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Tao Nan School

P4 English Practice Paper 1 – 2021

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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. I asked the cashier for a _____ after paying for the shirt.

   (1) bill

   (2) fee

   (3) ticket

   (4) receipt

2. My brother always makes funny faces to _____ me.

   (1) excite

   (2) inspire

   (3) puzzle

   (4) amuse

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3. The _____ runner refused to give up although he was the last in the race.

(1) sincere

(2) patient

(3) diligent

(4) persistent

4. My mother bought the _____ from the supermarket to bake a chocolate cake.

(1) food

(2) cutlery

(3) materials

(4) ingredients

5. The students were _____ when the rain stopped as they could walk home without getting wet.

(1) relieved

(2) satisfied

(3) surprised

(4) contented

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6. You have been _____ to look after your belongings if you do not want to lose anything.

(1) asked

(2) invited

(3) offered

(4) advised

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. The boys got out of the swimming pool and dried _____ with a towel.

(1) myself

(2) himself

(3) ourselves

(4) themselves

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8. Nora _____ delighted when she received a letter from her pen pal in Canada.

(1) is

(2) are

(3) was

(4) were

9. "Put on your shoes. We _____ to the playground now," said Mother.

(1) go

(2) went

(3) are going

(4) have gone

10. Yesterday, Jenny _____ her homework before she went out to play.

(1) completes

(2) completed

(3) has completed

(4) was completing

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11. While you _____ in your bedroom, I switched on the night light.

(1) sleeps

(2) will sleep

(3) have slept

(4) were sleeping

12. _____ watches displayed here are for sale.

(1) This

(2) That

(3) These

(4) Those

13. The baker bakes a hundred cakes every day as he has _____ customers.

(1) few

(2) little

(3) many

(4) much

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14. I need to buy an exercise book, but I do not have _____ money with me now.

(1) any

(2) little

(3) some

(4) many

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Section C (10 m)

Comprehension

Read the passage below and answer questions 15 to 23 based on the passage.

Two sea turtles were rescued two years ago and were looked after by the S.E.A. Aquarium. They have since been returned to the sea.

Louie, the green sea turtle, was one week old and weighed 20g when it was found in a drain by a member of the public. As for the hawksbill turtle, it weighed 800g when it first arrived at the aquarium. Hawke was kept illegally and irresponsibly as a pet in a small tank. He was also not given enough food.

Hawke was released into the waters of Sisters' Island. Louie was put into the sea off Pulau Semakau. Before that, plastic tags were clipped onto both turtles' flippers so that they could be identified if they were seen in the future. They were also examined by a vet and their weight and length were measured. This was to make sure that they were healthy.

Singapore is home to turtles like Louie and Hawke. These two species continually go back to the beach at East Coast Park to lay their eggs. If you spot a turtle that is laying eggs, you should speak softly and not go too close to it. To avoid scaring it, you should not use a torchlight to shine at it or take photographs.

Adapted from *The Straits Times*

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15. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

Louie was first found in _____. (1m)

☐	a drain
☐	a small tank
☐	the S.E.A. Aquarium

16. Which word tells you that Hawke was not supposed to be kept as a pet? Circle either (A) or (B). (1m)

Hawke was kept illegally and irresponsibly as a pet in a small tank.
(A) **(B)**

17. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

The green sea turtle was released into the waters of _____. (1m)

☐	Sisters' Island
☐	Pulau Semakau
☐	S.E.A. Aquarium

18. In paragraph 3, what were attached to the turtles to ensure that they could be identified? (1m)

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19. In paragraph 3, what two things were done to Louie to make sure that he was healthy?

i. _____ (1m)

ii. _____ (1m)

For Q20 - 22, read each sentence and tick ✓ "True" or "False". Refer to paragraph 4 to help you. The first example has been done for you. (3m)

Statement		True	False
Example	Louie and Hawke are sea turtles.	✓	
20.	Two species of turtles keep going back to the beach to lay eggs.		
21.	You should speak softly if you are near turtles that are laying eggs.		
22.	Turtles are not afraid when you shine a torchlight at them.		

23. Which word in paragraph 4 tells you that green sea turtles and hawksbill turtles live in the waters around Singapore. (1m)

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Section D (4 x 1m)

Grammar Cloze

Read the passage carefully. There are 4 blanks, numbered 24 to 27, 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)	her	(B)	it	(C)	she
(D)	them	(E)	they	(F)	you

The school library is a great place to visit. **(24)** _____ can go there to read or study. If you need help, ask Mrs Tan, the librarian. **(25)** _____ will tell you where to find books that interest you. You must always thank **(26)** _____ for helping you. Remember to put the book back on the shelf after you have read **(27)** _____ . It is important to take good care of the books.

