Anglo-Chinese School (Junior)

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1 (2019)

PRIMARY 4

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2

Booklet A

Tuesday **14 May 2019** **1 hr 15 min**

Name : _____ ( ) Class : P 4 . ( )

15 Questions

15 Marks

INSTRUCTIONS TO PUPILS

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Part 1: Vocabulary (6 marks)

Choose the most suitable option and shade the correct oval in the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. Jane was _____ when her mother decided to bring her to Legoland for the weekend. She was looking forward to it.

   (1) elated
   (2) radiant
   (3) amused
   (4) cheerful

2. "Anna told me that the _____ of performers acted very well in the play. Shall we watch it?" April asked May.

   (1) cast
   (2) army
   (3) flock
   (4) bundle

3. You need to vote for the best idea. You cannot _____ or else it would be very hard for the group to decide

   (1) sit on the fence
   (2) nip it in the bud
   (3) bury the hatchet
   (4) lead by the nose

4. Alice was _____ that she managed to reach school on time even though she had woken up late.

   (1) relieved
   (2) comforted
   (3) reassured
   (4) appreciated

5. Johnny was like a _____ when he had to make a speech in front of the whole school.

   (1) scapegoat
   (2) white elephant
   (3) cat on hot bricks
   (4) snake in the grass

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6. After the fire evacuation, Mr Tan told us that he has _____ the fire in the canteen using a fire extinguisher.

(1) put on
(2) put up
(3) put off
(4) put out

Part 2: Grammar (8 marks)

Choose the most suitable option and shade the correct oval in the Optical Answer Sheet.

7. The boys _____ late for the briefing last Tuesday.

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

8. "Adam _____ to the staffroom to meet his Chinese teacher now. Would you like to play with us instead?" Ahmad asked the new boy.

(1) goes
(2) went
(3) is going
(4) was going

9. Siti will not be allowed to play unless she _____ her work.

(1) complete
(2) completes
(3) completed
(4) is completing

10. Lucy introduced Timmy to _____ at her birthday party.

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

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11. "I will be donating _____ to charity tomorrow," Miss Tan said, showing the books in her hands.

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

12. My flask is almost empty. There is not _____ tea left.

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

13. The fire alarm rang while they _____ the hall after assembly.

(1) leave
(2) had left
(3) was leaving
(4) were leaving

14. Tom and Tim _____ to the circus last week.

(1) go
(2) goes
(3) went
(4) are going

Part 3: Punctuation (1 mark)

Choose the most suitable option and shade the correct oval in the Optical Answer Sheet.

15. "I am going to the grand opening of the restaurant [ ]" John told Peter.

(1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [?] question mark
(4) [!] exclamation mark

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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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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.

A	his	C	him	E	you
B	he	D	we	F	it

One day, Amal crossed paths with an evil genie. He was anxious as (16)_____ had no weapons except for some eggs.

Suddenly, Amal grabbed a stone off the ground and exclaimed, "Genie! (17)_____ should have a competition to see who is stronger!" The genie sniggered and said, "(18)_____ don't look strong."

"Squeeze this stone until water comes out of it," Amal demanded. The genie tried but to no avail. Amal took the stone and squeezed (19)_____. To the genie's astonishment, water trickled out of Amal's hand!

Adapted from 'Amal and the Genie'

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Grammar Cloze 2 (4 marks)

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

Our seas have been used as a dumping ground for waste. Many countries (20) [has / have] stopped the dumping of waste in the sea. However, marine pollution (21) [remain / remains] a huge problem.

We (22) [dump / dumps] about 10 million tonnes of plastics waste into the sea every year. Scientists (23) [is / are] concerned about the lives of these animals. To save these animals, we need to dispose litter at proper places.

Adapted from Science Learning Hub

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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 word in each box.

Victoria Falls is one of the seven natural wonders of the world.

(24) [ ] (25) [ ]

It is locate in Africa. It is neither the highest nor the wide waterfall in the world.

There is a pool at the edge of the waterfall called the Devil's Pool. It is a

(26) [ ]

herculien task to swim in the Devil's Pool during the rainy season. It is considered to be the world's most dangerous pool.

Adapted from The Young Scientist

Sub-Total: [ ]

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Synthesis & Transformation (4 marks)

For each of the questions below, 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 given sentence(s).

27) I saw a snake then I ran away.

As soon as _____

_____

28) Joseph wants to keep fit. He needs to exercise regularly.

_____ if

_____

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Comprehension 1 (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Galileo Galilei was born in 1564. He was born in the town of Pisa, in what is now Italy. When he was 20 years old, he was studying in Pisa His father wanted him to be a docto Galileo was bored with school. The only subject he really liked was Mathematics So, the court mathematician offered to tutor him privately. Galileo's tutor said he could become a qualified mathematician. Galileo's father was disappointed, but he agreed.

