SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY FOUR

Name: _____ ( ) Date:

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

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET A

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

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Section A: 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 correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (6 marks)

1. The salted egg prawn dish that the new chef made was too _____. It would have tasted better with less oil.

   (1) dry
   (2) spicy
   (3) bland
   (4) greasy

2. Every morning, Mr Mugam will _____ through the newspapers as he takes his breakfast.

   (1) browse
   (2) analyse
   (3) observe
   (4) examine

3. After the tornado, _____ from damaged trees and houses littered the town.

   (1) debris
   (2) leftover
   (3) garbage
   (4) greenery

4. "Stop beating about the _____! Tell me exactly what you spent all your money on," Mother snapped at De Wei.

   (1) tree
   (2) bush
   (3) plant
   (4) shrub

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5. Junity was so bored on her flight to Perth that she decided to observe the flight steward push the food trolley along the _____.

(1) aisle
(2) alley
(3) track
(4) corridor

6. Rizwan _____ felt his way along the dark tunnel as he did not want to fall down.

(1) gingerly
(2) recklessly
(3) carelessly
(4) inconsistently

Section B: Grammar

For each question from 7 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

7. "I won't be home till seven in the evening. Please look after _____," Mrs Chen instructed her two sons

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

8. While walking home last afternoon , Padma _____ shocked when a wild boar suddenly appeared in front of her.

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

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9. Kenneth likes playing with the sand at Sentosa beach. The sand there _____ soft and white.

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

10. "Jane _____ in the rain right now. Please pass her an umbrella," Mrs Wong instructed her daughter, Emily.

(1) walks
(2) walked
(3) is walking
(4) has walked

11. Auntie May and her family _____ to the zoo last Sunday.

(1) go
(2) went
(3) have gone
(4) were going

12. As Mr Halim _____ his welcome speech to the whole school this morning, the lights went out.

(1) gave
(2) will give
(3) has given
(4) was giving

13. _____ women over there are waiting for their yoga class to commence.

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

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14. John decided not to watch the movie as there were _____ people in the long queue at the ticket-booth.

(1) few
(2) much
(3) many
(4) some

END OF BOOKLET A

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Section C: 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)	he	(B)	him	(C)	it
(D)	she	(E)	them	(F)	they

The pupils in Primary 6 Diligence were exhilarated. It was Mr Lim's birthday. He was their form teacher. (15) _____ had planned a surprise celebration for him. Mr Lim did not know about the surprise. When (16) _____ went into the classroom, all he saw was a birthday cake on the teacher's table. (17) _____ was lit with a candle on top. Suddenly, the whole class entered the classroom and sang a birthday song for (18) _____ .

"Happy birthday, Mr Lim! We love you!" the whole class shouted. Mr Lim was touched by his pupils' effort.

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

Elizabeth Choy was one of Singapore's war heroes. During the Japanese Occupation, she (19) [helps / helped] the British soldiers secretly. Unfortunately, she was caught by the Japanese and was (20) [imprison / imprisoned] in a small cell for almost 200 days. Despite being (21) [torture / tortured] at the hands of the Japanese, she did not (22) [reveal / revealed] any information to them. Her courage to defend Singapore 75 years ago has been remembered by many till today.

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	Marks Obtained	Highest Possible Marks
Booklet A		14
Booklet B		36
Sub-total		50

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET B

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

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Write your answers in this booklet.

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Section D: Vocabulary Cloze

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given and fill in the blanks. (4 marks)

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

creative	crops	fruits	rich	run	successful

Is experiencing failure good or bad? To many, it is never a good thing to fail. However, many of the (23) _____ people we know today had experienced failures in their lives in the past. One such person was Walt Disney.

At the age of eighteen, Walt was fired from his job as his boss felt he was not (24) _____ enough. Later on, he opened his own company but it landed in bankruptcy three years after. He could have given up but his failures caused him to work even harder.

The same person who was fired from his job because of his lack of creativity is the same person who created the cartoon character, Mickey Mouse. Generations of people from all over the world have enjoyed the (25) _____ of his labour. Without him, we would not have Disneyland today.

Remember, when failure comes knocking on the door, do not (26)_____ from it. When life gives you lemons, make lemonade!

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Section E: Sentence Combining

Combine each pair of the sentences to make one sentence using the word(s) given. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the sentences given. (4 marks)

27. Jane does not like apples. The boys do not like apples too.

Neither _____

_____.

28. You must sleep early. If not, you will not be able to wake up on time for school.

_____ **unless**

_____.

29. Han Wei went to the soccer field to meet his friends. He had finished his homework.

_____ **after**

_____.

30. Serene is my classmate. Her father is a famous singer.

_____ **whose**

_____.

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Section F: Comprehension 1 (Short Response)

Read the passage below carefully and answer questions 31 to 37. (10 marks)

Mr Ravi was neither rich nor poor. He lived in a small house. One chilly night, while he was having his dinner, there was a knock on the door. He walked over to the door and opened it.

