HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
2019 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT TWO
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY FOUR

Part I	14
Part II	36
TOTAL	50

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PART I

SECTION A: Vocabulary (6 x 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

1. When Annie fell and injured herself during recess, a teacher rushed to _____ her.

(1) assist
(2) follow
(3) disturb
(4) interrupt

( )

2. A bird had pecked a hole through the cardboard box with its sharp _____.

(1) beak
(2) teeth
(3) claws
(4) horns

( )

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3. The _____ man had wasted all his money on expensive and useless things.

(1) thrifty
(2) stingy
(3) foolish
(4) generous ( )

4. Everyone at the beach _____ away when they saw a giant wave rushing towards them.

(1) crept
(2) strolled
(3) scurried
(4) lumbered ( )

5. The boys held their breaths nervously as they watched a skateboarder perform a/an _____ stunt.

(1) elegant
(2) hilarious
(3) dangerous
(4) threatening ( )

6. There are many _____ to save the leatherback turtles organised by the conservationists.

(1) fights
(2) battles
(3) campaigns
(4) promotions ( )

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SECTION B: Grammar (8 x 1 mark)

Choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided. Then shade your answers on the OAS provided.

7. John and his friends went to the cinema by _____.

(1) myself
(2) himself
(3) ourselves
(4) themselves ( )

8. The students _____ disappointed when they could not go for their learning journey last week.

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

9. "Since the children _____ at the park now, they will have their lunch later," said Mother.

(1) play
(2) played
(3) are playing
(4) have played ( )

10. We _____ your brother just now when we were on the way to school.

(1) met
(2) meet
(3) have met
(4) were meeting ( )

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11. My grandfather _____ at the neighbourhood park when he witnessed the accident.

(1) jogs
(2) will jog
(3) has jogged
(4) was jogging

( )

12. "Do not take _____ rotten apples on the table over there! You will get food poisoning if you eat them," warned Charles.

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

( )

13. There were not _____ apples to choose from, so I bought the ones which I thought were fresh.

(1) few
(2) much
(3) many
(4) some

( )

14. He cannot find _____ time to go swimming these days as he is too busy.

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

( )

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PART II
SECTION C: Grammar Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

Part 1

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 A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) he	(B) I	(C) they
(D) them	(E) us	(F) you

My grandfather and I were sitting on a bench outside his kampong house. He pointed to the ten chickens next to (15) _____. "As long as (16)_____ am able to work, I will keep these chickens," he said.

"Why do (17)_____ like chickens so much?" I asked.

He laughed and said, "I like them because (18) _____ are easy to look after. I toss them some food and each morning, I have fresh eggs to eat."

Adapted from https://owlcation.com

Part 2

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

A mother scorpion has a special place for her newborn babies. She (19) [help / helps] them climb onto her back. First, she (20) [lay / lays] her pincers flat on the ground like ramps. Then, the baby scorpions (21) [crawl / crawls] up her back. They usually (22) [stay / stays] there for about twenty days. After that, they are off on their own.

Adapted from https://news.nationalgeographic.com

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SECTION D: Comprehension Cloze (4 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

The Amazon is the world's largest rainforest. It is home to an incredible number of different (23) _____ of plants and animals. The Amazon (24) _____ not yet been fully explored and scientists are still discovering new species there.

Rainforests, like the Amazon, (25) _____ to cool the planet and absorb carbon dioxide from the air. Trees in the Amazon change carbon dioxide to oxygen and release it (26) _____ the air. It is believed that the Amazon alone produces 20 percent of the world's oxygen supply. Unfortunately, the Amazon is threatened by human activities.

Adapted from What's Up, Issue 163, August 2019

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SECTION E: Synthesis (4 x 1 mark)

Rewrite the given sentences using the word provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentences.

27. Ben was swimming in the pool. Ben's brother was playing tennis with his friends.

_____ while

_____

28. More animals will lose their homes. We continue to destroy the forests.

If _____

_____

29. The blue backpack belongs to my sister. The blue backpack was found in the library.

_____ which

_____

30. Jim did not want to go home. Sam did not want to go home.

Neither _____

_____

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SECTION F: Comprehension

Comprehension 1 (10 marks)

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

Annie's biggest problem was her little sister, Jenny. Jenny always drew on her homework and snatched her toys. However, being the older sister, Annie always forgave her. Their mother comforted Annie by saying that Jenny would behave better in time to come.

One afternoon, Annie was carefully painting a portrait of herself for an Art competition in school. Jenny was busy playing with her toys, allowing Annie to work on her painting peacefully.

After making the final stroke, she stared at the finished portrait with a smile. She was satisfied with **it**. She certainly deserved a short break on the computer.

When Annie returned after her break, her jaw dropped. She was shocked to find Jenny making long and bold brush strokes on her portrait. There was also paint splattered all over the floor.

"Jenny!" shouted Annie. "What have you done? I will never forgive you for this!" At the sight of Jenny's wobbling lips and watery eyes, Annie felt guilty for her harsh words.

"I'm sorry, Annie. I promise not to touch your work again. I'll clean the mess too," Jenny apologised while sobbing.

"Okay. Just don't do this again," Annie gave in although she knew Jenny would do something similar again. She could not wait for Jenny to grow older.

