2019 PRIMARY 4 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2

(LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATE:

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. The man had to pay a _____ as he was caught littering.

   (1) bill

   (2) fee

   (3) fine

   (4) debt

2. During the prize-presentation ceremony, the winners _____ their medals from the guest of honour.

   (1) took

   (2) picked

   (3) received

   (4) gathered

3. "Stop eating those _____ potato chips. You are making too much noise in the cinema!" complained my mother.

   (1) soggy

   (2) greasy

   (3) crunchy

   (4) crumbly

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4. As John stepped into the bakery, he could smell the _____ of his favourite pastry.

(1) fumes

(2) odour

(3) aroma

(4) flavour

5. After waiting in anticipation, the students were _____ to see a turtle laying eggs at the beach.

(1) shocked

(2) amazed

(3) annoyed

(4) touched

6. The _____ salesman managed to convince my mother to buy the most expensive vacuum cleaner.

(1) lively

(2) talkative

(3) interesting

(4) persuasive

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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. Mrs Lim told her children to share the food among _____ .

(1) herself

(2) yourself

(3) ourselves

(4) themselves

8. I _____ so nervous when I performed in front of the audience.

(1) is

(2) are

(3) was

(4) were

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9. "Fasten your seat belts now. The bus _____ soon," Mrs Rani told her students.

(1) left

(2) leaves

(3) has left

(4) is leaving

10. Yesterday, the students _____ on a learning journey after they had their lunch.

(1) go

(2) went

(3) have gone

(4) were going

11. While everyone _____ the National Anthem at the Parade Square, the music stopped suddenly.

(1) sings

(2) will sing

(3) has sung

(4) was singing

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12. _____ loaf of bread here is for making sandwiches.

(1) This

(2) That

(3) These

(4) Those

13. The owner of this car is my neighbour who lives only _____ houses away.

(1) many

(2) some

(3) a few

(4) a lot of

14. Mr Tan is moving to a smaller house so he has to give away _____ furniture.

(1) any

(2) some

(3) a few

(4) many

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Section C (10 m)

Comprehension

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

It was almost midnight when I set off into the forest on Pulau Ubin. A mist covered the area as I joined a local durian-picking group to harvest the fruit.

Thorny bushes scratched my limbs as I followed the group leader deeper into the forest. To ward off mosquitoes, I had sprayed some insect repellent on my clothes. I carried a powerful torch to light my way and wore a helmet to protect my head from any falling fruit.

Suddenly, the group leader stopped and asked us if we had heard a durian fall. I had not. I was more worried about losing my footing on the ground and trying to prevent myself from stamping on the army of ants crawling on my shoes.

Shining a torch, the group leader found a fallen durian. "Squirrels have eaten it as they know how to pick the best ones," he explained. Just then, we noticed the area was littered with rubbish. Plastic bottles and styrofoam boxes had been left behind by people who had camped overnight to wait for the durians to fall.

Finally, I heard the thumping sound of a durian landing on the ground. We shone our torches around eagerly and searched thoroughly but could not find it. Sadly, we had to leave the forest empty-handed.

Adapted from The Straits Times

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15. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

The author was in the forest to _____. (1m)

☐	pick durians
☐	enjoy the mist
☐	clear the litter

16. In paragraph 2, what three things did the author do to make her trip safe? (3m)

i. _____ (1m)

ii. _____ (1m)

iii. _____ (1m)

17. In paragraph 3, which three-word phrase tells you that the author found it difficult to walk without falling? (1m)

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

	The author saw a durian on the ground.
	The author heard a durian fall onto the ground.
	The author met up with a group of people to look for durians.

For Q19 - 21, read each sentence and tick ✓ "True" or "False". Refer to paragraphs 2 to 4 to help you. The first example has been done for you. (3m)

Statement		True	False
Example	The author was looking for durians.	✓	
19.	The author's hands and legs had scratches.		
20.	The author killed (prevent) the ants that were crawling on her shoes.		
21.	The author's group littered in the forest.		

