for reading in their children? Support your answer with evidence from the passage. [2m]

41. Explain clearly what the phrase **"the actual feel of a book"** in Line 12 refer to. [2m]

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Q 1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
3	3	4	3	2	4	2	3	3	1

Q 11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18
2	3	1	1	B	F	A	C

Q19	Q20	Q 21	Q22
are	offers	cooks	is

Q23)	D
Q24)	B
Q25)	F
Q26)	C
Q27)	Gavin would rather drink milk than coffee before he sleeps.
Q28)	Devi participated in the singing contest even though she had a sore throat.
Q29)	As soon as the doorbell rang, ruby ran to answer the door.
Q30)	Neither Roshan nor his brother likes playing computer games.
Q31)	B

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Q32)	bad habits
Q33)	2, 3, 1
Q34)	a)
Q35)	smart, helpful, elderly
Q36)	√ It is more difficult to correct our bad habits when they have become part of us.
Q37)	A digital gadget is handy and slim and can hold numerous books. It also has a built-in dictionary.
Q38)	Deep reading and recall of information are foundations of deep reading.
Q39)	It refers to browsing for information while reading.
Q40)	They can encourage their children to read from digital gadgets and books as frequent reading of digital texts can instil a love for reading which later can be transferred to print reading.
Q41)	It refers to the making of the connection to the book when they flip the pages and following words with their fingers that provides the reader with a sensory experience that cannot be replaced with digital reading.

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