PEI CHUN PUBLIC SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1, 2019

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY 4

PAPER 2

Additional Materials: Optical Answer Sheet (OAS)

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FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.
ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.

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Section A: Vocabulary (6 × 1 mark)

For Q1-6, four options are given. Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. The rats _____ up the water pipe in the kitchen upon hearing the cat approaching.

(1) strolled
(2) snarled
(3) scrambled
(4) straightened

2. The old lady is _____ towards all her grandchildren, often giving them hugs and speaking words of encouragement to them.

(1) ruthless
(2) malicious
(3) affectionate
(4) unconcerned

3. The driver _____ to the racing track after the mechanics fixed the faulty wheels of his car.

(1) called off
(2) kicked off
(3) ripped off
(4) headed off

4. In the _____ of effective medicine, many of the soldiers died when they contracted illnesses.

(1) absence
(2) presence
(3) emptiness
(4) abundance

5. The loud noise in our house aroused the _____ of our neighbours so they came over to find out what exactly was happening.

(1) elation
(2) curiosity
(3) boredom
(4) indifference

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6. The store owner eyed the young man _____ as she was afraid he would cause trouble.

(1) warily
(2) profusely
(3) recklessly
(4) thoughtlessly

Section B: Grammar (8 × 1 mark)

For Q7-14, four options are given. Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

7. "There _____ a lot of dust on the piano. I will do the cleaning after lunch!" Siti exclaimed.

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

8. These puzzles belong to you, _____ they?

(1) do
(2) does
(3) don't
(4) doesn't ( )

9. I had completed my homework when my parents _____ home last night.

(1) came
(2) come
(3) comes
(4) are coming ( )

10. While we _____, the burglar broke into our house.

(1) sleep
(2) have slept
(3) were sleeping
(4) have been sleeping

( )

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11. If I _____ the time, I will visit the dentist next week.

(1) has
(2) had
(3) have
(4) having

( )

12. Helping out with household chores _____ one of the ways we can express our love to our parents.

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

( )

13. "Please refrain _____ taking photographs during the performance," announced the emcee.

(1) in
(2) to
(3) on
(4) from

( )

14. Claire's baby brother has been looking happily at _____ in the mirror.

(1) itself
(2) myself
(3) herself
(4) himself

( )

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Section C: Visual Text Comprehension (4 × 1 mark)

Study the brochure carefully and answer the questions that follow.

MacRitchie School of Dancing

presents

Dance of Hope

A Ballet Charity Concert in aid of
Singapore Cancer Hospital



Dates:	11 - 17 March 2019
Venue:	MacRitchie Theatre
Time:	7.30pm daily (additional performances at 2pm on Saturday and Sunday)

Guests of Honour:
Mr Richard Tan, Member of Parliament for MacRitchie
Dr Malar Nair, Professor at Singapore Medical University

Tickets	Category	Price
Early Bird Sale (15 January – 15 February)	Standard Ticket	$20
	Family of four	$75
Regular Ticket Sale (16 February to end of concert)	Standard Ticket	$25
	Family of four	$80

Purchase your tickets now!

Tickets are available for sale at the ticket office outside MacRitchie Theatre or visit *www.macrdanceofhope.com* for online purchases.
For enquiries, you may call our support staff, Ms Elis, at 62505665.

Souvenir Booth

Handmade craft items will be available for sale outside the theatre from 10-16 March. Pick your favourite items and donate whatever amount you wish.

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For Q15-18, four options are given. Choose the most appropriate option and shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

15. The main aim of the flyer is to _____.

(1) teach people about ballet
(2) promote MacRitchie School of Dancing
(3) inform people about the fundraising concert
(4) encourage people to come and meet the guests of honour

16. Based on the flyer, which one of the following statements is not true?

(1) The concert will be held at MacRitchie Theatre.
(2) The concert is organised by MacRitchie School of Dancing.
(3) Two performances will be held daily during the week-long run of the concert.
(4) There are two ways through which people can purchase tickets to watch the dance concert.

17. Besides buying a ticket for the ballet concert, one could help raise funds for Singapore Cancer Hospital by _____.

(1) visiting the 'Dance of Hope' website
(2) calling 62505665 to speak to Ms Elis
(3) purchasing items from the souvenir booth
(4) purchasing early bird tickets instead of regular tickets

18. Tommy purchases the "family of four" concert tickets on 16 February. He will be paying _____.

(1) $20
(2) $25
(3) $75
(4) $80

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Section D: Grammar Cloze (8 × 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.

