SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL

FIRST SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2019

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY FOUR

Name: _____ ( ) Date: 13 May 2019

Class: Primary 4 SY / C / G / SE / P

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET A

16 questions

16 marks

Total time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 15 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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3. Answer all questions.
4. Shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

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Section A: Vocabulary

For each question from 1 to 6, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.
(6 marks)

1 She grabbed his shoulder for _____ as she was afraid that she would fall.

(1) control
(2) shelter
(3) support
(4) defence

2 We were not told the date of the game. It has been postponed _____.

(1) improperly
(2) indefinitely
(3) uncertainly
(4) indecisively

3 I do not believe the story; it is entirely _____ .

(1) factual
(2) fictitious
(3) enthralling
(4) informative

4 It is _____ to fly an aeroplane without a valid pilot's licence.

(1) illegal
(2) illegible
(3) inedible
(4) incredible

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5 The entire west wing of the building was thoroughly _____ by the fire.

(1) deleted
(2) removed
(3) separated
(4) demolished

6 The doctor said that the patient would _____ after the operation.

(1) pull up
(2) pull over
(3) pull across
(4) pull through

Section B: Grammar

For each question from 7 to 12, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.
(6 marks)

7 The football players practised their set pieces _____ the watchful eyes of their new coach.

(1) on
(2) over
(3) under
(4) before

8 I am afraid I cannot help both of you. Can you do the work _____?

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

9 No matter how hard he tried to move the rock, it _____ not budge.

(1) must
(2) might
(3) would
(4) should

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10 The bread was stale, _____ we threw it away.

(1) if
(2) so
(3) but
(4) yet

11 I was not aware that my sister _____ for me at the cinema yesterday.

(1) wait
(2) waits
(3) waited
(4) is waiting

12 Do not spend too _____ time on one question. You have another fifty questions to go.

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

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Section C: Visual Text

Study the following flyer and answer questions 13 to 16.

Pal's Social Centre



FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

CHILDREN'S ART CLASS (6 - 8 YEARS)



This 6-month course conducted by Mr Dan Tng begins on 7 June. It will be held every Friday from 7pm to 9pm. Children must bring their own paper and art materials.
Fee : $70

CREATIVE GIFT-WRAPPING COURSE



This 2-month course conducted by Mr Alan Tan begins on 5 June. It will be held every Wednesday from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. There are 8 sessions altogether.
Fee : $45 inclusive of course materials. All are welcome.

BASIC CARPENTRY FOR LADIES



This one-week course conducted by Mrs Rachel Ng begins on Monday, 3 June. It will be held at the Social Centre Workshop from 6.30pm to 8pm.
Fee : $30

CAKE-MAKING COURSE



This four-week course conducted by famous pastry chef, Miss Pat Loh begins on 6 June. It will be held every Thursday from 6pm to 8pm. She will teach you how to bake Swiss Roll, Black Forest Cake, Butter Cake & Cheesecake. You get to take your cake home too!
Fee : $85

BIRD-WATCHERS' EXCURSION



Join our club's excursion to the East Coast Sanctuary every Sunday. Learn to identify many species of birds. Meet Mr Tom Lim at the Social Centre at 6am. No membership fees required. Bring your own binoculars.

For more information, call Miss Mary Lim at 6252 1122 during office hours.

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For each question from 13 to 16, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (4 marks)

13 The Pal's Social Centre holds courses for _____ .

(1) men only
(2) ladies only
(3) boys and girls only
(4) children and adults

14 The Children's Art Class will be held _____ .

(1) fortnightly
(2) once a week
(3) twice a week
(4) once a month

15 Which one of the following activities is free?

(1) Children's Art Class
(2) Cake-Making Course
(3) Bird-Watchers' Excursion
(4) Basic Carpentry for Ladies

16 Which one of the following statements is **true**?

(1) 'Basic Carpentry for Ladies' is a one-week course.
(2) You can call 6252 1122 any time for more information.
(3) All activities at Pal's Social Centre are held in the evenings.
(4) You can learn to bake chocolate cake at the Cake-Making Course.

