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ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY 4
PAPER 2
BOOKLET A

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BOOKLET A		
SECTION	**COMPONENT**	**TOTAL MARKS**
A	Vocabulary	6
B	Grammar	8
	TOTAL MARKS	/14

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Section A: Vocabulary (6 x 1 mark)

Choose the correct answer and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the **Optical Answer Sheet** provided.

1. When Jeremiah won the top prize, he was so _____ that he jumped for joy.

   (1) ecstatic
   (2) bewildered
   (3) nonchalant
   (4) disappointed

2. "I enjoy science lessons as we can conduct experiments in the _____," Janice shared.

   (1) office
   (2) theatre
   (3) laboratory
   (4) gymnasium

3. Diana likes to boast about her achievements. Her friends avoid her because of her _____ behaviour.

   (1) haughty
   (2) amusing
   (3) thoughtful
   (4) irresponsible

4. The train was delayed due to track faults during the peak hour traffic, causing many _____ to be late for work.

   (1) onlookers
   (2) spectators
   (3) commuters
   (4) pedestrians

5. After a long time, the boys finally _____ that they had accidentally broken the class window.

   (1) guessed
   (2) remarked
   (3) confessed
   (4) suggested

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6. The crowd cheered wildly when they saw the fastest runner _____ towards the finish line.

(1) sprinting
(2) shuffling
(3) scurrying
(4) staggering

Section B: Grammar (8 x 1 mark)

Choose the correct answer and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the **Optical Answer Sheet** provided.

7. "Please tidy the room by _____ as I am too busy to help you," Mother told the twins.

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

8. While studying last night, John _____ distracted by the loud music coming from his sister's room.

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

9. My brother _____ soundly when the loud thunder woke him up.

(1) sleeps
(2) will sleep
(3) has slept
(4) was sleeping

10. My family and I _____ in a cooking competition last June.

(1) participate
(2) participated
(3) have participated
(4) were participating

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11. I decided not to have noodles for recess as there were too _____ people in the queue.

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

12. _____ girl standing there outside the library is my best friend.

(1) This
(2) That
(3) These
(4) Those

13. "Father can't come to the phone right now as he _____ his car," Jake informed his aunt.

(1) washes
(2) washed
(3) is washing
(4) has washed

14. _____ of the water from the well has dried up because of the dry season.

(1) Little
(2) None
(3) Much
(4) Many

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SECTION	**COMPONENT**	**TOTAL MARKS**
C	Grammar Cloze	/8
D	Vocabulary Cloze	/4
E	Sentence Manipulation	/4
F	Comprehension 1	/10
G	Comprehension 2	/10
	TOTAL MARKS	/36

BOOKLET A	BOOKLET B	TOTAL MARKS OBTAINED
/14	/36	/50

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Section C: Grammar Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

Passage 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) her	(B) I	(C) it
(D) she	(E) them	(F) we

It was Kelly's tenth birthday. As Kelly got ready for the day, (15) _____ expected that the celebration would be a simple one, just like in previous years. Kelly's parents would usually prepare a home-cooked meal before presenting (16) _____ with a slice of cake and a gift. This year, however, was different.

"Kelly, (17) _____ have decided to organise a party for you!" her parents announced. They had invited many of her friends and prepared a feast. Kelly's mother had baked a huge birthday cake. At the end of the day, Kelly hugged her parents and said that (18) _____ was a birthday celebration that she would remember for a long time.

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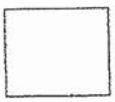
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Passage 2:

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

My siblings and I often visit the neighbourhood park on weekends. There (19) [is / are] many activities that we can do at the park. My older brother and I (20) [like / likes] to cycle along the track. My younger sister (21) [prefer / prefers] to use the equipment at the exercise corner. Before heading home, we usually (22) [stop / stopped] by one of the ponds in the park to look at the many fishes there.



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Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (4 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letters (A to H) in each blank. **USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.**

(A) waste	(B) mishaps	(C) supply	(D) harmful
(E) amount	(F) disasters	(G) consume	(H) positive

According to a report from the United Nations, climate change has caused many negative effects. These effects have caused more natural (23) _____ such as droughts, floods and forest fires, contributing to the loss of animal and plant species.