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31. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.
Jenny was her sister's biggest problem as she would always_____. [1m]

- ☐ have to be forgiven
- ☐ snatch her sister's toys
- ☐ draw on her sister's paintings

32. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.
Annie worked on her painting peacefully because Jenny was_____. [1m]

- ☐ busy playing with her toys
- ☐ helping to clean up the mess
- ☐ taking part in an Art competition

33. Which word in the sentence has the same meaning as 'trembling?
Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

At the sight of Jenny's **wobbling** (A) lips and **watery** (B) eyes, Annie felt guilty for her harsh words.

For Q34 – 35, decide who did the following activities. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.
The first example has been done for you. [2m]

Activities described in the passage		Annie	Jenny
Example	She snatched her sister's toys.		✓
34.	She splattered paint on the floor.		
35.	She had a short break on the computer.		

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For Q36-37, tick (✓) whether the statements describe Annie or Jenny. Refer to paragraphs 5 to 7 to help you. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

Statement		Annie	Jenny
Example	She was angry at her sister.	✓	
36.	She felt guilty for her words.		
37.	She was apologetic for making the mess.		

38. What does the word 'it' in Line 9 refer to? [1m]

39. At the end of the story, what two things did Jenny agree to do?

(i) _____ [1m]

(ii) _____ [1m]

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Comprehension 2 (10 marks)

Read the following passage carefully and answer questions 40 to 47.

As I entered my house by the back door, I found Uncle Tan, the cook and Ah San, his helper in the kitchen. Although they hardly looked up when I walked by, I merrily greeted them with the joyous news - I was now the newly-elected president of my class. Their posture reminded me of my disgraceful behaviour at the birthday party two days ago. Uncle Tan waved me on impatiently. "Can't you see we've work to do?" he asked curtly.

Instantly, I climbed the stairs and went into my room. I took out my exercise book where the votes were tallied, enjoying the triumph of my victory earlier that morning. Head girl of Sheng Xin Primary School! Thinking of that, the problems I faced at home slid off my heart.

Suddenly, there was a knock on the door and Ah San entered at once.

"A crowd of your friends is downstairs in the living room. **They** are asking for you," she whispered politely.

"Is Niang home?" I blurted out.

"I'm afraid she is. So is your father."

"Tell my friends I'm not home. Please do it!" I begged her desperately.

"I tried but they know you're here. Everyone has brought a gift. They mean well."

I felt panic-stricken but had no choice but to follow Ah San to the living room. As I crept down the stairs, I could hear their giggles and screams resounding through the house.

They yelled excitedly as soon as they saw me. As a result, no one seemed to notice my tongue-tied silence. I shifted my eyes away from meeting anyone else's, afraid that my family's luxurious life was about to be exposed to my penniless classmates as Niang, my stepmother, called them.

Adapted from 'Chinese Cinderella' by Adeline Yen Mah

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40. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.
The writer was _____. [1m]

☐	well-liked by her peers
☐	proud of her family's wealth
☐	re-elected as the class president

41. What news did Ah San reveal to the writer that caused her to be panic-stricken? [1m]

☐	Niang had found out about her joyous news.
☐	Her parents wanted to see her in their room.
☐	Her friends from school had come to congratulate her.

42. Read each statement and tick (✓) "True" or "False". [2m]

	Statement	True	False
a.	Uncle Tan was less polite towards the writer than Ah San.		
b.	The writer's mood changed at the end of the story.		

43. Write **1, 2** and **3** in the boxes below to show what the writer did first, next and last in paragraph 1. [1m]

	The writer saw Uncle Tan and Ah San in the kitchen.
	The writer remembered her disgraceful behaviour at the birthday party.
	The writer shared the news that she was elected as the class president.

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44. Which **sentence** in the passage tells us that the writer's unhappiness of being in the house was lifted when she remembered her victory? [1m]

45. What does the word "**they**" in line ~~13~~ 12 refer to? [1m]

46. State whether each statement below is true or false. Give a reason for your answer. [2m]

	Statement	True/False	Evidence
(a)	Ah San thought the writer's friends wanted to cause problems by coming to the house.		
(b)	The writer did not want her friends to know where her family lived.		

47. Give a reason why the narrator's friends did not notice her silence. [1m]

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

Q15 E

Q16 B

Q17 F

Q18 C

Q19 helps

Q20 lays

Q21 crawl

Q22 stay

Q23 species

Q24 has

Q25 **help**

Q26 into

Q27 Ben was swimming in the pool while his brother was playing tennis with his friend.

Q28 If we continue to destroy the fores, more animals will lose their home.

Q29 The blue backpack which belongs to my sister was founding the library.

Q30 Neither Jim nor Sam wanted to go home.

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Q31 snatch her sister's toy.

Q32 busy playing with her toys

Q33 wobbling

Q34 Jeremy

Q35 Annie

Q36 Annie

Q37 Jenny

Q38 It refers to Annie's finished portrait.

Q39(i)She would not touch Annie's work ever again.

(ii)She would clean the mess she made.

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Q40 well-liked by her peers

Q41 Her friends from school had come to congratulate.

Q42 (a)True

(b)True

Q43 1

3

2

Q44 Thinking of that, the problems I faced at home slid off my heart.

Q45 It refers to the writer's friends waiting at the front door.

Q46 (a)False. Ah San said that everyone had brought gifts and that they mean well.

(b)False. The writer did not want to let her friends know her family lived because she did not want to expose her luxorious life to her classmate.

Q47 The narrator's friends yelled exciedly as soon as they saw the narrator, so as a result they did not notice the narrator's silence.

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