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2021 PRIMARY 4 MID-YEAR EXAMINATION

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2

(LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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 16, shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet(OAS) provided.
6. For questions 17 to 40, write your answers in this booklet.

Section	Score	Marks
A		6
B		10
C		8
D		4
E		4
F		8
G		10
Total		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. That kitten looks _____. It is looking around anxiously for its mother.

   (1) bored

   (2) annoyed

   (3) frightened

   (4) disappointed

2. The coffee was bitter, so I added some sugar and stirred it until it _____.

   (1) mixed

   (2) clinked

   (3) softened

   (4) dissolved

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3. Please arrange your bags properly or someone walking by might _____ over them.

(1) trip

(2) slip

(3) skid

(4) move

4. Every year, thousands of tourists come to _____ the beautiful gardens.

(1) peer

(2) view

(3) watch

(4) examine

5. The taxi stopped to pick up a _____ at the taxi stand.

(1) guest

(2) visitor

(3) passer-by

(4) passenger

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6. Hens are known to be _____ of their baby chicks. They attack anyone who gets too near them.

(1) careful

(2) jealous

(3) suspicious

(4) protective

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Section B (10 x 1m)

Grammar

For each question from 7 to 16, 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. He tossed the ball _____ the air.

(1) on

(2) into

(3) from

(4) towards

8. One of my classmates _____ congratulated by the principal this morning for winning the writing competition.

(1) is

(2) are

(3) was

(4) were

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9. Mother and Father won't be going to the party later, _____ they?

(1) will

(2) won't

(3) would

(4) wouldn't

10. "Stop talking to me. I _____ a book right now," I told my sister.

(1) read

(2) have read

(3) am reading

(4) was reading

11. Last week, we _____ along the beach before going home for dinner.

(1) stroll

(2) strolled

(3) are strolling

(4) had strolled

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12. While you _____, the doorbell rang.

(1) slept

(2) sleep

(3) are sleeping

(4) were sleeping

13. _____ boxes next to me are for recycling.

(1) This

(2) That

(3) These

(4) Those

14. _____ he said he was telling the truth, I do not believe him.

(1) As

(2) Since

(3) Despite

(4) Although

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15. There were _____ people at the concert. It was so crowded!

(1) some

(2) many

(3) much

(4) a few

16. Father was busy and had _____ time to take a break.

(1) few

(2) little

(3) enough

(4) a lot of

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Section C (8m)

Comprehension

Read the passage below and answer questions 17 to 23 based on the passage.

Many people take part in sports regularly because of its many benefits. Sports helps us stay fit and healthy and can make us feel good about ourselves.

Sports can be a lot of fun. However, it is important to play safely and keep your body healthy. Before exercising, always take time to warm up. This gets your body ready for the activity ahead. You can go for a light jog or do a few stretches. Stretching will loosen your muscles which prevents injury.

You should also wear safety gear whenever possible. These include helmets, knee pads and the correct shoes. It is important to ensure that what you are wearing fits you properly. Clothing that does not fit well can affect movement and you may hurt yourself.

The body needs water to stay healthy. When you sweat during a physical activity, your body loses water. That is why it is good to keep a water bottle close by while you are playing sports. Take regular breaks and drink lots of water! You should drink water before, during and after exercising. If you do not drink enough water, you may feel dizzy.

Most importantly, if you are injured or unwell, stop playing. Tell your parents or coach immediately so that you can seek treatment.

Adapted from *Time for Kids*

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17. What are the benefits of taking part in sports regularly? (2m)

i. _____ (1m)

ii. _____ (1m)

18. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

You can prevent injury by _____. (1m)

- ☐ warming up before exercising
- ☐ exercising with your parents or coach
- ☐ drinking before, during and after exercising

19. Which two-word phrase tells you that it is **not** safe to wear clothing that does not fit well while playing sports? (1m)

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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	The body needs water to stay healthy.	✓	
20.	Sweating makes our bodies lose water.		
21.	Our water bottles should be nearby while playing sports.		
22.	You should drink water only when you feel dizzy.		

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

Most importantly, if you are injured or unwell, stop playing.

