Anglo-Chinese School (Junior)

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2 (2019)

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY 4

Name : _____ ( )

Class : P 4 . ( )

Date : 24 October 2019

BOOKLET A

15 Questions

15 Marks

Total Time For Booklet A and B : 1 hour 15 minutes

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Part 1: Vocabulary (6 marks)

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 correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. A _____ broke into Aunt Lee's bunglow last night and stole all her jewellery.

   (1) robber
   (2) burglar
   (3) shoplifter
   (4) pickpocket

2. Mr Tan is the principal of the school, so whatever he says _____.

   (1) foots the bill
   (2) carries weight
   (3) calls a spade a spade
   (4) leaves no stone unturned

3. Even though Tom was trembling with fear, he _____ and stood before the Discipline Master, ready to take his punishment.

   (1) bit his head off
   (2) had no backbone
   (3) put on a brave front
   (4) built castles in the air

4. The old lady _____ at the young man in disgust when he grabbed the last seat on the bus.

   (1) winked
   (2) grinned
   (3) smirked
   (4) scowled

5. "Please handle the porcelain vase with care as it is _____," Mother warned the movers.

   (1) frail
   (2) fragile
   (3) feeble
   (4) floppy

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6. The teacher was appalled at his students' unruly behaviour and reprimanded them _____.

(1) hardly
(2) roughly
(3) severely
(4) extremely

Part 2: Grammar (8 marks)

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 correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

7. I want to go to the park _____ I have to clean my room first.

(1) but
(2) since
(3) before
(4) although

8. "Pass _____ bowl of fries to the next table of guests," ordered the host as he handed me the bowl.

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

9. Either Sue or the boys _____ preparing dinner tonight.

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

10. We do not have enough volunteers. _____ have signed up.

(1) Few
(2) Little
(3) Many
(4) Much

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11. Mrs Tan told her five children to share the toys among _____.

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

12. While his neighbours _____ soccer in the park, David stayed at home to rest.

(1) play
(2) will play
(3) had played
(4) were playing

13. When the little boy _____ the lizard, its tail broke off in his hand.

(1) grab
(2) grabs
(3) grabbed
(4) is grabbing

14. "I _____ this broken clock for two weeks. It's almost done," said Father.

(1) repaired
(2) am repairing
(3) have been repairing
(4) would have repaired

Part 3: Punctuation (1 mark)

For question 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

15. The policeman shouted [ ] "Hey, you! Stop where you are!"

(1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [?] question mark
(4) [!] exclamation mark

END OF BOOKLET A

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BOOKLET B

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Booklet	Component	Possible Marks	Marks Obtained
A	-	15	
B	Grammar Cloze 1	4	
	Grammar Cloze 2	4	
	Editing for Spelling & Grammar	3	
	Synthesis and Transformation	4	
	Comprehension Passage 1	10	
	Comprehension Passage 2	10	
	Total	35	

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Part 4: Grammar Cloze 1 (4 marks)

There are 4 blanks, numbered 16 to 19, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to F) in the blank.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

A	I	**B**	her	**C**	you
D	he	**E**	us	**F**	our

Mother: Who was that on the phone just now, Alex?

Alex: Oh, it was Uncle Lim.

Mother: What did (16) _____ say?

Alex: He wanted us to know that he would be coming to Singapore tomorrow.

Mother: What time?

Alex: At 1p.m. He also said that he would be staying with (17) _____ family during the visit. He'll be bringing a friend too. Guess who?

Mother: How should (18) _____ know? Who is it?

Alex: You spoke to (19) _____ at my birthday party last year. It's Jane.

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Part 5: Grammar Cloze 2 (4 marks)

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

My sister and I love to play badminton. We (20) [play / plays] a game at least once a week. I will use my father's old racket while my sister (21) [use / uses] hers.

Sometimes our neighbours, Fran and Greg, join us. They will bring their own rackets and we will play doubles. Greg likes to throw his racket into the air when he (22) [win / wins] a point. His sister will scold him every time he (23) [do / does] that. We have a lot of fun playing together.

Adapted from *Childhood*

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Part 6: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (3 marks)

Read the passage carefully. The words with spelling errors are in **bold** and the words with grammatical errors are underlined. Write the correct spelling or form of the word in each box.

Owls are fascinating birds. Most owls become active at night. During the day,

(24) [ ]

they rest in their nests. When they came out at night, they hunt for food. Owls are birds

(25) [ ]

of prey. They kill and eat other animals to **sirvive**. Owls feed on animals like insects,

(26) [ ]

spiders, earthworms, snails and crabs. Owls also eat mice. Whenever an owl spot a prey, it will swoop down from its branch and snatch the prey. Owls have very good eyesight and can see very well even when it is very dark.

Adapted from *Animal World*

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Part 7: Synthesis & Transformation (4 marks)

For each of the questions below, 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 given sentence(s).

27. Peter and John do not like playing computer games.

Neither _____ nor _____

_____

28. Rani fell. She screamed in pain.

When _____

_____

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Part 8: Comprehension 1 (10 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 29 to 33.