22. Which word has the same meaning as carefully'?
Circle either (A) or (B). (1m)

We shone our torches around eagerly and searched thoroughly but could not find it. (A) (B)

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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)	he	(B)	her	(C)	I
(D)	it	(E)	me	(F)	us

The supermarket was crowded. Mother had wanted my brother and **(23)** _____ to help her buy some groceries. I asked my brother to get the items that were out of my reach as **(24)** _____ was much taller. Then, we put all the groceries into the trolley and pushed **(25)** _____ to the cashier to pay for our purchases. When we reached home, Mother thanked **(26)** _____. We were happy to have helped her.

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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.

There is a community garden in my neighbourhood. My neighbour, Mr Tan, **(27)** [enjoy / enjoys] looking after the fruit trees and vegetables. His children also **(28)** [go / goes] there regularly. They **(29)** [help / helps] to remind others not to pluck the fruits and vegetables before they ripen. In the evening, the garden **(30)** [is / are] quite crowded as many residents go there to relax. Community gardens encourage more interaction amongst its residents.

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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. The pasta sauce was really spicy. I drank many glasses of water.

As _____

_____ .

32. Mr Lim's car has broken down. Mr Lim bought the car last year.

_____ which

_____ .

33. Lisa did not bake the cake. Lisa did not bake the muffins.

_____ neither _____

_____ nor _____ .

34. "Did you return my library book?" Ben asked his sister.

Ben asked his sister _____

_____ .

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Section G (5 x 2m)

Comprehension Open

Read the passage below and answer questions 35 to 39.

Mr and Mrs Smith and their ten-year-old daughter, Mary, lived in Malacca. One night, after dinner, Mr Smith announced that he was going to have to stop being a teacher for a while. He had heard that the Japanese were attacking Singapore and wanted to go there to join the British army to strengthen the defence. Concerned about his safety, Mary cried and clung to her father as he bade her farewell the next day.

Life was not the same for Mary after **that**. When Mary came home from school, her mother no longer sang songs and played games with her. Mary knew that something was wrong, but was too scared to ask because her mother always looked sad and anxious.

One day, Mrs Smith received a letter from Mary's father. He wanted them to leave for Singapore immediately as it was no longer safe to stay in Malacca with the war approaching. At once, Mrs Smith packed a few belongings into a small bag. Mary grabbed a change of clothes and her favourite teddy bear.

Late that night, Mary and her mother were ushered into a large army truck. Even in the darkness, Mary could see that it was full of mothers and their young children. Unlike the other children who looked sleepy and were snuggling up to their mothers, Mary was wide awake. "I can't wait to reunite with Father!" she thought excitedly.

As the truck drove away, Mary did not even turn to look at her house where she had lived for the last ten years. Little did she know that she was never going to return to Malacca again.

Adapted from Voices Under the Rising Sun

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

35. What was Mr Smith's occupation?

_____

_____

36. What does **'that'** in line 7 refer to?

_____

_____

37. In paragraph 2, describe how Mrs Smith used to spend time with Mary.

_____

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38. Why did Mary and her mother have to leave their home hurriedly?

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39. In paragraph 4, why was Mary unable to fall asleep?

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ANSWER KEY

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

Q15 pick durians

Q16 i. The author sprayed some insect repellent on her clothes.

ii. The author carried a powerful torch to light her way.

iii. The author wore a helmet to protect her head from any falling fruit.

Q17 losing my footing.

Q18

2	The author saw a durian on the ground.
3	The author heard a durian fall onto the ground.
1	The author met

Q19 True √

Q20 False √

Q21 False √

Q22 B (thoroughly)

Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26
E	A	D	F
Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
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Q31 As the pasta sauce was really spicy, I drank many glasses of water.

Q32 The car, which Mr Lim bought last year has broken down.

Q33 Lisa baked neither the cake nor the muffins.

Q34 Ben asked his sister if she had returned library book.

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Q35 Mr. Smith was a teacher.

Q36 It refers to Mr Smith going to Singapore to join the British army to strengthen the defence.

Q37 Mrs Smith used to sing songs and play games with Mary.

Q38 Malacca was no longer safe to stay in with the war approaching.

Q39 Mary could not wait to reunite with Mr Smith.

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