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) her	(B) it	(C) I
(D) them	(E) they	(F) we

A wild boar attack occurred outside Punggol Secondary School.

(19) _____ left Ms Ng with a vicious bite on **(20)** _____ leg. Ms Ng recounted, "I was worried that the students would be in danger. If the wild boar were to attack **(21)** _____, the consequences would be unimaginable." When reporters visited the scene, **(22)** _____ saw at least twenty wild boars at a grass patch. The public is advised not to disturb any wildlife, including wild boars.

Adapted from *straitstimes.com/singapore/victim-of-puggol-wild-boar-attack-recounts-her-ordeal-worries-for-kids-in-area*

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

Laughter is the best medicine. Research shows that laughter plays an important role in both our physical and mental health. Laughing **(23)** [help / helps] boost immunity and ease anxiety. We **(24)** [learn / learns] and remember more when there **(25)** [is / are] an emotion attached to our experience. Try recalling some of the events that happened to you. The experiences you can recall the quickest **(26)** [is / are] probably times you were laughing or crying.

Adapted from *https://childrensministry.com/5-reasons-why-laughter-is-the-best-medicine/*

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Section E: Sentence Combining (4 × 1 mark)

Combine each pair of sentences to make one sentence using the word(s) given. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the sentences given.

27. It is raining. The children are not going to the playground.

_____ **because**

_____.

28. Tom has watched the movie. Tom's friends have been talking about the movie.

_____ **that**

_____.

29. We gave the speaker our full attention. Then, the speaker started his presentation.

_____ **before**

_____.

30. You need to take public transport to get to school. You missed the school bus.

Since _____

_____.

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Section F: Comprehension 1 (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

All of a sudden, there was a puddle between his feet and the front of his pants was wet. *Oh no! How embarrassing!* Shin Yang could not imagine how this had happened.

With a throbbing heartbeat, he looked down and prayed. *This is an emergency! I need help now! I will be dead meat!* He knew that when his classmates find out, he would never hear the end of it.

Sheepishly, Shin Yang looked up and saw Mrs Yeo approaching him with a stern look in her eyes. Frozen with terror, Shin Yang's heart almost stopped beating. Just then, Susie, the class monitor, walked past him holding a fish tank filled with water. Without warning, Susie tripped as she moved clumsily and regretfully, dumped the tank of water right on Shin Yang's lap!

Shin Yang pretended to be angry! He was thanking Susie silently. Now, instead of being the subject of ridicule, Shin Yang was the object of sympathy. The sympathy was wonderful. However, the teasing that should have been his, was now being targeted at Susie.

"Oh dear! You are so clumsy!" Susie's classmates shouted.

Finally, at the end of the day, as the pupils were waiting for dismissal, Shin Yang walked over to Susie and whispered, "You did that on purpose, didn't you?" Susie whispered back, "I wet my pants once too. I know how you feel."

Adapted from *Stories for Moral Education Juniors by Roger Jenkins*

Write your answer in a complete sentence.

31. According to paragraph 1, why was Shin Yang embarrassed? (1m)

_____

_____

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32. Which three-word phrase in paragraph 3 tells us that Shin Yang was fearful? (1m)

For Q33 to Q35, read each statement and tick (✓) 'True' or 'False'. Refer to paragraph 4 to help you. The first example has been done for you. (3m)

	Statement	True	False
Example	Shin Yang pretended to be angry.	✓	
33.	Shin Yang was relieved to be the object of sympathy.		
34.	Shin Yang became the subject of ridicule.		
35.	Susie was teased by her classmates.		

36. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.
Shin Yang was _____ after the tank of water landed on his lap. (1m)

	angry
	thankful
	Embarrassed

37. Refer to paragraphs 1 to 3. Write **1, 2** and **3** in the blanks below to show the order in which the following events were likely to take place. (1m)

_____ Mrs Yeo approached Shin Yang.
_____ Shin Yang wet his pants.
_____ Shin Yang prayed silently.

38. Which word has the same meaning as "carelessly"?
Circle either (A) or (B). (1m)

Without warning, Susie tripped as she moved **clumsily** (A) and **regretfully** (B), dumped the tank of water right on Shin Yang's lap!

