SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL

FIRST SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2021

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY FOUR

Name: _____ ( )

Date: 27 April 2021

Class: Primary 4 SY / C / G / SE / P

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Parent's Signature :

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PAPER 1

Duration: 50 minutes

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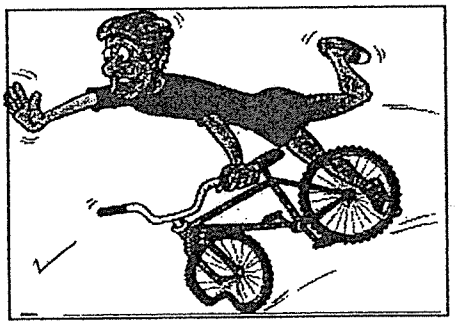
3 Answer all questions.

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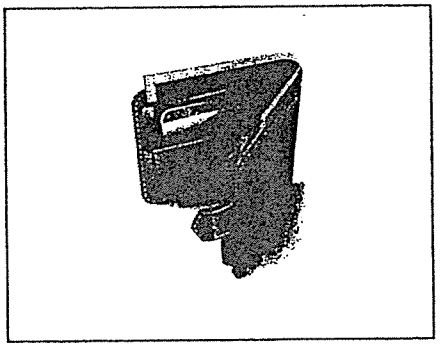
Write a composition of <u>at least 120 words</u> about **a kind act.**

The pictures, not arranged in sequence, are provided to help you think about this topic. Your composition should be based on one, two or all of these pictures.

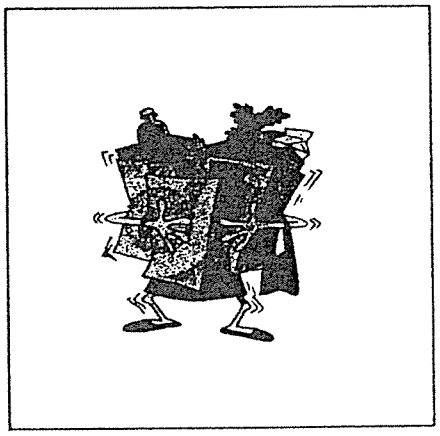


Consider the following points when you plan your composition:

- What was the kind act?
- How did you feel?
- What happened in the end?



You may use the points in any order and include other relevant points as well.



Helping words:

- exhausted
- nowhere to be found
- flung off his bicycle
- rushed over to render assistance
- thanked the person profusely

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Name: _____ ( ) Date: 11 May 2021

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PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET A

16 questions

16 marks

Total time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 15 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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4. Shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

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Section A: Vocabulary

For each question from 1 to 6, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.
(6 marks)

1 When you reach the shopping mall, you can find your way around it using a / an _____.

(1) directory
(2) brochure
(3) dictionary
(4) advertisement

2 She eyed the dog _____, afraid it might jump.

(1) sadly
(2) warily
(3) boldly
(4) casually

3 The money was donated by a local businessman who wishes to remain _____. He does not want anyone to know of his good deed.

(1) fictitious
(2) uncertain
(3) imaginary
(4) anonymous

4 I _____ up the stairs, trying not to wake my parents.

(1) crept
(2) barged
(3) trudged
(4) stamped

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5 Annie is a very _____ person. She is always willing to go the extra mile to bring joy to the elderly in the nursing home.

(1) humble
(2) grateful
(3) courteous
(4) thoughtful

6 The Annual Swimming Championship was_____ because of bad weather.

(1) called on
(2) called for
(3) called off
(4) called out

Section B: Grammar

For each question from 7 to 12, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.
(6 marks)

7 I pulled a blanket _____ my head as I was frightened.

(1) in
(2) over
(3) before
(4) between

8 "Children, please behave _____ when I am away and don't give the relief teacher a hard time," Mrs Goh reminded her students.

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

9 _____ girl standing across the road is sobbing uncontrollably.

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

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10 The competition was over _____ many participants still stayed on in the stadium.

