2022 PRIMARY 4 MID-YEAR EXAMINATION

Name: _____ ( ) Date: 10 May 2022

Class: Primary 4 ( ) Time: 11.00 a.m. - 12.15 p.m.

Parent's signature: _____ Duration: 1 hour 15 minutes

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.

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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. Grandpa kept the gardening _____ in the shed.

   (1) tool

   (2) utensil

   (3) device

   (4) material

2. Siti is looking for a good _____ that she can follow to make the best cheesecake.

   (1) menu

   (2) recipe

   (3) manual

   (4) ingredient

3. The campers _____ their canoes merrily down the stream.

   (1) rode

   (2) drove

   (3) cycled

   (4) paddled

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4. The _____ boy hid his classmates' project to get them into trouble.

(1) curious

(2) inquisitive

(3) mischievous

(4) troublesome

5. After months of preparation, Betty was _____ that she would do well in the singing contest.

(1) fearful

(2) hopeful

(3) grateful

(4) doubtful

6. Xiaoming is very punctual. He has _____ been late for school.

(1) often

(2) never

(3) always

(4) sometimes

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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. My grandmother always _____ me to school when I was in Primary Three. This year, I walk to school myself.

(1) take

(2) took

(3) takes

(4) taken

8. David jumped _____ the swimming pool to rescue his son who could not swim.

(1) in

(2) into

(3) onto

(4) inside

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9. Both Meili and her sister _____ delighted to win the baking competition last month.

(1) is

(2) are

(3) was

(4) were

10. Rashid _____ his homework when the fire alarm rang.

(1) did

(2) does

(3) was doing

(4) will be doing

11. _____ children over there were waiting for their parents.

(1) This

(2) That

(3) These

(4) Those

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12. The soup was tasteless as Bala had added too _____ salt.

(1) few

(2) little

(3) much

(4) many

13. Fedric and his sister kept all the toys by _____.

(1) herself

(2) himself

(3) ourselves

(4) themselves

14. We have put in our best effort, _____ we?

(1) don't

(2) didn't

(3) hadn't

(4) haven't

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15. Have you met Joshua _____ house is just a few blocks away from mine?

(1) who

(2) which

(3) whom

(4) whose

16. You will not be able to buy the toy that you want _____ you start saving up.

(1) if

(2) so

(3) unless

(4) although

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Section C (8m)

Comprehension

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

"Why don't we go for this holiday adventure camp?" Sandra asked as she pointed at the poster on the wall. Tom nodded and they signed up for it immediately. After studying so hard, they thought that it would be a good way to relax. They also wanted to pick up some survival skills that would prepare them for their year-end trekking.

The camp would be held at East Coast Park. There were some activities that Tom and Sandra could choose from. Tom suggested canoeing since they had not done any water sport before. Sandra disagreed as she was not a good swimmer. She was more interested in going on a night hike but Tom was scared of the dark. After much discussion, they both agreed on taking part in a treasure hunt.

Tom and Sandra were given a packing list which stated some items like clothes, food and sleeping bags. Tom added that they should pack a map and a compass for the treasure hunt. However, Sandra reminded him that those would be provided by the camp organiser. He then advised Sandra to bring mosquito repellent and sunblock. The packing process was tedious but necessary as they tried to fit everything into their backpacks. Finally, they were ready for the camp.

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17. In paragraph 1, which two-word phrase tells you that Tom and Sandra registered for a camp? (1m)

18. In paragraph 1, give two reasons why Tom and Sandra wanted to go for the camp. (2m)

i. _____ (1m)

ii. _____ (1m)

For Q19 – 21, read each sentence and tick ✓ "True" or "False". Refer to paragraph 2 to help you. The first example has been done for you. (3m)

	Statement	True	False
Example	The camp would be held at East Coast Park.	✓	
19.	Campers could opt for their preferred activities.		
20.	Sandra was eager to take part in water sports.		
21.	Tom and Sandra could not decide on a camp activity at first.		

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

(A) **(B)** The packing process was tedious but necessary as they tried to fit everything into their backpacks.

23. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

_____ would be provided at the camp. (1m)

- [ ] Maps
- [ ] Sleeping bags
- [ ] Mosquito repellent

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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)	it	(B)	he	(C)	we
(D)	she	(E)	they	(F)	them

Last week, our Science teacher, Mrs Tan, assigned us a class project. **(24)** _____ gave us some seeds to grow. Everyone was excited because **(25)** _____ were curious to find out what plants would grow. Day by day, we took turns to water **(26)** _____ until the flowers bloomed. Finally, we realised that **(27)** _____ were sunflowers. What a pleasant surprise!

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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.

Beavers are known for their building skills. They **(28)** [build / builds] their homes out of sticks and mud. Every beaver **(29)** [has / have] teeth that are very strong. Their teeth never **(30)** [stop / stops] growing so they have to gnaw on trees. Some people **(31)** [think / thinks] that beavers are like engineers. They can build a dam in less than a day.

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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 have completed my homework. I will go out and play.

_____since

_____.

33. Tracy enjoys watching movies. She enjoys reading more.

_____ prefers

_____.

34. Ben dislikes eating peas. His brother dislikes eating peas, too.

Neither_____ nor

_____

35. "Where did you find the wallet?" Mr Lim asked his daughter.

Mr Lim asked his daughter _____

_____

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Section G (5 x 2m)

Comprehension Open

Read the passage below and answer questions 36 to 40.

Once upon a time, three hens were arguing. "Look at my feathers. I'm the most beautiful," claimed Dotty.

However, Stalky flashed her long legs and said, "But I have the most beautiful legs." Plum, with the most beautiful crown, was unwilling to give in. Hence, they decided to seek the king's opinion on their beauty.

"What you can do is more important than what you look like," explained the king. Then, he led the hens out into the palace garden for a competition. "The one who lays the most beautiful egg will be the winner," he said.

Dotty smoothed her feathers haughtily as she settled herself in the wet grass. A while later, she clucked, stood up and stepped aside. The king was speechless. There lay an egg, spotless and perfectly shaped. "This is the most perfect egg I have ever seen!" cried the king. Dotty beamed with pride.

Then, it was Stalky's turn. After ten minutes, she clucked, got up and stretched her legs proudly. The king clapped his hands for joy and exclaimed, "This is the best oval-shaped egg I have ever seen!" Stalky was delighted but felt sorry for Plum. It was impossible for her to lay a more perfect or better egg.

Calmly, Plum sat down. With only a small cackle, she got up to reveal an egg shaped like a box. Each side of the egg was straight, as if drawn with a ruler. "This is indeed the most fantastic egg I have ever seen!" declared the king. Plum heaved a sigh of relief.

In the end, the king decided that all three hens were beautiful in their own ways. Dotty strutted away indignantly as the king gave the **verdict**.

Adapted from The Most Wonderful Egg in the World by Helme Heine

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

36. What were the hens quarrelling about?

37. How was the king going to judge who the winner would be?

38. Which sentence shows that Dotty was very pleased with the egg that she had laid?

39. Which hen laid the most unusual egg? Give a reason for your answer.

40. What was the **verdict** (line 24)?

~ End of Paper ~

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

Q17)	Sighed up
Q18)	i) After studying so hard, they thought it would be a good way to relax. ii) They also wanted to pick up some survival skills that would prepare them to their year-end trekking.
Q19)	True
Q20)	False
Q21)	True
Q22)	B
Q23)	Maps
Q24)	D
Q25)	C
Q26)	F
Q27)	E
Q28)	build
Q29)	has
Q30)	stop
Q31)	think
Q32)	I will go out and play since I have completed my homework.
Q33	Tracy prefers reading to watching movies.
Q34)	Neither Ben nor his brother likes eating peas.

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Q35)	Mr Lim asked his daughter where she had found the wallet.
Q36)	They were quarrelling about their beauty.
Q37)	The winner would be the one who laid the most beautiful egg.
Q38)	Dotty beamed with pride.
Q39)	It was plum as her egg was shaped like a box.
Q40)	All three hens were beautiful in their own ways.

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