(A) **(B)**

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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)	I	(C)	my
(D)	our	(E)	their	(F)	we

James and his sister, Stella, were walking to the cinema to catch a movie. Just then, it started to drizzle. They quickly searched **(24)** _____ bags for umbrellas.

"Oh no! **(25)** _____ forgot to bring mine!" cried James.

"Don't worry, **(26)** _____ can squeeze under my umbrella. Let's hurry or we'll be late," said Stella as she quickly opened **(27)** _____ umbrella. Together, they hurried to the cinema.

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Section E (4 x 1m)

Grammar Cloze

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

Lisa's parents have given her a puppy for her birthday. She **(28)** [love / loves] playing with her pet and taking it out for walks. Cleaning her pet's dirty cage **(29)** [is / are] not easy but she does not mind. Lisa's parents therefore **(30)** [think / thinks] that she is a very responsible girl. This really **(31)** [make / makes] Lisa feel proud of herself. She hopes that her puppy will grow up to be healthy and strong.

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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. "I may be late for the party tonight," Mrs Lee told her neighbour.

Mrs Lee told her neighbour that _____

_____

33. The village children played in the rain because they were bored.

Out of _____

_____

34. I did not apologise. My brother refused to forgive me.

As a result of not _____

_____

35. You must read to your sister. She is still young.

As _____

_____

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Section G (5 x 2m)

Comprehension Open

Read the passage below and answer questions 36 to 40.

Mandy liked nothing better than to spend time with Grandpa. It was her favourite pastime. He was always making something and she enjoyed watching him and helping him finish whatever he was making.

"Grandpa, what are we building in your workshop today?" Mandy asked, looking curiously at the two walking sticks Grandpa was working on.

"Well, Mandy," he said. "Tomorrow, we are going on a hike and **these** will help make walking on the trails easier for the both of us."

The next morning, she was up, dressed, and ready to go as the sun rose. When she went to the kitchen, she was surprised to see Grandpa busy packing sandwiches, snacks, water and some bananas and apples into their backpacks. "Wow, Grandpa, that is a lot of food!" exclaimed Mandy.

"It is! But, we're going to be hiking for the whole day," Grandpa said with a smile.

After a long drive, they arrived at the base of a mountain. Holding a walking stick each, Mandy and Grandpa began their leisure walk up the mountain. Along the way, Mandy asked many questions about the insects, flowers and plants they saw. Grandpa answered all her questions patiently and even helped her understand how to respect nature. Just then, Mandy dropped her plastic bottle. However, she did not pick it up.

"We must treat our surroundings with respect. Enjoy your hike but leave no litter behind," Grandpa said. Guiltily, Mandy picked up the bottle and kept it in her backpack.

Adapted from *The Hike* by T. Albert

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

36. What did Mandy love doing the most in her free time?

_____

_____

37. What does '**these**' in line 6 refer to?

_____

_____

38. Why did Grandpa put so much food into their backpacks?

_____

_____

39. Which sentence shows that Mandy was curious about nature?

_____

_____

40. What made Grandpa tell Mandy not to leave litter behind?

_____

_____

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ANSWER KEY

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Section A and B

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

Section C

Q17	(i) Sports helps us stay fit and healthy. (ii) Sports can also make us feel good about ourselves.
Q18	warming up before excercising
Q19	Hurt yourself
Q20	True
Q21	True
Q22	False
Q23	B

Section D

Q24	E	Q25	B	Q26	F	Q27	A

Section E

Q28	loves	Q29	is	Q30	think	Q31	makes

Section F

Q32	Mrs Lee told her neighbour that she might be late for the party that night.
Q33	Out of boredom,the village children played in the rain.
Q34	As a result of not apologising, my brother refused to forgive me.
Q35	As your sister is still young,you must read to her.

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Section G

Q36	Mandy likes nothing better than to spend time with Grandpa the most.
Q37	'these" refers to the two walking sticks.
Q38	It was because Mandy and Grandpa were going to be hiking the whole day.
Q39	Along the way, Mandy asked many questions about the insects, flowers and plants they saw.
Q40	Grandpa wanted Mandy to treat her surroundings with respect.

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