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# Anglo-Chinese School (Junior)

**SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1 (2021)**

**PRIMARY 4**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**PAPER 2**

**Booklet A**

**Monday** **10 May 2021** **1 hr 15 min**

Name : _____

**16 Questions**

**16 Marks**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO PUPILS**

1 Do not open the booklet until you are told to do so.

2 Follow all instructions carefully.

3 Answer all questions.

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**Part 1: Vocabulary (6 marks)**
Choose the most suitable option and shade the correct oval in the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. It is difficult for his parents to trust him because he is always _____.

   (1) wilful
   (2) careful
   (3) deceitful
   (4) resentful

2. The Class Captain collected a _____ of donation cards from the general office.

   (1) fleet
   (2) deck
   (3) panel
   (4) bouquet

3. "Tune the guitar first, then strum it. Do not _____," said the guitar instructor.

   (1) sit on the fence
   (2) lead by the nose
   (3) bite the hands that feed you
   (4) put the cart before the horse

4. The tiger is waiting for the perfect time to _____ toward the deer and pounce on its prey.

   (1) lunge
   (2) scoot
   (3) ramble
   (4) saunter

5. Brian has been _____ in his weekly spelling tests. He has always gotten full marks for every test.

   (1) consistent
   (2) persistent
   (3) resistant
   (4) insistent



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6. After the parents complained about bullying in the school bus, the school principal _____ the matter.

(1) looked up
(2) looked for
(3) looked into
(4) looked after

**Part 2: Grammar (10 marks)**

Choose the most suitable option and shade the correct oval in the Optical Answer Sheet.

7. My teachers_____ strict with the class as they make sure that we submit our work daily.

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

8. "Joe, the mobile phone _____, please answer it," said Joe's mother.

(1) rang
(2) rings
(3) has rung
(4) is ringing

9. In 1998, the French adventurers _____ through the world's biggest natural cave.

(1) fly
(2) flew
(3) flies
(4) are flying

10. Uncle Lim stayed in a flat _____ a shop in Chinatown.

(1) on
(2) over
(3) down
(4) above



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11. Mrs Lim gave _____ boy a reward for the hard work they had put in during the examination.

(1) all
(2) each
(3) some
(4) many

12. "I don't want _____ cheese for my burger," Sarah told the waiter.

(1) any
(2) fow
(3) many
(4) some

13. Leo _____ when I went to his house to look for him.

(1) shower
(2) showers
(3) will shower
(4) was showering

14. Elephants are big, _____ blue whales are bigger.

(1) or
(2) as
(3) so
(4) but

15. _____ two hamsters in my hands belonged to my elder brother.

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

16. The basketball team members_____ proud of winning at the national tournament last year.

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

**END OF BOOKLET A**



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## ENGLISH LANGUAGE

## PRIMARY 4

Name : _____ (  )  Date : 10 May 2021

Class : P4 _____

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Parent's Signature

## Booklet B

**Total Time For Booklets A and B : 1 hour 15 minutes**

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1 Do not open the booklet until you are told to do so.

2 Follow all instructions carefully.

3 Answer all questions.

| Booklet | Component | Possible Marks | Marks Obtained |
|---|---|---|---|
| A | | 16 | |
| B | Grammar Cloze 1 | 4 | |
| | Grammar Cloze 2 | 4 | |
| | Editing for Spelling & Grammar | 4 | |
| | Synthesis and Transformation | 4 | |
| | Comprehension Passage 1 | 10 | |
| | Comprehension Passage 2 | 8 | |
| | Total | 34 | |

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**Part 4: Grammar Cloze 1 (4 marks)**

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 | hers | B | its | C | me |
| D | she | E | they | F | us |

My family is going to the beach. We decide to take my father's car because (17) _____ engine is new and running well. We cannot take my mother's car because it broke down while (18) _____ was driving to work. I need to take a bottle of sunblock lotion with me, so I will ask my sister for (19) _____. Lastly, I need to ask my friend, Ben, to return my beach umbrella which he borrowed from (20)_____ a week ago.

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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.

World Environment Day is celebrated on June 5 every year. Last year, Singapore marked the occasion with a rare sighting of a colony of large flying foxes.