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Parent's Signature :

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	Marks Obtained	Highest Possible Marks
Booklet A		16
Booklet B		34
Sub-total		50

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)
BOOKLET B

28 questions

34 marks

Total time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 15 minutes

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Section D: Grammar Cloze

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.** (4 marks)

(A)	around	(B)	from	(C)	in
(D)	to	(E)	under	(F)	with

An otter-loving couple got the perfect witnesses for a wedding proposal at Marina Reservoir – a group of otters. Mr Jordan Doyle and Miss Mary Lister were otter watching **(17)** _____ local photographers when they spotted the group of otters. It was the perfect moment for Jordan's proposal **(18)** _____ Mary. A group of otters emerged **(19)** _____ the water and approached the couple. They hung **(20)** _____ the couple, providing a local photographer, Mr Seah, the perfect opportunity to capture photographs of the special occasion. The photographs captured will "go down in their photobooks".

Adapted from The Straits Times, 20 Nov 2018

Read the passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets. (4 marks)

A review is underway to improve the support for caregivers of seniors. The initiative **(21)** [include / includes] looking at ways to empower caregivers and make it easier for them to find the support they need. There **(22)** [is / are] a growing need for caregivers among Singapore's ageing population. The Ministry of Health (MOH) started consultations for the review last month. It **(23)** [expect / expects] to complete consultations by the end of the year and **(24)** [put / puts] out a set of recommendations next year. Those who want to give feedback for the review can e-mail the MOH at wecare@moh.gov.sg.

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Section E: Vocabulary Cloze

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and fill in the blanks. **USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.** (6 marks)

challenge	company	dramatic	frail
strong	survive	tipped	topped

Isaac Newton was born on Christmas Day in 1642. He was born premature and looked **(25)** _____, so nobody expected him to **(26)** _____. Isaac's father who owned a modest farm had died several months before his son's birth. Isaac was looked after by his grandmother. He did not play with other children as he liked his own **(27)** _____. He read a lot and invented small toys to amuse himself.

Isaac did poorly at King's School, but something happened to cause a **(28)** _____ change in his life. He was bullied at school. After a fight with the school bully which Isaac won, he decided he would beat him at schoolwork too. He began to work on his new **(29)** _____. That year, he **(30)** _____ the class. This was the turning point of his life.

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Section F: Sentence Combining

For each of the questions from 31 to 34, combine the sentences to make **one** sentence using the word(s) given. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the sentences given. (4 marks)

31 It was freezing cold. He jumped into the river to save the drowning girl.

_____ **although**

_____

32 Tim agreed not to tell anyone the secret. Bob agreed not to tell anyone the secret.

Both _____

_____

33 Dan pointed at the spot. He had found a diamond ring there.

_____ **where**

_____

34 Alan does not know how to play floorball. Fred does not know how to play floorball too.

Neither _____

_____

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Section G : Comprehension (Short Response)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 35 to 39. (6 marks)

Ali and his friends walked along Mandai Road. Soon, they turned into a small path that led to farms and their destination. They were heading for a small pond which had been abandoned for several months. They knew it belonged to nobody and had a lot of fish. Heavy rain the previous day had made the path very muddy. What made it worse were the potholes scattered everywhere.

The boys did not mind sloshing through the mud since they had gone to have fun. Suddenly, they heard honking behind them. An old van sped past, not caring about the bumpy ride in and out of the potholes. It splattered mud on Derrick's chest and Raj's face. Ali and Terence laughed while Raj muttered a curse.

As they turned a bend five minutes later, they were delighted to see the van stuck in a big pothole. The driver, Mr Tan, was revving the van but it was useless! They stood and roared with laughter. After several attempts, his van was still stuck. They felt sorry for him and asked if he needed any assistance.

They stood in the mud and tried to push the van forward while Mr Tan pressed on his accelerator. When mud splashed all over them Mr Tan chortled heartily at the funny sight. Then they searched for planks and logs among the tall weeds beside the road. They put them in front and behind the four wheels. They pushed the van again. This time, with a Herculean effort, the van leapt out of the pothole.

