2019 PRIMARY 4 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2

(LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

1. Write your name, class and register number.
2. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.
5. For questions 1 to 14, shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.
6. For questions 15 to 39, write your answers in this booklet.

Section A & B	**/ 14**
Section C to G	**/ 36**
Total Score	**/ 50**

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Section A (6 x 1m)

Vocabulary

For each question from 1 to 6, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

1. Lenny _____ the oranges to get a glass of fresh juice every morning.

   (1) strains

   (2) crushes

   (3) smashes

   (4) squeezes

2. Sally said, "I'll _____ the parcel at the office later today."

   (1) drop in

   (2) drop by

   (3) drop off

   (4) drop out

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3. The melodious music was so _____ that the little girl soon fell asleep.

(1) caring

(2) soothing

(3) charming

(4) entertaining

4. When his neighbour did not turn down the volume of the television, Mr Singh decided to make a police _____.

(1) report

(2) protest

(3) feedback

(4) complaint

5. The children were dissatisfied with the ending as the movie ended _____.

(1) steadily

(2) abruptly

(3) hurriedly

(4) gradually

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6. The exhausted giant _____ towards his castle after having a hearty meal.

(1) sped

(2) strolled

(3) scurried

(4) sprinted

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Section B (8 x 1m)

Grammar

For each question from 7 to 14, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

7. Meera enjoyed the sights and sounds of nature as she paddled _____ the river in a canoe.

(1) by

(2) over

(3) under

(4) along

8. The water in the fish tanks _____ very dirty. All the poor fish will die.

(1) is

(2) was

(3) are

(4) were

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9. "_____ you be able to attend my party?" Tom asked his best friend.

(1) Shall

(2) Can

(3) May

(4) Will

10. "The twins baked these cookies all by _____," Mum told Dad proudly.

(1) myself

(2) herself

(3) ourselves

(4) themselves

11. Wei Ming dropped his wallet as he was getting off the bus. A kind lady helped him _____ it up.

(1) pick

(2) picks

(3) picked

(4) picking

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12. Raju will not be able to win the first prize _____ he trains hard.

(1) if

(2) since

(3) unless

(4) because

13. Mother was pleased that she _____ the pile of clothes.

(1) wash

(2) washed

(3) has washed

(4) had washed

14. "I think there is too _____ furniture in this small house. Let's give away the huge dining table first," Mr Tan suggested.

(1) few

(2) little

(3) much

(4) many

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Section C (10 m)

Comprehension

Read the passage below and answer questions 15 to 22. Your answer must be based on the passage.

Ron was feeling extremely tired as he had just ended his tough basketball training session. As he was putting his bag into his car, Ron was hit by another car from behind. The irresponsible driver then drove off, leaving Ron there with no help.

The impact of the accident left Ron paralysed from the waist down. His doctors told him that he would never walk again. Ron's heart sank as his dream of playing basketball professionally came crushing down on him.

In times like these, most people would be distraught and helpless. However, Ron worked hard to prove the doctors wrong. He said in an interview with the newspapers, "They don't know me very well. I'm going to do all I can so that I can walk again."

Over the next five years, Ron made sure that he attended every single therapy session. However, there were days when his recovery progress was so slow that he felt like giving up. Soon, to everyone's amazement, Ron regained his ability to stand. Ron was also able to move his hips, knees, ankles and toes. He then proceeded to take small steps on his own.

From then on, Ron's goal was to play basketball once again. He knew it would be an uphill task but he persevered and worked towards achieving his goal.

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15. Tick ✓ the correct answer.

Based on the passage, Ron was a _____ young man. (1m)

	helpful
	thoughtful
	determined

16. Which word has the same meaning as **'very upset'**?
Circle either (A) or (B). (1m)

In times like these, most people would be distraught (A) and helpless (B).

17. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the boxes below to indicate the order in which the events took place in the story. (1m)

	Doctors broke the bad news to Ron.
	Ron learnt to play basketball again.
	The reporters interviewed Ron.

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18. Which two-word phrase from paragraph 2 has the same meaning as **'disappointed'**? (1m)

For Q19-21, read each sentence and tick ✓ "True" or "False"
The first example has been done for you. (3m)

Sentence		True	False
Example	Ron took three years to make a full recovery.		✓
19.	The tough basketball training sessions left Ron injured and he was unable to move his lower body.		
20.	Ron did not believe what the doctor had told him.		
21.	Ron knew that his goal was difficult but he was sure that he would achieve it one day.		