(1) but
(2) after
(3) when
(4) because

11 Each of the children _____ given a goodie bag by the host yesterday.

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

12 The boys have _____ energy. They can play soccer the whole afternoon without taking a break.

(1) no
(2) little
(3) many
(4) a lot of

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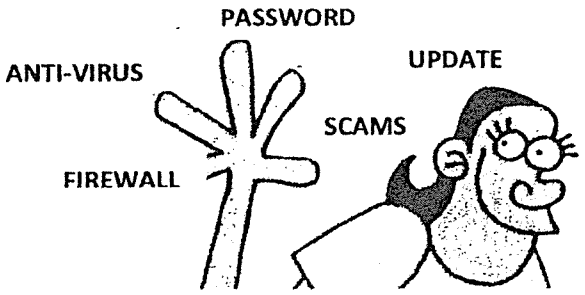
Section C: Visual Text

Study the following flyer and answer questions 13 to 16.

Cyber Safety Workshop 2021

Learn how to stay safe in the online world!

ONLY open to children between 6 and 12 years old.



Be aware, responsible & secure online

Date : 12 December 2021 (Session 1)

17 December 2021 (Session 2)

Time : 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Venue : Angsana Building #02-01

Sign up at https://cyberawareness.com.sg before 12 November 2021.

All participants who sign up before 1 October 2021 will receive a gift pack.

For more information, call Miss Stephanie Lim at 6258 8822 during office hours or visit the office at Novotel Square #02-02.

Brought to you by:
Cyber Wellness Association

Sponsored by:
Cyber Future Academy

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For each question from 13 to 16, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (4 marks)

13 The Cyber Safety Workshop is held in _____.

(1) Novotel Square
(2) Angsana Building
(3) Cyber Future Academy
(4) Cyber Wellness Association

14 John is signing up for the workshop. In order to receive a gift pack, he has to _____.

(1) be accompanied by an adult
(2) sign up before 1 October 2021
(3) attend both sessions of the workshop
(4) call Miss Stephanie Lim at 62588822

15 Which one of the following statements about the workshop is **true**?

(1) The workshop will start in the afternoon.
(2) You can visit the office to sign up for the workshop.
(3) You can call 6258 8822 any time for more information.
(4) The workshop is organised by Cyber Wellness Association.

16 The **main** purpose of the Cyber Safety Workshop is to teach _____.

(1) children about internet safety
(2) adults how to use the internet responsibly
(3) participants to be kind to one another online
(4) participants some tips on how to create strong passwords

END OF BOOKLET A

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	Marks Obtained	Highest Possible Marks
Booklet A		16
Booklet B		34
Sub-total		50

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)
BOOKLET B

28 questions

34 marks

Total time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 15 minutes

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4. Write your answers in this booklet.

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Section D: Grammar Cloze

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 EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.** (4 marks)

(A)	against	(B)	for	(C)	in
(D)	out	(E)	to	(F)	under

One Saturday morning, Ali went out to play soccer with his friends. While he was looking **(17)** _____ his friends in the park, he heard a soft whimper coming from a bench. He walked towards the source of the noise, but he saw nothing. He knelt down and found a puppy **(18)** _____ the bench. He scooped it **(19)** _____ from the bench and checked its little body for injuries. It let out another whimper when Ali brushed his hand **(20)** _____ its paws. It was then he realised that the dog had injured its paw. He informed his friends that he was unable to join them for the game as he had to take care of the injured dog.

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Read the passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets. (4 marks)

All otters are expert hunters that eat fish, crustaceans and other creatures. Sea otters **(21)** [has / have] a clever method to open shellfish. When it is time to nap, sea otters entangle themselves in seaweeds so they do not float away. These expert hunters also sometimes **(22)** [link / links] their feet with other sea otters so that they **(23)** [stay / stays] together.

River otters are especially playful. They learn to swim when they are about two months old, when their mother **(24)** [push / pushes] them into the water. They enjoy splashing into rivers and streams.

