HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
2019 SEMESTRAL EXAMINATION ONE
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY FOUR

Part I	
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TOTAL	50

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PART I
SECTION A: Vocabulary (6 x 1 mark)
Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

1. During Sports Day, the _____ cheered loudly as their classmates competed against one another.

   (1) viewers
   (2) listeners
   (3) audience
   (4) spectators ( )

2. "Start working on your _____ so that you will be able to confidently share your solutions to the questions with your classmates on that day," Mrs Lim reminded her students.

   (1) rehearsals
   (2) equipment
   (3) ingredients
   (4) presentations ( )

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3. As soon as the children at the playground heard the roar of the thunder, they quickly _____ back into their homes for shelter.

(1) drifted
(2) scurried
(3) trudged
(4) wandered ( )

4. Jacob has a _____ memory. He can hardly remember meeting his new neighbour last week.

(1) long
(2) poor
(3) deep
(4) bitter ( )

5. The children were disappointed that their efforts proved _____ when they could not persuade their parents to bring them out to the beach.

(1) idle
(2) futile
(3) petty
(4) effective ( )

6. Mrs Rose _____ around the restaurant looking for her friend.

(1) stared
(2) peered
(3) glanced
(4) browsed ( )

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SECTION B: Grammar (8 x 1 mark)

Choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided. Then shade your answers on the OAS provided.

7. The sun _____ in the east and sets in the west.

(1) rise
(2) rose
(3) rises
(4) risen ( )

8. Sam, together with his friends, _____ at the library during recess yesterday.

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

9. "Mary _____ her bag now. She will be ready soon," Jane told her friends.

(1) packs
(2) packed
(3) is packing
(4) was packing ( )

10. They _____ for the bus when the accident happened last night.

(1) waited
(2) have waited
(3) was waiting
(4) were waiting ( )

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11. "Stop mumbling to _____ and speak up," Mr Toh told his daughters.

(1) herself
(2) yourself
(3) yourselves
(4) themselves ( )

12. If you have _____ time to spare, come and cheer for me at the National Swimming Competition.

(1) no
(2) a few
(3) some
(4) much ( )

13. Mr Tan missed _____ point and lost the tennis match.

(1) a
(2) any
(3) some
(4) many ( )

14. "Look across the street! There is a big crowd in front of _____ grocery store," said Mrs Lee to her friend.

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

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PART II
SECTION C: Grammar Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

Part 1
Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) about	(B) at	(C) for
(D) of	(E) off	(F) to

Last Sunday, Jenny and her parents were having breakfast together. They were (15) _____ a coffee shop near their home. While they were eating, Jenny talked (16) _____ what she did in school that day.

Jenny excitedly shared that she enjoyed her batik painting lessons in school. She also told them that her artwork was selected (17) _____ an exhibition in the Art Museum. Her parents were proud (18) _____ her achievement. They smiled and congratulated her.

Part 2
Read the passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

Sally went cycling with her friends at the East Coast Park last Monday. They (19) [have / had] been cycling for a distance when they heard sounds coming from the bushes. They stopped cycling and walked (20) [towards / through] the source of the sound. Upon reaching there, they were shocked to see a frail, abandoned dog in the bushes. Sally (21) [decides / decided] to call the animal shelter for help.

Soon, an officer from the animal shelter came and rescued (22) [it / them]. Sally and her friends felt pleased with themselves for helping the poor dog.

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SECTION D: Comprehension Cloze (4 x 1 mark)
Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Elena's parents took her to the Night Safari for her tenth birthday.

She was excited yet nervous. She was worried that the walking trails might not be lit up and they might have to walk in total (23) _____. Once they reached the park, Elena was relieved to see the lights along the trail and they could walk on it safely.

When Elena and her parents became tired of walking, they decided to (24) _____ the tram. It took them to many different Animal Zones around the park. It was an eye-opening experience for Elena to see the animals moving around in (25) _____ own environment.

Soon, it was time to leave the park. Elena had (26) _____ enjoyable time and also learned a lot about nocturnal animals. Elena thanked her parents for the wonderful birthday treat.

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SECTION E: Synthesis (4 x 1 mark)

Rewrite the given sentences using the word provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentences.

27. My mother was washing the dishes. I was cleaning my room.

While _____

_____

28. Peter will put on weight. Peter keeps eating snacks in between meals.

If _____

_____

29. This is the necklace. My sister bought it for my birthday last year.

_____ which

_____

30. James and his friends were exhausted. James and his friends continued to run.

_____ although

_____

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SECTION F: Comprehension

Comprehension 1 (10 marks)

Read the following passage carefully and answer questions 31 to 39.

At 13 years old, Alysa Liu is the youngest-ever champion at the 2019 United States Women's Figure Skating Championships.

At the competition, Alysa's performance was flawless. The judges were impressed with her perfect jumps and turns. Alysa had made **them** look easy although they were extremely challenging. She had to have incredible body strength and control to be the first competitor to successfully complete such a difficult routine in a competition.

Alysa is modest about her accomplishment. She told a reporter, "I am happy that I beat my personal record."

Alysa was 5 years old when her parents took her to the Oakland Ice Centre for her first ice skating lesson. She fell in love with ice skating and was eager to learn. Her coach, Laura Lipetsky, was a former national competitor. She told Alysa's father that Alysa has a natural talent for ice skating. Her father then enrolled her for private lessons with Laura.

