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Primary 4

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2

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4. Answer all questions carefully.

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SECTION A: VOCABULARY (6 X 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and write the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided below.

1. "That's a really good effort for your school project!" _____ Joe's mother when she saw the slides for his presentation.

   (1) chided
   (2) muttered
   (3) interrogated
   (4) commended ( )

2. The _____ of actors met their adoring fans at the charity event last Saturday.

   (1) band
   (2) troop
   (3) board
   (4) company ( )

3. The orchestra gave such a stunning performance at the concert that the _____ stood on their feet and applauded loudly.

   (1) audience
   (2) onlookers
   (3) witnesses
   (4) spectators ( )

4. The soccer match was _____ when it started to rain heavily.

   (1) put away
   (2) called off
   (3) carried out
   (4) turned down ( )

5. All the pupils had difficulty completing the physical activities, but Tom zoomed through them skilfully, _____.

   (1) as busy as a bee
   (2) as happy as a lark
   (3) as playful as a kitten
   (4) as agile as a monkey ( )

6. This plan is _____. No matter how many times you try, it is not going to work.

   (1) on the dot
   (2) a dead duck
   (3) over one's head
   (4) breaking one's back ( )

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SECTION B: GRAMMAR (8 X 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and write the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided below.

7. We visited many beautiful beaches while we _____ in Australia.
   (1) live
   (2) lives
   (3) were living
   (4) will be living ( )

8. The crew of sailors _____ exhausted after carrying out repairs on the ship last night.
   (1) is
   (2) was
   (3) are
   (4) were ( )

9. Please pass me _____ pile of books behind the table over there.
   (1) this
   (2) that
   (3) these
   (4) those ( )

10. "Keep your hands _____ my plants! Don't touch them!" the gardener snapped at the mischievous boys.
   (1) by
   (2) on
   (3) off
   (4) from ( )

11. "Follow me and I _____ you where the treasure is," whispered Jerome.
   (1) show
   (2) showed
   (3) will show
   (4) am showing ( )

12. If she _____ enough money, she will go for a holiday in Japan.
   (1) save
   (2) saves
   (3) saved
   (4) is saving ( )

13. Mr Heng feels that every second is precious and has _____ patience for people who waste time.
   (1) few
   (2) little
   (3) much
   (4) many ( )

14. "The good news _____ you don't have to pay for this meal!" the waiter said to Miss Lee.
   (1) is
   (2) are
   (3) was
   (4) were ( )

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SECTION C: GRAMMAR CLOZE (PERSONAL PRONOUNS) (4 X 1 mark)
Read the following passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank.

USE A WORD **ONCE ONLY.**

(A) her	(B) his	(C) she
(D) their	(E) them	(F) they

Sue was going for a school camp next week. It would be (15) _____ first time away from home without her parents. (16) _____ was very excited about it. Her brother, Sean, would also be going.

As the siblings chatted animatedly and packed (17) _____ bags together, they heard Mother call. She stepped into the room and told (18) _____ that lunch was ready. Sue and Sean decided to take a break and continued packing after lunch.

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SECTION D: GRAMMAR CLOZE (SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT) (4 X 1 mark)

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

Does your brain sometimes work faster than your mouth? When that (19) **[happen / happens]** , you usually have errors in speech known as spoonerisms. A spoonerism (20) **[occur / occurs]** when you accidentally switch consonants, vowels or other sounds in words.

Spoonerisms can be particularly funny when the mixed-up version still (21) **[make / makes]** sense. Some examples (22) **[include / includes]** "a blushing crow" instead of "a crushing blow" and "shake a tower" rather than "take a shower". Because of how funny the results of these errors in speech can be, people sometimes use them on purpose as a play on words.

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SECTION E: EDITING (6 x 1) marks

Each of the underlined words contains either a grammatical error or a spelling error. Put the correct word in each of the boxes.

(23) [ ]

E-scooters may be fun, but are they safe? As you avoid e-scooters zip on the sidewalk, you might have experienced a couple of close shaves with death. E-scooters (24) [ ] have swarmed Singapore's streets recently. However, they bring in with them a wave of scooter-related injuries and even deaths.