Galileo began experimenting with different things because he needed to earn money. He tried to come up with an invention that he could sell for money He had some success with one invention. It was like a compass that could be used to measure land. One day, he heard that a Dutch inventor had invented something called a spyglass. The inventor was trying to keep it a secret. Galileo decided to work on one of his own. Within 24 hours, he had invented a telescope. It could magnify things to make them appear ten times larger than real life.

One night, he pointed his telescope toward the sky. He made his first of many space observations. Everyone thought the moon was smooth. Galileo saw that it was not. The moon was covered in bumps and craters. As technology has improved, Galileo and many others have made improvements on the telescope. Today, the telescope is a wonderful device that allows us to see objects far, far away.

Adapted from Galileo and His Telescope

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WRITE YOUR ANSWERS IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

29 How did Galileo find school? [2m]

_____

_____

30 Why was Galileo's father disappointed when Galileo could become a mathematician? [2m]

_____

_____

31 Why did Galileo become an inventor? [2m]

_____

_____

32 Which word in the passage has the similar meaning as 'enlarge'? [2m]

[ ]

33 How has Galileo's telescope invention contributed to the world? [2m]

_____

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Comprehension 2 (10 marks)

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow it.

Bats have an interesting way of looking at their world. Bats are nocturnal, which means they are most active at night. They do not use their eyes but their ears to find their way around in the dark.

Bats use ultrasound, to sense direction and distance. It also helps them avoid obstacles in their paths as they fly in the dark. This is known as echolocation.

Echolocation is just like echoes in a large, empty room. Bats move air across their vocal cords just as people do when they speak or yell. Some bats make the sound come out of their mouths while others out of their noses. Bats make a very high pitch sound. This means the sound waves move very quickly. The sound waves bounce off any objects, creating an echo to the bat.

A bat's ears often appear quite large compared to the size of its head. Hence, the bat can tell very precisely where an object is. The echo from a moving object is different from a still object. The sound is louder if the object is coming closer and softer if it is going away. This is important because it helps the bat find insects to eat.

The process of echolocation is very natural for the bat that it does not care that it is "as blind as a bat." It can see with its ears!

Adapted from They See With Their Ears

Sub-Total: [ ]

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According to the paragraphs 1 to 3, which **three statements** clearly describe bats. **Tick (√) your three chosen answers.** An example has been done for you. [3m]

Characteristics from the paragraphs 1 to 3		Bats
Example	They have an interesting way of looking at their world.	✓
34	They use ultrasound to find their way.	
	They make a low pitch sound.	
	They are more active in the night than in the day.	
	They only use their eyes to find their way around.	
	The sounds come out of their mouths or noses.	

35 Fill in each blank with **ONE** suitable word.

Bats use echolocation to help determine _____ [1m] and _____ [1m]

36 Which word has the same meaning as 'hindrances' in paragraph 2?
Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

It also helps them avoid obstacles in their **paths** as they fly in the dark.
(A) (B)

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For Q37 to Q39, read each statement and tick √ "True" or "False". Refer to paragraph 4 to help you. An example has been done for you. [3m]

	Statement	True	False
Example	The echo from a moving object and a still object is different.	✓	
37	Bats use echolocation to find food.		
38	Bats can accurately tell where an object is.		
39	The echo is louder if the object is going away and softer if it is coming closer.		

40 Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

From the last sentence, we can conclude that bats have a good sense of _____. [1m]

	sight
	taste
	hearing

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ANSWER KEY

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BOOKLET A

Q1	1	Q2	1	Q3	1	Q4	1	Q5	3
Q6	4	Q7	4	Q8	3	Q9	2	Q10	2
Q11	3	Q12	2	Q13	4	Q14	3	Q15	1

BOOKLET B

Q16) B

Q17) D

Q18) E

Q19) F

Q20) have

Q21) remains

Q22) dump

Q23) are

Q24) located

Q25) widest

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Q26) herculean

Q27) As soon as I saw a snake, I ran away.

Q28) Joseph needs to exercise regularly if he wants to keep fit.

Q29) Galileo found school boring. The only subject he really liked was mathematics.

Q30) Galileo's father was disappointed when he could become a mathematician as he had wanted Galileo to become a doctor.

Q31) Galileo became an inventor as he needed to come up with an invention that he could sell for money.

Q32) magnify

Q33) Galileo's telescope contributed to the world as it helped us to see objects far, far away.

Q34) – They use ultrasound to find their way.
– They are more active in the night than in the day.
– The sounds come out of their mouths or noses.

Q35) direction, distance

Q36) obstacles

Q37) True

Q38) True

Q39) False

Q40) hearing

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