Adapted from https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/mammals/group/otters/

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Section E: Vocabulary Cloze

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and fill in the blanks. **USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.** (6 marks)

advice	afraid	caring	honest
mistake	mysteries	positive	problems

Dear Diary,

My best friend, Jennie, will be transferring to another school next year. I will miss her very much.

I can always count on Jennie for anything. Whenever I encounter **(25)** _____ , Jennie is always armed with solutions for me. Once, I accidentally broke my neighbour's pot of plant while I was playing ball along the corridor of my house. My neighbour was a very fierce lady and I was **(26)** _____ she would scold me. I called Jennie and asked her what I should do. She told me to calm myself down and own up to my **(27)** _____ . After much thinking, I followed her **(28)** _____ and wrote my neighbour an apology note. Not only was my neighbour not angry with me, but she also praised me for being **(29)** _____ . Jennie helps me become a better person, and even my mother has seen a **(30)** _____ change in me.

Jennie and I promised each other to keep in contact and meet up as often as possible.

Love,

Lily

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Section F: Sentence Combining

For each of the questions from 31 to 34, combine the sentences to make **one** sentence using the word(s) given. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the sentences given. (4 marks)

31 The cat was sick. The cat was sent to the veterinarian.

_____ **which**

_____

32 You attempt to cheat in the competition. You will be disqualified.

If _____

_____

33 Jolene likes to read. Her sister likes to read too.

Both _____

_____

34 She signed up for a cooking class. She wants to be a better cook.

_____ **in order to**

_____

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Section G : Comprehension (Short Response)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 35 to 39. (6 marks)

It was a blazing hot afternoon. Tom and Ahmad were exploring a deserted island as it was their maiden trip after graduation. They were very excited. They were walking around the island and were thirsty. There was no one in sight and they were hoping to find water.

Halfway through the journey, Tom and Ahmad had an argument, and Tom pushed Ahmad. Ahmad fell and was hurt. Without saying anything, he wrote in the sand: "Today my best friend pushed me to the ground."

Tom and Ahmad kept on walking until they came across a river. They decided to quench their thirst. As Ahmad bent forward to reach for the water, he lost his footing and slipped. Ahmad fell into the river and he waved his arms frantically. Fortunately, Tom saved him. After Ahmad recovered from the near-drowning experience, he wrote on a stone: "Today my best friend saved my life." Tom asked him, "After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand and now, you write on a stone. Why?"

Ahmad replied, "When someone hurts us, we should write it down in the sand and the winds of forgiveness can erase it away. However, when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone where no wind can ever erase it." Tom learnt a valuable lesson about friendship that day. It is important to be able to forgive a friend's mistakes and to appreciate his good points.

Adapted from www.moralstories.org

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35 Which word in paragraph 1 has a similar meaning as 'first'? [1m]

For questions 36–37, read each statement and tick (✓) "True" or "False". The first example has been done for you. [2m]

	Statement	True	False
Example	**Tom and Ahmad explored a desert.**	✓	
36	Ahmad was silent after Tom pushed him.		
37	Tom fell into the water when he lost his footing.		

38 List the **two** items Ahmad wrote on. [2m]

(i) _____

(ii) _____

39 What is the moral of the story? [1m]

(1) We must help one another no matter what happens.
(2) When someone hurts us, we should write what is hurting us in the sand.
(3) When someone does something good to us, we should engrave it on a stone.
(4) We must learn to remember the good deeds of others and forgive their wrongdoings.✓

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Section H: Comprehension (Open-Ended)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 40 to 45. (10 marks)

The aroma of food filled the room as the Tan family sat down for dinner. Rascal was eager to get his dinner but all he got was a bowl of dry dog food. The lamb chops smelt delicious. Rascal tried to reach for the pieces of lamb chop on the table but he was unable to do so as it was too high. Rascal stood on his hind legs for a second attempt but to no avail. He gave up and sat down, wishing that the children might drop some bits of juicy meat on the floor.