22. In paragraph 4, what three things did Ron do that surprised everyone around him?

i. _____ (1m)

ii. _____ (1m)

iii. _____ (1m)

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Section D (4 x 1m)

Grammar Cloze

Read the passage carefully. There are 4 blanks, numbered 23 to 26, in the passage below. 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)	at	(B)	in	(C)	into
(D)	off	(E)	only	(F)	with

It was Sam and Ben's first trip to the caves. Ben asked his neighbour, Ali, if he would like to join them. Ali answered **(23)** _____ a resounding "Yes!"

The trio set **(24)** _____ on their bicycles. Upon reaching the caves, the boys switched on their torches and stepped **(25)** _____ the dark caves. A faint, musty smell greeted them. Suddenly, Ben stopped **(26)** _____ his tracks. He had heard a low growl.

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Section E (4 x 1m)

Grammar Cloze

Read the passage carefully. There are 4 questions, numbered 27 to 30, in the passage below. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

Tok Kah is a traditional game played by children a long time ago. The game **(27)** [begin / begins] with a player hopping on one foot. Next, he **(28)** [try / tries] to tag the others. Once a person is tagged, he will be the next 'catcher'. Children who **(29)** [play/ plays] this game will find it tiring but fun. More importantly, it **(30)** [teach / teaches] the children the importance of building a strong community in their neighbourhood. Today, however, children no longer play *Tok Kah*.

Adapted from: Tips on Neighbourliness (HDB)

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Section F (4 x 2m)

Synthesis and Transformation

For each of the questions 31 to 34, 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 meaning of the given sentence(s).

31. Mrs Muthu gave the children a treat. The children were well-behaved.

_____ so

_____.

32. The concert was delayed. There was a power failure.

Due to _____

_____

33. Linda does not enjoy the outdoors. Bala does not enjoy the outdoors too.

Neither _____ nor

_____

34. "Where is the key to this lock?" Mr Chia asked me.

Mr Chia asked me _____

_____

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Section G (5 x 2m)

Comprehension Open

Read the passage below and answer questions 35 to 39.

"I really think the campsite is by that mountain," Billy said, breaking the silence. Ming and Amir looked at each other and sighed. They were sure that they were lost. How they regretted letting Billy lead the hike that morning.

Amir glared at Billy before pulling his cap lower over his eyes. The day was hotter than usual and the air was humid. Feeling the heat as well, Ming's face turned pink and he could feel the sweat drenching his shirt.

"Let's stop here for a water break," Billy said, feeling guilty. He knew that his friends were blaming him. Billy's brother, Joe, had wanted to tag along as he was familiar with the trail. However, Billy declared he knew the route better and did not need Joe there. In actual fact, Billy liked the feeling of being in charge.

Out of frustration, Ming began to argue with Billy. Not wanting to get involved, Amir walked away from the duo. He climbed to the top of a nearby hill to see if he could spot the campsite. Amir saw nothing but the vast desert. Finally, to his pleasant surprise, he espied a black truck parked in front of a ranger's hut.

"I found it!" Amir exclaimed excitedly. "If we just go beyond those bushes, we should get there in an hour's time." The boys heaved a sigh of relief and headed hurriedly towards the location.

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

35. Why did Ming and Amir regret letting Billy lead the hike?

36. Which action by Amir showed that he did not like the heat?

37 Why did Billy not want Joe to lead them on the hike?

38. Which sentence tells you that Amir was not interested in the quarrel?

39. What does '**it**' (Line 19) refer to?

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ANSWER KEY

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SECTION A & B

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

SECTION C

Q15) determined

Q16) A

Q17) 1 > 3 > 2

Q18) heart sank

Q19) False

Q20) True

Q21) True

Q22) i: Ability to stand
ii: Able to move his hips, knees, ankles and toes
iii: Proceeded to take small steps on his own

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SECTION D & E

Q23) F

Q24) D

Q25) C

Q26) B

Q27) begins

Q28) tries

Q29) play

Q30) teaches

SECTION F

Q31) The children were well-behaved, so Mrs Muthu gave them a treat.

Q32) Due to a power failure, the concert was delayed.

Q33) Neither Linda nor Bala enjoys the outdoors.

Q34) Mr Chia asked me where the key to that lock was.

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SECTION G

Q35) They regretted letting Billy lead the hike because they got lost.

Q36) Aamir pulled his cap lower over his eyes.

Q37) Billy wanted to be in charge of the hike.

Q38) Not wanting to get involved, Amir walked away from the duo.

Q39) It refers to the campsite.

END

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