(25) [ ]

Why are e-scooters dangerous? A collizion with an e-scooter packs a great amount of force. One who is hit by the device could suffer serious or deadly injuries. The elderly (26) [ ] and young children, in partikuler, are at risk. It takes time for e-scooters to slow down and (27) [ ] come to a stop. Thus, accidents are likely to happen if a rider sees a pedestrain too late. (28) [ ] One of the big risks of an e-scooter accident is brain injury. This can happen when one falls and hits his head on the ground at high speed. Other common e-scooter injuries are fractures, dislocations, sprains and abrasions.

If you ride an e-scooter, do abide by the guidelines under the Active Mobility Act (AMA) to keep yourself safe and avoid posing a danger to others on shared paths.

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SECTION F: SYNTHESIS & TRANSFORMATION (2 X 1 mark)

For each of the items, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of each sentence must be the same as the given one(s).

29. We wanted to avoid scratching the newly polished floor. We took off our shoes.

_____ so as to

_____ .

30. Carl was waiting for the bus. He read his book.

While _____

_____ .

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SECTION G: COMPREHENSION 1 (10 marks)

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

Recently, Johor's Kim Kim River was seriously polluted. Factories nearby had dumped their chemical waste illegally into the river. Thousands were affected by the toxic and pungent fumes given off by the waste. It is a timely reminder for Singaporeans to take care of our precious resource – water.

About four decades ago, our rivers were in a sad state. Up to the 1970s, **squatters*, hawkers and factories crowded the banks of the Singapore River. Improper disposal of garbage and waste along with oil spills from bumboats led to severe water pollution. At the same time, the Kallang River was also polluted by nearby pig and duck farms. Our then Prime Minister, Mr Lee Kuan Yew, called for the clean-up of Singapore's rivers in 1977. He believed that keeping our water source free from pollution must be a way of life. He challenged the Ministry of Environment to make fishing and other recreational activities possible in the Singapore River and the Kallang River in ten years.

About 4 000 squatters and hawkers were relocated during the clean-up. The government provided flats for the squatters while street hawkers were shifted to hawker centres. Hundreds of bumboats were moved to a new facility at Pasir Panjang. Foul-smelling mud and rubbish were removed from the banks and the riverbeds. Pig and duck farms were closed down.

The clean-up was successfully completed in the given time. The government started the Clean Rivers Education Programme in 1987. Its goal was to raise awareness of the hazards of dumping waste into Singapore's waterways and to encourage people to keep them clean. These days, education programmes are run by the Waterways Watch Society (WWS), a local organisation.

Today, the Singapore River is the venue for events like the Singapore River Festival. People cruise down the river to enjoy the sights. The Kallang River is a popular site for recreational activities such as dragon boating, canoeing and water-skiing.

** squatters – homeless people who live on a piece of land illegally*

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31. What was the cause of the pollution in Johor's Kim Kim River? (1m)

32. Which word in paragraph 1 has the same meaning as 'poisonous'? (1m)

Circle either (A) or (B).

Thousands were affected by the **toxic** (A) and **pungent** (B) fumes given off by the waste.

33. Tick √ your chosen answer.
According to the text, which is NOT a source of pollution in the Singapore River? (1m)

- ☐ squatters
- ☐ factories
- ☐ farms

34. Mr Lee Kuan Yew urged Singaporeans to do recreational activities in the Singapore River. (1m)

Circle the correct answer. **True / False**

35. According to the passage, list down two actions taken by the Ministry of Environment in the clean-up of the rivers. (2m)

1) _____

2) _____

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36. The Ministry of Environment completed the clean-up of Singapore River in ten years. (1m)

Circle the correct answer. **True / False**

37. Which two-word phrase in paragraph 4 has the same meaning as "increase knowledge of something"? (1m)

38. Today, the task of educating people on keeping Singapore's waterways clean falls on _____. (1m)

(1) the government
(2) Mr Lee Kuan Yew
(3) the Ministry of Environment
(4) the Waterways Watch Society ( )

39. Name an event held on the Singapore River today. (1m)

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SECTION H: COMPREHENSION 2 (10 marks)
Read the following passage carefully and answer questions 40 to 45.

In the middle of the courtyard, two children were wrestling for a tin.