"Here's a bone," Mr Tan said. He opened the front door and tossed the bone into the yard. Rascal scampered after it. Rascal pranced down the sidewalk with the bone in his mouth. It was better than his dog food but he wished it had more meat on it. Not far away, along the sidewalk, Rascal saw another dog that was gnawing on a bigger bone. The bigger bone looked meatier and juicier. Rascal snarled and showed his teeth and the other dog snarled back. Rascal barked loudly and likewise, the other dog did the same. While the other dog was barking, Rascal snatched the bigger bone in the nick of time and scurried away. The bigger bone was tastier, but most of the meat had been eaten and it was not juicy enough. Despite having the bigger bone, Rascal was not satisfied.

Rascal knew the best bones in town came from a butcher shop. He ran down the block to the alley of the butcher shop where he saw the butcher's dog chewing on a steak bone. Rascal snarled and showed his teeth. The butcher's dog was startled. Immediately, it dropped the bone and ran off upon seeing Rascal's fierce snarl.

"What a timid dog," Rascal laughed, pleased with himself that he could get the steak bone so effortlessly.

He decided to find a good spot to enjoy it. As he crossed the bridge, Rascal looked down and saw his reflection in the water.

"Hmm! This dog has the biggest steak bone of all!" Rascal snarled at the dog in the water, and the dog snarled back.

Just as Rascal was about to reach its paw into the water, the bone fell off its mouth. The moment its paw touched the water, the ripple blurred the dog in it. It was then Rascal realised he had dropped his own bone which had sunk to the bottom of the stream. Rascal had lost everything in an instant. Dejected, he went home. After a wild run, he was back to where he started, his usual dog food at home.

Adapted from https://www.superteacherworksheets.com/reading-comp/4th-the-dog-and-his-reflection.pdf?up=1540277833

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40 Based on paragraph 1, give **two** reasons why Rascal stood on his hind legs. [2m]

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41 Why was Rascal not satisfied with the bigger bone in lines 16-17? [2m]

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_____

42 Where did Rascal see the butcher's dog? [2m]

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_____

43 Which sentence in paragraph 3 tells you that the butcher's dog was afraid of Rascal? [1m]

44 Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the last paragraph. [1m]

_____ Rascal touched the water.

_____ Rascal's bone fell off its mouth.

_____ The dog in the water disappeared.

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45 Why was Rascal not able to grab the bone from the dog in the river? [2m]

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ANSWER KEY

YEAR : 2021
LEVEL : Primary 4
SCHOOL : Singapore Chinese Girls' School
SUBJECT : ENGLISH
TERM : First Semestral Assessment

BOOKLET A (PAPER 2)

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

BOOKLET B (PAPER 2)

Q17	B	Q18	F	Q19	D	Q20	A
Q21	have	Q22	link	Q23	stay	Q24	pushes

Q25	problems	Q26	afraid	Q27	mistake	Q28	advice
Q29	honest	Q30	positive				

Q31	The cat which was sick was sent to the veterinarian.
Q32	If you attempt to cheat in the competition,you will be disqualified.
Q33	Both Jolene and her sister like to read.
Q34	She signed up for a cooking class in order to be a better cook.
Q35	maiden
Q36	True
Q37	False
Q38	(i) He wrote on sand (ii) He wrote on a stone
Q39	4
Q40	There was a delicious piece of lamb chop on the table but he was unable to get the lamp chop as it was too high for him. Rascal stood on his hind legs for a second attempt to try and grab the meat.
Q41	The bigger bone was tastier,but most of the meat had been eaten and it was not juicy enough.
Q42	He saw it down the block to the alley of the butchers shop.
Q43	Immediately,it dropped the bone and ran off upon seeing Rascal's fierce sharl.

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Q44	**2** **1** **3** river
Q45	**The bone from the dog in the ~~mirror~~ was actually his own reflection.He only had one bone but it seemes to have two. When Rascal tried to take that bone, his paw touched the water which made the water blurry and his reflection was gone.**

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