The last time these bats (21) [ was / were ] seen in Singapore was more than four years ago.

The flying fox, one of the 28 species of bats here, (22) [ is / are ] native to Singapore. They have a large home range and (23) [ move / moves ] frequently across different countries.

This is because the animals (24) [ has / have ] been forced to move due to a loss of habitat. Let us hope the flying foxes have a safe place to settle.

*Adapted from The Little Red Dot*

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**Part 6: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (4 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.

Success and failure may be defined in different ways by different people.

(25) [ ]

Let us **exameen** what happened to "Apollo 13". Jim Lovell's and his NASA space crew's mission was to land on the moon to explore it, but a life-threatening

(26) [ ]

in-flight explosion **cripled** the spacecraft.

(27) [ ]

Mission Control in Huston spent several days trying to repairing the dying spacecraft and saving the lives of the three astronauts on board.

In the end, the mission was regarded as a success because the crew

(28) [ ]

returned safely. Yet, it was also a failure because "Apollo 13" never achieve the original goal of landing on the moon. It was a "successful" failure.

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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).

29. The weather was bad. The swimming meet was cancelled.

_____ because

_____

30. We have to finish the chores. Then, we can go cycling.

After _____

_____

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**Part 8: Comprehension 1 (10 marks)**

Read the passage below and answer questions 31 to 38.

One day, Jolene, an eleven-year-old girl was on her bicycle, heading to the library when she heard someone crying loudly. She turned around and saw black smoke leaping out of an open window!

Jolene dashed towards the window. The smoke stung her eyes, making her want to walk away from it but she did not. She spotted a little boy standing near the window, wiping his sooty face with his hands.

"I want my mummy," he sobbed.

"I'll bring you to her. First, let's get you out of here!" Jolene told him. She pluckily entered through the window and both of them climbed out.

"Sally's still there," he cried, pointing to the house.

Jolene looked into the window again. The smoke was thick now, making it impossible for her to see inside. Jolene took the boy's hand and ran down the street. By a stroke of luck, they met a policeman making his rounds in the neighbourhood.

The moment the policeman heard from the two that Sally was still in the house, he sprinted towards the house and disappeared into the smoke, leaving them running behind him. Jolene and the little boy arrived outside the house with hearts pounding wildly against their chests. Will Sally be saved? The policeman was inside for what seemed like an eternity. When he finally burst out of the house, he had a little girl in his arms.

At the same time, the ear-piercing wails of the fire engines announced their arrival. The firemen swiftly sprung into action, tugging hoses to spray at the burning house.

The children's mother came running. "Oh, my babies!" she bawled, hugging them tightly. A big crowd had gathered around by now.

"You're a heroine, Jolene!" the neighbours praised her, to which Jolene sheepishly replied, "It was simply my turn to help."

*Adapted from The Children's Book of Heroes*



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**WRITE YOUR ANSWERS IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.**

31. What was made Jolene turned around on her way to the library? [1m]

_____

_____

32. Why did Jolene changed her mind and did not walk away from the window? [1m]

_____

_____

33. In **lines 8-9**, which word has the same meaning as 'bravely'? [1m]

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|---|
| |

34. In **line 17**, what did the word "them" refer to? [1m]

_____

_____

35. In **line 18,** the characters "hearts pounding wildly against their chests". How did they feel at that moment? [1m]

_____

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36. In **lines 15-20**, which six-word phrase tells you that Sally was saved? [1m]

37. Which **two** actions showed that the mother loves her children? [2m]

38. Based on the last paragraph, what are the **two** character traits that Jolene has shown? [2m]

i. _____

ii. _____

Sub-Total: ____



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**Part 9: Comprehension 2 (8 marks)**

Read the passage below and answer questions 39 to 44.

My name is Lemuel Gulliver.

On 4 May 1699, I set sail for the South Seas from Bristol. I was a ship's physician on board the Antelope, captained by William Pritchard.

Halfway through our journey, there was a violent storm which caused our ship to hit the hazardous rocks. In less than ten minutes, the crew and I rowed to safety in a lifeboat before the ship sunk. However, our escape was short-lived. For within half an hour, a gigantic wave overturned our lifeboat and my companions vanished beneath the waves. Only I remained alive.