"It's mine! I found it!" Boon raged as he clutched the tin to his chest, protecting it from Ling, a taller and stronger girl. He had seen it next to her while she was sketching on the sandy ground. She knew he wanted to play with her tin, but she said nothing about it. When she left to get some water, he saw his chance. When Ling came back and saw Boon playing with her tin, she blew her top.

"It's mine! Mother gave it to me," insisted Ling.

When Boon saw his mother walk out of their house, he shouted, "Mama! Ling is trying to snatch my tin away!" Mrs Lee put down her basket of laundry at once.

"No, I'm not! You took it when I wasn't around!" screamed Ling, tugging at the tin more fiercely. In the struggle, Ling managed to push Boon down and sat on his chest. The scrawny boy squirmed and gave a pitiful yelp, the tin still in his grasp.

Seeing that, Mrs Lee fumed, "Mrs Tan! Your girl is attacking my son! Come now and stop her at once!" Her voice screeched across the courtyard.

Mrs Tan hurried out of her house. She looked wearily at the battling children. She knew it was Ling's tin. It was a Cadbury tin that she had retrieved from the rubbish dump. When Ling saw her mother, she pleaded, "Help me, Mother! You gave it to me! He's stealing!"

"How dare you call my son a thief?" screamed Mrs Lee, pulling Ling off Boon. "What proof have you got that the tin is yours?"

Proof? Ling's eyes lit up. "Yes, I have proof! I've scratched a picture on the base of the tin. It is a smiling face," she announced confidently.

Mrs Lee grabbed the tin from her son's hand and turned it over. Indeed, there were two circles with a curve beneath, matching Ling's description. Boon's jaw dropped in surprise. Mrs Lee's cheeks coloured in embarrassment. She promptly returned the tin to Ling. With her lips pressed in a thin line, she shoved her son forward to apologise. Boon uttered a "sorry" to Ling. Thus, the case was closed.

Mrs Lee turned to her son and muttered sharply, "What do you have to say about your actions?" Ashamed, Boon confessed to the two misdeeds he had committed.

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All answers must be based on the given text. Answer in complete sentences.

40. What does "it" in line 5 refer to? (1m)

_____

_____

41. Which three-word phrase in lines 2-6 suggests that it might be difficult for Boon to beat Ling in a fight. (1m)

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

_____ Boon was playing with the tin.

_____ Ling was drawing on the ground.

_____ Mrs Lee was carrying a basket of laundry.

43. The table below shows Mrs Lee's feelings and the causes of her feelings. Fill in the blanks using information from the passage. (2m)

How Mrs Lee felt	What made Mrs Lee feel that way
	saw Ling sitting on Boon
	realised that Boon was in the wrong

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44. Based on the passage, state whether each statement is true or false. Then give your reason. (3m)

Statement	True/False	Reason
(a) Ling found the tin at the rubbish dump.		
(b) Boon did not know there was a picture on the base of the tin.		
(c) Boon apologised to Ling willingly.		

45. Which two misdeeds did Boon commit? (2m)

_____

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ANSWER KEY

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SECTION A

Q1	4	Q2	4	Q3	1	Q4	2	Q5	4
Q6	2	Q7	3	Q8	2	Q9	2	Q10	3
Q11	3	Q12	2	Q13	2	Q14	1	Q15	A
Q16	C	Q17	D	Q18	E				

Q19 happens

Q20 occurs

Q21 makes

Q22 include

Q23 zipping

Q24 along

Q25 rollision

Q26 particular

Q27 pedestrian

Q28 biggest

Q29 We took off our shoes so as to avoid scratching the newly polished floor.

Q30 While Carl was waiting for the bus, he read his book.

Q31 dumping of chemical waste

Q32 (A)

Q33 farms

Q34 True

Q35 Hundreds of bumboat were moved to a new facility.

2. Foul-smelling mud and rubbish were removed from the banks and the riverbeds.

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Q36 True

Q37 raise awareness

Q38 (4)

Q39 Singapore River Festival

Q40 It refers to Boon wanting to play with Ling's tin.

Q41 taller and stronger

Q42 2

1

3

Q43 Angry

Embarrassed

Q44 False, Mrs Tan gave the tin to Ling.

True, Boon's jaw dropped in surprise.

False, Mrs Lee had to shove Boon forward to apologise to Ling.

Q45 Boon stole Ling's tin and lied.

END.

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