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39. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.
It was a _____ for Shin Yang that Susie tripped and dumped the tank of water on his lap on purpose. (1m)

☐	blessing
☐	tragedy
☐	disaster

Write your answer in a complete sentence.

40. What made Susie trip and dump the tank of water onto Shin Yang's lap on purpose? (1m)

_____

_____

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Section G: Comprehension 2 (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Puppets have been around for a long time. They have a global appeal as people are drawn to the stories that each puppet can act out.

There are different types of puppets. Hand puppets use hand movements to give "life" to the puppet. They can be made of cloth or even paper. Stick puppets make use of sticks to support the upper body of the puppet. Rod puppets have rods and wires hooked to them to make them move. String puppets move by strings or wires hooked to different parts of their bodies.

The person who makes puppets come to life is called a puppeteer. First, the puppeteer hides himself. Next, the puppeteer speaks with little or no lip movement such that the sound appears to come from the puppet! Then, he matches the movements of the puppet's mouth with the spoken part. One of the most famous puppeteers of all time was Jim Henson. He created characters such as Big Bird and Cookie Monster.

The puppeteer stays hidden so that it is easier for people watching to use their imagination during a puppet show. The type of stage used for a puppet show depends on the type of puppets. A table, a large box, or the floor can be used as a stage.

Music is used in many puppet shows. Music sets the mood. It also provides the sound that accompanies the puppets' movements. The use of lighting has also enabled puppet productions to achieve realistic and spectacular effects. Hence, many factors make a puppet show a success.

Adapted from *Puppets* by Kira Freed and *https://www.britannica.com/art/puppetry*

41. Which two-word phrase in paragraph 1 tells us that puppets are 'popular all over the world'? (1m)

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For questions 42 to 44, fill in the blanks with a suitable answer. Refer to paragraph 2 to help you. The first example has been done for you. (3m)

Question	Type of Puppet	What is/are used to make a puppet move?
Example	stick puppets	stick
42.	_____ puppets	hand movement
43.	rod puppets	_____
44.	_____ puppets	strings or wires

45. Refer to paragraph 3. Write **1, 2** and **3** in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events happen in puppet shows. (1m)

_____ The puppeteer matches the movements of the puppet's mouth with the spoken part.

_____ The puppeteer hides himself.

_____ The puppeteer speaks in such a way that the sound appears to come from the puppet.

46. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.
When a puppeteer conceals himself from the audience during a puppet show, it makes it easier for people watching the show to use their _____. (1m)

- [ ] intelligence
- [ ] imagination
- [ ] mindfulness

47. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.
The type of stage needed for a puppet show depends on _____. (1m)

- [ ] the type of puppets
- [ ] how the puppeteer feels
- [ ] whether the puppeteer can find a stage

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48. What are two uses of music in puppet shows? (2m)

(i) _____

(ii) _____

49. Which word has the same meaning as "life-like"?
Circle either (A) or (B). (1m)

> The use of lighting has also enabled puppet productions to achieve **realistic** (A) and **spectacular** (B) effects.

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ANSWER KEY

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Q16	3	Q17	3	Q18	4				

Q19 B

Q20 A

Q21 D

Q22 E

Q23 helps

Q24 learn

Q25 is

Q26 are

Q27 The children are not going to the playground because it is raining.

Q28 Tom has watched the movie that his friends have been talking about.

Q29 We gave the speaker our full attention before he started his presentation.

Q30 Since you missed the school bus, you need to take public transport to get to school.

Q31 Shin Yang was embarrassed, because there was a puddle between his feet and the front of his pants was wet.

Q32 Frozen with terror.

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Q33 True

Q34 False

Q35 True

Q36 thankful

Q37 3

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Q38 clumsily

Q39 blessing

Q40 Susie purposely dump the tank of water onto Shin Yang's lap as Shin Yang pants was wet, Susie lnows how Shin Yang feels as she also wets her pants once.

Q41 global appeal

Q42 Hand

Q43 rods or wires

Q44 string

Q45 3

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Q46 imagination

Q47 the type of puppets

Q48 (i)Music sets the mood

(ii)Music provides the sound that accompanies the puppet's movement.

Q49 realistic

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