When I woke up, it was already daylight. I felt exhausted. Lying on my back, I struggled to make sense of my surroundings. As I tried to get up, I found my arms and legs being tied firmly to the ground! I was at a complete loss. What was happening?

Suddenly, I felt something on my left leg, moving slowly towards my chin. Looking down, I noticed a little man less than fifteen centimetres tall, holding a bow and arrow. Then, forty other little men started to run all over my body. I was so startled I let out a mighty cry which sent them scuttling back again. However, they soon returned. One of them came right up to my face and cried out shrilly in a strange language, "Hekinah degul!"

*An extract from Gulliver's Travels*



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39. Which word has the same meaning as 'dangerous' in lines 4 – 5?
Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

> Halfway through our journey, there was a violent (A) storm which caused our ship to hit the hazardous (B) rocks.

40. Write **1**, **2** and **3** in the blanks below to show the sequence of events in paragraphs **1** – 3. [1m]

_____ The author and his companions escaped the storm in a lifeboat.

_____ The author survived the hit from the gigantic wave.

_____ The author set off for the South Seas.

Which **two** words best describe how the author felt in paragraph 4? **Tick (✓) only two most appropriate answers**. An example has been done for you. [2m]

| How did the author feel in paragraph 4? | | Tick your two answers |
|---|---|---|
| Example | tired | ✓ |
| 41. | unlucky | |
| | confused | |
| | determined | |
| | angry | |
| | helpless | |



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Sub-Total:

42. For (a) and (b), decide who does the following actions. Tick (✓) your chosen answer. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

| Actions described in paragraph 5 | | Little man | Lemuel Gulliver |
|---|---|---|---|
| Example | I was holding a bow and arrow. | ✓ | |
| a. | I cried out shrilly in a strange language. | | |
| b. | I looked down and noticed something on my body. | | |

For Q43 to Q44, read each statement and tick (✓) "True" or "False". Refer to the story to help you. An example has been done for you. [2m]

| Statement | | True | False |
|---|---|---|---|
| Example | The little men returned to examine the author. | ✓ | |
| 43 | Gulliver was the only one who survived the shipwreck. | | |
| 44 | Gulliver knew exactly where he was upon waking up. | | |

**End of Booklet B**

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# ANSWER KEY

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| YEAR | : | 2021 |
| LEVEL | : | PRIMARY 4 |
| SCHOOL | : | ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL (JUNIOR) |
| SUBJECT | : | ENGLISH |
| TERM | : | SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1 |

## BOOKLET A

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Q1 | 3 | Q2 | 2 | Q3 | 4 | Q4 | 1 | Q5 | 1 |
| Q6 | 3 | Q7 | 2 | Q8 | 4 | Q9 | 2 | Q10 | 4 |
| Q11 | 2 | Q12 | 1 | Q13 | 4 | Q14 | 4 | Q15 | 3 |
| Q16 | 4 | | | | | | | | |

## BOOKLET B

| | |
|---|---|
| Q17 | (B) its |
| Q18 | (D) she |
| Q19 | (A)hers |
| Q20 | (C) me |
| Q21 | were |
| Q22 | are |
| Q23 | move |
| Q24 | have |

| | |
|---|---|
| Q25 | examine |
| Q26 | crippled |
| Q27 | repair |
| Q28 | achieved |

| | |
|---|---|
| Q29 | The swimming meet was cancelled because the weather was bad. |
| Q30 | After finishing the chores, we can go cycling. |

| | |
|---|---|
| Q31 | She heard someone crying |
| Q32 | She wanted to help |
| Q33 | pluckily |

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|---|---|
| Q34 | It referred to Jolene and the Little boy. |
| Q35 | They felt nervous. |
| Q36 | a little girl in his arms |
| Q37 | The mother came running and bowling |
| Q38 | i. helpful<br>ii. humble |
| Q39 | hazardous (B) |
| Q40 | 2<br>3<br>1 |
| Q41 | confused ✓<br>helpless ✓ |
| Q42 | a. Little man ✓<br>b. Lemuel Gulliver ✓ |
| Q43 | True ✓ |
| Q44 | False✓ |

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