Wilbur and Orville Wright were American inventors of flying. In 1905, they built and flew the first fully practical airplane.

During Wilbur and Orville's childhood, their father would often buy small toys for his children. One day, he brought back a small model helicopter. It was made of cork, bamboo and paper, and powered by a rubber band to twirl its blades. Fascinated by the toy helicopter, the two brothers developed a lifelong love of building aeroplanes and flying.

When they grew up, the Wright brothers followed the research of German aviator, Otto Lilienthal, closely. When Lilienthal died in a glider crash, the brothers realised they had to depend on themselves to continue the research. Then, they decided to start their own experiments with flight.

They set to work trying to figure out how to design wings for flight. They observed that birds angled their wings for balance and control and tried to copy this. When they added moveable wheels, the Wright brothers found they had the magic formula. In 1903, they succeeded in flying the first power-driven airplane.

Wilbur and Orville set out for Europe, where they hoped they could sell their invention. In France, Wilbur made many public flights, and gave rides to many people. The Wrights sold their airplanes in Europe, before returning to the United States in 1909. With their invention, travelling to another country has become much easier.

Adapted from *History: Wright Brothers*

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WRITE YOUR ANSWERS IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

29. Which word in paragraph 1 has the same meaning as "functional"? [2m]

30. When did the brothers start to develop a love of building aeroplanes? [2m]

31. Why did the brothers decide to start their own experiments with flight? [2m]

32. What did the brothers learn from the birds when designing wings for flight? [2m]

33. Based on the passage, how has the Wright brothers' invention impacted the world? [2m]

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Part 9: Comprehension 2 (10 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 34 to 41.

Mr Chua Kheng Lee operates a mobile ice cream cart. From his home in Bedok, he rides his motorbike cart to 14 different spots around the area. He serves ice cream in traditional ways - wrapped in bread, sandwiched between two wafers, in addition to the standard wafer cone.

Customer satisfaction is what keeps him motivated. That is also why, amid rising costs, the price of two scoops of ice cream in a cone has remained at 50 cents since he started selling ice cream in 2003.

"People think it's easy money. It's not," he said. "There's a lot of preparation involved, and the hours are long. No one sees that."

Customers appreciate his hard work. Student Willie Wee, 24, leaves his Bedok flat to buy ice cream for his family each time he hears Mr Chua's familiar bell nearby. "I've been eating his ice cream since I was a kid," he said.

Mr Chua has even developed an online presence after a friend's son set up a Facebook page for him. He now gets requests to sell his ice cream at charity events, birthdays, school sports days and weddings.

Despite an uncertain future, he remains upbeat and confident about two things: ice cream will never go out of fashion, and his best-selling flavours, raspberry ripple, chocolate and peppermint will remain.

Adapted from *Little Red Dot*

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For Q34, which **two** statements describe Mr Chua's ice cream cart? Refer to paragraph 1 to help you. Tick (✓) your **two** chosen answers. An example has been done for you.

[2m]

Mr Chua's ice cream cart		Tick two answers
Example	It is a motorbike cart.	✓
34	It is mobile.	
	It contains ice cream and cones only.	
	It can be seen around areas in Bedok.	

35. Which word has the same meaning as "**usual**"? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

> He serves ice cream in **traditional** ways - wrapped in bread, sandwiched (A)
>
> between two wafers, in addition to the **standard** wafer cone. (B)

36. According to the passage, what do Mr Chua's customers appreciate about him? [1m]

They appreciate _____

37. According to Mr Chua, selling ice cream is not "easy money". What are two things about selling ice cream that he says people do not see? [2m]

i. _____

ii. _____

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For Q38-40, read each statement and tick (✓) "True" or "False". An example has been done for you. [3m]

	Statement	True	False
Example	Mr Chua started selling ice cream in 2003.	✓	
38	Mr Chua is motivated by satisfied customers.		
39	One scoop of ice cream is sold at 50 cents in 2003.		
40	Customers can go online to request for his services.		

41. Tick (✓) your chosen answer in the box. [1m]

From the last paragraph, which character trait best describes Mr Chua?

	positive
	uncertain
	innovative

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ANSWER KEY

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

Q16 D

Q17 F

Q18 A

Q19 B

Q20 play

Q21 uses

Q22 wins

Q23 does

Q24 come

Q25 survive

Q2 spots

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Q28 When Rani fell, she screamed in pain.

Q29 Practical

Q30 They started to develop love of building aeroplanes when their father brought back a small model helicopter.

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Q31 They decided to do that because when they grew, the brothers followed the research of German aviator, Otto Lilienthal, closely. When Lilienthal died in a glider crash, the brothers realized they had to depend on themselves to continue the search.

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It can be seen around areas in Bedok

Q35 standard

Q36 his hardwork

Q37 i.A lot of preparation is involved

ii.The hours are long

Q38 True

Q39 False

Q40 True

Q41 positive

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END.

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