Although Alysa's everyday routine is demanding, she takes it in her stride She does not complain. She starts her day early in the morning and has three training sessions daily. In between practices, she does her homework. Alysa usually eats dinner in the car on her way home, and is fast asleep by 8.30 p.m. When the reporter asked her what she likes to do during her free time, Alysa replied, "I like to ride my bicycle at the park nearby with my friends."

Adapted from Christiansen, D. (2019, February 5). https://www.dogonews.com

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31. How old is the youngest-ever 2019 U.S. champion in figure skating? [1m]

_____

_____

32. Which word in paragraph 2 tells us that Alysa's performance is perfect at the 2019 U.S. Women's Figure Skating Championships? [1m]

33. The word **'them'** in **Paragraph 2** refers to Alysa's _____. [1m]

Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

judges	
jumps and turns	
incredible body strength and control	

34. Which **sentence** in the passage tells you that Alysa was humble? [1m]

35. Why was Alysa able to successfully complete the difficult routine at the 2019 Championships? [1m]

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36. Why did Alysa's father enrol her for private ice skating lessons? [2m]

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For Q37-39, state whether each statement in the table is True or False. [3m]

	Statement	True/False
37.	Alysa met her coach when she was 5 years old.	
38.	Alysa loves the sport but she is unable to cope with her busy training schedule.	
39.	Alysa gets to have a nice dinner with her family at home after her training sessions.	

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Comprehension 2 (10 marks)

Read the following passage carefully and answer questions 40 to 47.

Baobao has silky white fur which curls as it grows. Ben takes him to the dog groomer twice a year. His fur is cut really short as it tangles easily. The groomer will always tie a bright yellow bandana around his neck.

Baobao was abandoned by his previous owner. Ben had brought him home from the Animal Shelter. At first, the dog was malnourished and very timid. With great patience, Ben nursed him back to good health and continued to feed him well. Since then, both Ben and Baobao formed a special bond.

Every weekday at noon, Baobao will sit at the front gate straining to hear the **familiar sound** made by Ben's school bus. As soon as he hears the screeching of brakes, he will burst into a flurry of activity. There will be plenty of tail wags, happy barks and leaps into the air. Their daily reunions are joyous!

One morning, Baobao was resting on his favourite spot in the kitchen. He saw something move in the garden and ran out to investigate. Sensing danger, he jumped back. He ran back into the kitchen, barking furiously. A large creature crawled out from behind the plants. It moved towards him.

"What is it, boy?" asked Ben. Looking behind his dog, what he saw, made his skin crawl. Right in the centre of the kitchen was a giant monitor lizard! Its mouth was wide open showing its sharp teeth!

Wanting to protect his beloved owner, Baobao lunged at it. Quick as lightning, Ben caught him in mid-air, just as the lizard's mouth snapped shut. Ben held onto his dog which was still barking in his left arm. Using his free hand, he grabbed a tennis racket. He yelled and waved it wildly at the lizard.

Luckily, the lizard decided it had enough of the commotion. He crawled lazily out of the kitchen. Ben quickly shut the kitchen door.

That night, Ben gave Baobao a big juicy bone as a reward.

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40. Baobao's fur is cut really short because it _____. [1m]

(1) is clean
(2) is silky white
(3) tangles easily
(4) grows really fast ( )

41. Ben and Baobao formed a special bond because _____. [1m]

(1) Ben nursed it back to health
(2) its previous owner abandoned it
(3) they first met at the Animal Shelter
(4) it was malnourished and extremely fearful ( )

42. In **line 9**, what does the phrase '**familiar sound**' refer to? [1m]

_____

_____

43. Which **sentence** from **paragraph 4** tells you that Baobao was curious? [1m]

44. Write the number (1, 2 or 3) in the boxes beside the events below to show the order that they happened in the passage. [1m]

Baobao ran back into the kitchen.	
Baobao lunged at the lizard.	
Baobao was resting on the kitchen floor.	

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45. State whether each statement in the table below is **True** or **False**. Use **evidence** from the passage to give a **reason** for your answer. [2m]

	Sentence	True/ False	Reason
(a)	Baobao greeted his owner by wagging his tail only.		
(b)	Ben was shocked and frightened when he first saw the lizard.		

46. Why did Baobao try to attack the lizard? [1m]

47. Complete the table below using appropriate words/phrases that best describe the change in Baobao at the beginning and at the end of the passage. [2m]

	At the beginning	In the end
(a)		Baobao is well-fed.
(b)	Baobao was timid.	

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ANSWER KEY

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Q32 flawless

Q33 jumps and turns

Q34 Alysa is modest about her accomplishment.

Q35 She needs to have an incredible body strength and control.

Q36 Alysa's coach Laura Lipetsky sayed that she was a natural talent at figure skating.

Q37 True

Q38 False

Q39 False

Q40 3

Q41 1

Q42 It refers to the screeching of brakes of Ben's school bus.

Q43 He saw some thing move in the garden and ran out to investigate.

Q44 2

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Q45 (a)False. Baobao will greet his owner by tails wags, happy barks and leap into the air.

(b)True.When Ben saw the lizard his skin crawled.

Q46 He wanted to protect his owner.

Q47 (a)Baobao was malnourished

(b)He is bold

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