All these problems have reduced the world's food (24) _____. It is now more difficult to produce food. Therefore, we should not (25) _____ food. By doing so, we will be able to reduce the (26) _____ effects of climate change on the environment.

Adapted from "The Future Of Food?"; Time For Kids, August 8, 2019

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Section E: Sentence Manipulation (2 x 2 marks)

For Questions 27 and 28, 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).

27. You will reach the train station. Walk along the narrow path.

If _____

_____

28. Tom said, "My cousins will be going to the museum tomorrow."

Tom said _____

_____

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Section F: Comprehension (10 marks)

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

I have fond memories of my childhood. My family and I lived in a neighbourhood called Lim Siang Park. It consisted of rows of shophouses and terrace houses that surrounded a big field.

Every evening, my neighbourhood friends and I would meet in front of the shophouse where I lived. We would then head for the field where we played all kinds of games including catching, football and hopscotch. Everyone got along. **It did not matter to us whether we were Chinese, Malay or Indian.** I nicknamed the group the 'Lim Siang Park Kids'. Nothing could break our friendship.

We were an adventurous and energetic bunch. We climbed trees and swung from branch to branch like monkeys. We plucked guavas from the guava tree that belonged to a grumpy old man and ran gleefully away when he chased us, knowing full well he could never catch us.

We even had a secret hiding place which we discovered quite accidentally. We were looking for a pet dog that belonged to one of our friends which had strayed away when suddenly, we stumbled upon an abandoned hut just outside of the neighbourhood. Thankfully, we found the dog in the hut. As we stood in the tiny hut, we realised it would make a terrific club house. We soon turned it into our cosy hiding place.

Adapted from "Complete Practice Book for Grammar, Vocabulary & Comprehension", 2008

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29. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.
The author and his family lived in a _____ in Lim Siang Park. [1m]

☐	hut
☐	shophouse
☐	terrace house

30. Which word has the same meaning as 'daring'? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

We were an adventurous (A) and energetic (B) bunch.

31. Name two games the author and his friends liked to play at the field. [2m]

i. _____

ii. _____

For each of the questions 32 to 33, decide who did the following actions. Put a tick ✓ in the box for your answer. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

	Actions	Author	Author and his friends
Example	Swung from branches of trees (lines 9-10)		✓
32	Came up with the nickname, 'Lim Siang Park Kids' (lines 7-8)		
33	Plucked guavas (line 10)		

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For each of the questions 34 to 36, read each statement and tick ✓ "True" or "False". An example is shown below. [3m]

	Statement	True	False
Example	The old man managed to catch the author and his friends when they plucked guavas from his guava tree.		✓
34	The author and his friends followed the dog to the hut.		
35	The author and his friends turned the hut into a cosy club house that was their hiding place.		
36	The hut was located within Lim Siang Park.		

37. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

The sentence, "It did not matter to us whether we were Chinese, Malay or Indian." (lines 6-7), suggests that the author and his friends _____. [1m]

	were not aware of one another's race
	did not know the meaning of the word "race"
	were not affected by the differences in their race

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Section G: Comprehension Open-Ended (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

There was once a businessman named Mandu. He wanted to be rich and never hesitated to cheat others in order to make more money. However, one day, he learnt a hard lesson.

A small bag that belonged to Mandu went missing. The bag contained fifty gold coins. Mandu and his workers searched high and low for it, but to no avail. After a few days, the young daughter of one of Mandu's workers found the bag. She told her father about it. Her father identified the bag as the one that was missing and immediately alerted his master.

He gave the bag to Mandu and asked him to check whether it held fifty gold coins. Mandu was elated but he decided to play a wicked trick. He shouted at his worker, "There were eighty gold coins in this bag but you gave me only fifty! Where are the other thirty coins? You must have stolen them!" The worker was shocked and desperately pleaded his innocence. However, Mandu was determined to take the issue to the local judge.

The judge questioned the daughter and the worker about the number of gold coins they had found in the bag. They assured him that they had found only fifty coins. The judge then questioned Mandu, "Are you sure that your bag had eighty gold coins?" Mandu nodded vigorously. The judge soon made his final decision.