There stood an old man with unkempt hair, tattered pants and a shirt with missing buttons. Mr Ravi could smell a stench instantly. The old man was carrying a basket full of fruits. He asked Mr Ravi if he wanted to buy some fruits from him. Mr Ravi passed him some coins for the fruits quickly because he wanted the old man to leave. Mr Ravi heaved a sigh of relief after closing the door.

The old man brought fruits to Mr Ravi's house every week. He was so amiable that Mr Ravi gradually looked forward to his visits and started to enjoy his friendship.

One evening, as he brought the succulent fruits to Mr Ravi, the old man said, "I had the greatest blessing yesterday! I found a basket of clothes outside my house that someone had left for me." The old man scratched his head as he wondered why the clothes looked strangely similar to Mr Ravi's outfits. He had also seen the same basket in Mr Ravi's house before.

Mr Ravi replied, "How marvellous!"

Adapted from Chicken Soup for the Kid's Soul – The Man Who Had Plenty

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31. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order of events that occurred in the passage. (1m)

_____ The old man and Mr Ravi became friends.

_____ The old man received a basket of clothes outside his house.

_____ Mr Ravi paid for some fruits.

32. Which word has the same meaning as "old and torn"? Circle (A) or (B). (1m)

There stood an old man with unkempt (A) hair, tattered (B) pants and a shirt with missing buttons.

33. Which five-word **phrase** tells you that Mr Ravi was glad that the old man left in the beginning? (1m)

34. What is the likely reason Mr Ravi wanted the old man to leave quickly (lines 7 – 8)? (1m)

1) It was cold outside.

2) The old man smelled bad.

3) Mr Ravi wanted to eat his dinner. ( )

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35. List two benefits that Mr Ravi received from the old man's weekly visits to his house? (2m)

i) _____

ii) _____

36. Who could have given the old man the basket of clothes? How do you know? (2m)

_____

_____

37. Tick **two** adjectives that describe the old man in the passage: (2m)

blind	☐	friendly	☐
poor	☐	wealthy	☐
self-centred	☐		

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Section G: Comprehension 2 (Short Response)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 38 to 45. (10 marks)

Orcas, also known as killer whales, are the ocean's top predators. They hunt everything – from fish to penguins, sharks, and even other types of whales. An orca's diet differs. Some orcas eat more fishes and squid than seals and penguins but whichever ocean they are in, a typical orca may eat about 227 kilograms of food a day. Orcas have many hunting methods, and knocking their prey off ice is just one of them.

Orcas are often referred to as wolves of the sea for they live and hunt together in groups. They work together as they hunt. They gather fish into a tightly packed area so that they are easier to eat. Occasionally, a group of whales will work together to chase, bite and tire a larger animal such as a blue whale until it becomes a meal.

Orcas have about 45 teeth, each measuring about 7.6 centimetres long. Orcas do not chew their food. They can swallow small seals and sea lions whole and these prey would slide down the orcas' throats. Bigger prey are eaten in portions.

The colour pattern of orcas helps them to hunt for their prey. Their backs are black while their undersides are white. Animals looking down on an orca from above might not see it because the orca's dark back camouflages with the water below. On the other hand, its white underside camouflages with the light streaming down into the sea from the surface. making it hard to spot from below. As a result, orcas' prey tend to miss the danger heading their way. The orcas have proven they are the oceans' best hunters.

Adapted from https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/animals/orca

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38. List two animals which make up an orca's diet.

i. _____ (1m)

ii. _____ (1m)

39. Which word in **paragraph 1** has the same meaning as "normal"? (1m)

40. How would an orca hunt a seal that is lying on the ice? (1m)

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41. Why are orcas often referred to as wolves of the sea? (1m)

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For questions 42 – 44, read each statement and tick ✓ "True" or "False". (3m)

	Statement	True	False
Example	An orca eats about 227 kilograms of food a day.	✓	
42.	Orcas hunt for food alone.		
43.	Orcas herd fish into a compact area.		
44.	Orcas are able to swallow their prey whole, be it big or small.		

45. Why do fishes swimming below an orca find it difficult to spot it? (2m)

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ANSWER KEY

YEAR :

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PAPER 2 - BOOKLET A

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

PAPER 2 - BOOKLET B

Q15) F

Q16) A

Q17) C

Q18) B

Q19) helped

Q20) imprisoned

Q21) tortured

Q22) reveal

Q23) successful

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Q24) creative

Q25) fruits

Q26) run

Q27) Neither Jane nor the boys like apples.

Q28) You will not be able to wake up on time for school unless you sleep early.

Q29) Han Wei went to the soccer field to meet his friends after he finished his homework.

Q30) Serene, whose father is a famous singer, is my classmate.

Q31) 2 > 3 > 1

Q32) B

Q33) heaved a sigh of relief

Q34) 2

Q35i) fruits

Q35ii) friendship

Q36) Mr Ravi could have given the old man the basket of clothes because the clothes looked like Mr Ravi's outfits.

Q37) poor, friendly

Q38i) squid

Q38ii) fishes

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Q39) typical

Q40) An orca would knock the seal off the ice.

Q41) Orcas are often referred to as wolves of the sea for they live and hunt together in groups.

Q42) False

Q43) True

Q44) False

Q45) It has white underside that camouflages with light streaming down into the sea from the surface.

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