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Section E (4 x 1m)

Grammar Cloze

Read the passage carefully. There are 4 blanks, numbered 28 to 31, in the passage below. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

Have you ever eaten chicken nuggets? Many people **(28)** [enjoy / enjoys] eating them. To make them, chicken meat is mixed with corn, sugar and salt. The mixture **(29)** [is / are] mashed and formed into oval shapes. These are then coated with breadcrumbs and deep-fried. The hot oil **(30)** [cook / cooks] the nuggets. This method of cooking **(31)** [make / makes] the food unhealthy. Hence, you should not eat too many chicken nuggets.

Adapted from *'What's in your chicken nugget?'*

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Section F (4 x 2m)

Synthesis and Transformation

For each of the questions 32 to 35, 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).

32. The athletes did not follow their coach's instructions.

None of _____

_____

33. "Have you decided on what to wear to the birthday party tonight?"

Mr Lim asked his daughter.

Mr Lim asked his daughter if _____

_____

34. The teacher always answers the students' questions.

The students' questions _____

_____

35. We were disappointed that the learning journey was cancelled.

Much to _____

_____

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Section G (5 x 2m)

Comprehension Open

Read the passage below and answer questions 36 to 40.

The tunnel was dark, but Marty knew his way through it. He used his sense of smell to lead himself to his favourite food which seemed to be outside the tunnel. When he reached the end of it, he stopped. He remembered his mother's warning about the danger of dashing into the open without looking. Marty did not want to be caught by a hungry bird. Slowly and silently, he crept out a little at a time. True enough, he could see some cheese under a bench. Someone must have carelessly left it there.

Just as he was about to reach the cheese, he saw a movement and a shadow moving rapidly in his direction. Alarmed, Marty ran as fast as he could towards the tunnel. He was almost there when he was suddenly lifted off the ground.

Gripping Marty tightly in its foot, the eagle flew higher and higher. Marty knew he had to do something, or he was going to be the eagle's lunch. Although its claws were wrapped tightly around him, he thought of an idea to escape. There was one claw close to his face, so he took a deep breath and bit it. The eagle let out a sharp cry, but did not let him go. Marty did it again, clenching his little mouse jaws as hard as he possibly could.

Then, Marty felt himself falling. He squeezed his eyes tightly, preparing for the worst, but, thankfully he landed softly in the bushes. Relieved that he was not hurt, Marty scurried to the nearest tunnel. What would his mother say when he got home, Marty wondered worriedly.

Adapted from *'Mouse Madness'*

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

36. How did Marty find his way out of the tunnel?

_____

_____

37. Why did Marty's mother warn Marty to be careful?

_____

_____

38. Which sentence in Paragraph 2 shows that Marty was quick to react to the danger he faced?

_____

_____

39. What does the word **'it'** (line 18) refer to?

_____

_____

40. In Paragraph 4, why do you think Marty was worried?

_____

_____

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P4 English Practice Paper 2 – 2021

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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.

Adapted from Rise Up by Stephen Fraser

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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. Uderline 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.

Adapted from Growing Up by Rachel Howard

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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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Practice Paper 1

Section A and B

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

Section C

Q15	a drain
Q16	A
Q17	Pulau Semakau
Q18	Plastic tags
Q19	(i) He was examined by a vet. (ii) His weight and length were measured
Q20	True
Q21	True
Q22	False
Q23	home

Section D and E

Q24	F	Q25	C	Q26	A	Q27	B
Q28	enjoy	Q29	is	Q30	cooks	Q31	makes

Section F

Q32	None of the athletes followed their coach's instructions.
Q33	Mr Lim asked his daughter if she had decided on what to wear to the birthday party that night.
Q34	The students' questions are always answered by the teacher.
Q35	Much to our disappointment, the learning journey was cancelled.

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Section G

Q36	Marty used his sense of smell to lead himself out of the tunnel.
Q37	Marty's mother did not want Marty to be caught by a hungry bird.
Q38	The sentence is " Alarmed,Marty ran as fast as he could towards the tunnel."
Q39	The word 'it' refers to Marty biting the eagle's claw.
Q40	He was afraid that his mother would scold him.

Practice Paper 2

Section A and B

Q1	4	Q2	3	Q3	2	Q4	1	Q5	2
Q6	2	Q7	4	Q8	1	Q9	4	Q10	4
Q11	3	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) Ron regained his ability to stand. (ii) Ron was also able to move his hips, knees, ankles and toes. (iii) He then proceeded to take small steps on his own.

Section D and E

Q23	F	Q24	D	Q25	C	Q26	B
Q27	begins	Q28	tries	Q29	play	Q30	teaches

Section F

Q31	The children ere well-behaved so Mrs Muthu gave them a treat.
Q32	Due to a power failure, the concert was delayed.

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Q33	Neither Linda nor Bala enjoys the outdoors.
Q34	Mr Chia asked me where the key to that lock was.

Section G

Q35	Ming and Amir regretted letting Billy lead the hike as they were sure that they were lost because of Billy.
Q36	Amir pulled his cap lower over his eyes.
Q37	Billy liked the feeling of being in charge.
Q38	The sentehce is "Not wanting to get involved, Amir walked away from the duo
Q39	it refers to the campsite.

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