"Since Mandu lost a bag of eighty gold coins and the bag found by the girl had only fifty coins, it is clear that the bag that was found does not belong to Mandu. I therefore order the girl and her father to take those fifty coins as a reward for their honesty!" declared the judge, grinning from ear to ear.

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Answer the following questions. Write your answers in the space provided.

38. Who found Mandu's missing bag of gold coins? [1m]

_____

_____

39. Which word in paragraph 3 tells you that Mandu was very glad that his gold coins were found? [1m]

40. Write **1**, **2** and **3** in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story. [1m]

_____ The judge questioned the worker and his daughter.

_____ Mandu accused the worker of stealing his money.

_____ Mandu learnt a hard lesson.

41. Based on the story, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

Statement	True / False	Reason
There were eighty gold coins in the bag when it went missing.		
The worker did not steal Mandu's money.		
Mandu accepted it when his worker said he was innocent.		

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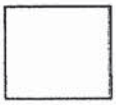
42. Based on the judge's final decision in paragraph 5, complete the table below. [2m]

Characters	Feeling	Reason
Mandu	**Regretful**	
Worker and his daughter		**They were found to be innocent and received fifty gold coins as a reward for their honesty.**

43. Use one word to describe Mandu's character. Provide a reason for your choice of the word based on the story. [2m]

One word to describe Mandu's character	Reason

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BOOKLET A

Section A: Vocabulary

No.	Ans
1	1
2	3
3	1
4	3
5	3
6	1

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Section B: Grammar (8 x 1mark)

No.	Ans
7	4
8	3
9	4
10	2
11	3
12	2
13	3
14	3

Section C: Grammar Cloze

Passage 1

15. D
16. A
17. F
18. C

Passage 2

19. are
20. like
21. prefers
22. stop

Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (4 x 1 mark)

23. F
24. C
25. A
26. D

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Section E: Sentence Manipulation

27. If you walk along the narrow path, you will reach the train station.

28. Tom said (that) **his/her** cousins **would** be going to the museum the **following / next day.**

Section F: Comprehension 1 (10 marks)

29. shophouse **[1m]**

30. (A) adventurous **[1m]**

31. Either two of the following answers:

    (i) catching **[1m]**

    (ii) football **[1m]**

    (iii) hopscotch **[1m]**

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	Actions	Author	Author and his friends
Q32	Came up with the nickname, 'Lim Siang Park Kids' (line 7-8)	✓	
Q33	Plucked guavas (line 10)		✓

	Statement	True	False
Q34	The author and his friends followed the dog to the hut.		✓
Q35	The author and his friends turned the hut into a cosy club house that was their hiding place.	✓	
Q36	The hut was located within Lim Siang Park.		✓

37. **were not affected by the differences in their race**

Section G: Comprehension Open-Ended

38.	The daughter of one of Mandu's workers found it. (1m)
39.	elated
40.	2 – 1 – 3

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41.

Statement	T/F	Reason
a) There were eighty gold coins in the bag when it went missing.	False	• There were only fifty coins in the bag when it went missing.
b) The worker did not steal Mandu's money.	True	• Mandu lied and said that the worker stole his money.
c) Mandu accepted it when his worker said he was innocent.	False	• He was determined/wanted to take the issue up to the local judge.

42.

Reason

Any of the following points (1m):

(i) He lost his money/bag of fifty coins **for the second time.**
(ii) He lost his money/bag of fifty coins **to the worker** (and his daughter).
(iii) He could **never/not recover** his money/bag of fifty coins.

Feeling

Any of the following points (1m):

(i) Relieved
(ii) Glad / Happy / Ecstatic / Elated
(iii) Thankful / Grateful

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43.

Ans 1 (any one of the following):

Trait: Mean/Evil/Wicked/Nasty

Reason (any one of the following):

- He wrongly/falsely accused the worker of stealing his money.
- He wanted to cheat the worker into giving him thirty more coins.
- He never hesitated to cheat others to make more money.

Ans 2 (any one of the following):

Trait: Dishonest/Untruthful

Reason (any one of the following):

- He lied that there were eighty coins in his bag when there were only fifty coins.
- He wanted to cheat the worker into giving him thirty more coins.
- He never hesitated to cheat others to make more money.

Ans 3

Trait: Greedy

Reason:

- He wanted to cheat the worker into giving him thirty more coins.

3 END

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