Mr Tan invited them to his farm. He said that he had a fish pond and would allow them to keep whatever fish they caught that morning. They were thrilled. They even had a bath and lunch at his house.

Adapted from Better Comprehension

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35 Which word in paragraph 1 has a similar meaning to 'left unattended'? [1m]

For questions 36–37, read each statement and tick (✓) "True" or "False". The first example has been done for you. [2m]

	Statement	True	False
Example	**The four boys went to a vegetable farm.**		✓
36	Raj was furious when the mud splattered on his face.		
37	The boys managed to get the van out of the pothole effortlessly.		

38 List the two items the boys used to get the van out of the pothole. [2m]

(i)_____

(ii)_____

39 Why did Mr Tan laugh even though his van was still stuck? [1m]

(1) He was a jovial person.
(2) He was amused to see the boys pushing the van so hard.
(3) He was having fun as the van rocked to and fro in the pothole.
(4) He thought the boys looked funny with mud splashed on them. ( )

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Section H: Comprehension (Open-Ended)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 40 to 44. (10 marks)

The biggest structure ever built by Man is the Great Wall of China. Built over 2 700 years ago, it has a total length of 2 400 kilometres, making it the longest wall in the world. The building of the wall was begun by Shi Huang Di, the first emperor of China. He wanted to keep out the fierce nomads from the north who rode into China killing people and robbing them. A million labourers worked with their bare hands on the wall's construction and thousands died as a result.

From a distance, the wall looks like a long snake wriggling over mountains and valleys. It is made of stone slabs and earth. Each stone is three metres long and weighs about one thousand kilogrammes. In most parts, the wall reaches up to nine metres high. Along the top runs a road five metres wide that allows five horses to run side by side or ten men to march abreast.

At every few hundred metres, there is a tall watch-tower where guards kept a lookout for enemies. If they spotted an enemy, they lit a fire at the top of the tower or sent smoke signals. Then the emperor's soldiers would rush to defend the wall.

Today, the wall is of little use for defence. However, it is China's greatest tourist attraction, drawing visitors from all over the world. These visitors would make the difficult climb to the top and have their pictures taken. No visit to China is complete without a visit to the Great Wall of China.

Adapted from Great Wall Facts

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

40 When was the Great Wall of China built? [2m]

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41 What was Shi Huang Di's purpose in building the Great Wall of China? [2m]

_____

_____

42 Why was the road on top of the Great Wall of China built five metres wide? [2m]

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43 Why were the watch-towers built? [2m]

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44 In what ways did the guards give warning about the approaching enemies? [2m]

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ANSWER KEY

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Q1	3	Q2	2	Q3	2	Q4	1	Q5	4
Q6	4	Q7	3	Q8	3	Q9	3	Q10	2
Q11	3	Q12	4	Q13	4	Q14	2	Q15	3
Q16	1								

Q17 F

Q18 D

Q19 B

Q20 A

Q21 includes

Q22 is

Q23 expects

Q24 put

Q25 frail

Q26 survive

Q27 company

Q28 dramatic

Q29 challenge

Q30 topped

Q31 He jumped into the river to save the drowning girl although it was freezing cold.

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Q32 Both Tin and Bob agreed not to tell anyone the secret.

Q33 Dan pointed at the spot where he had found a diamond ring.

Q34 Neither Alan nor Fred knows how to play floorball.

Q35 abandoned

Q36 True

Q37 False

Q38 (i)planks

(ii)logs

Q39 4

Q40 The Great Wall of China was built over 2700 years ago.

Q41 Shi Huang Di's purpose in building the Great Wall of China was to keep out the fierce nomads from from the north who rode into China killing people and robbing them.

Q42 It was to allow five horses to run side by side or ten men to march abreast.

Q43 They were built for the guards to keep a lookout for enemies.

Q44 They sent smoke signals or lit fires at the top of the towers.

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