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SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL
END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION 2023

# PRIMARY 4

# ENGLISH LANGUAGE

# PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

# BOOKLET A

**Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1h 15 min**

## INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

2 Follow all instructions carefully.

3 Answer all questions.

4 Use a 2B pencil to shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

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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) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (6 marks)

1 The _____ cheered loudly when Aaron finally scored the final goal to win the soccer match.

(1) onlookers
(2) witnesses
(3) spectators
(4) competitors

2 Ali did not want his mother to know that he had come home late so he _____ into the house.

(1) crept
(2) skipped
(3) marched
(4) stomped

3 Mother bought a book on _____ to learn how to make a chocolate cake.

(1) flour
(2) menus
(3) recipes
(4) ingredients

4 After James had taken his cough mixture, he felt so _____ that he fell asleep almost immediately.

(1) alert
(2) drowsy
(3) relieved
(4) comfortable



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5 After waiting all day for the ice-cream truck, Tina was very _____ when it did not come to her street.

(1) humbled
(2) ashamed
(3) frightened
(4) disappointed

6 Many people donated _____ to the fund set up to help the earthquake victims. A lot of money was collected.

(1) carefully
(2) grudgingly
(3) reluctantly
(4) generously

Section B: 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) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

7 You can see my painting _____ the art room.

(1) in
(2) on
(3) into
(4) with

8 While studying in the library, Jenny and I _____ startled by a loud noise coming from one of the shelves.

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



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9 Kim _____ delighted when she took a walk in the park.

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

10 "Mr Yeo is busy. He _____ tickets to the new bird park for his family now," said his assistant.

(1) buys
(2) bought
(3) is buying
(4) has bought

11 Last week, I _____ a few dishes for my grandparents before heading home.

(1) cook
(2) cooked
(3) was cooking
(4) have cooked

12 As Peter _____ up and down excitedly, the principal walked into the classroom.

(1) jumps
(2) will jump
(3) has jumped
(4) was jumping

13 _____ girls playing there are from the same class.

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



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14 I like mangoes _____ not apples.

(1) or
(2) but
(3) then
(4) because

15 Mother likes to shop at this supermarket as there are _____ things to buy here.

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

16 "Drink _____ of this tea and tell me if you like it," Auntie Tan said.

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

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

2 Follow all instructions carefully.

3 Answer all questions.

4 Write your answers in this booklet.

| | Highest Possible Marks | Marks Obtained | Parent's Signature |
|---|---|---|---|
| Booklet A | 16 | | |
| Booklet B | 34 | | |
| Subtotal | 50 | | |

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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) her | (B) his | (C) it |
| (D) she | (E) their | (F) them |

Aiping was walking in the woods with her friends. Suddenly, she saw something and froze in her tracks. Putting a finger to **(17)** _____ lips, she signalled to her friends to quieten down. One of **(18)** _____ followed her gaze and softly let out a gasp. Seeing an enormous bear crawling in **(19)** _____ direction, they took a few steps back. They whispered among themselves, wondering how to avoid **(20)** _____. With the bear inching towards them, Aiping knew she had to think of something quickly.

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

Every weekend, my parents take me to Bedok Reservoir Park. It **(21)** [ is / are] a calm and relaxing place. I always **(22)** [ look / looks ] forward to going there. Besides exercising, we also **(23)** [ bond / bonds ] with each other by chatting about the week's happenings. My mother **(24)** [ like / likes ] to share stories about her colleague who always tells very funny jokes. We usually spend two hours at the park before heading home.

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Section D: Vocabulary Cloze

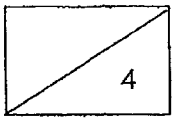
Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given and fill in the blanks. **USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.** (4 marks)

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| appetising | visit | uglier | crossed | stumbled | stronger |

Udhata was a thin and weak donkey. One day, he went to search for food with his friend, a jackal. The pair walked around the village in the middle of the night until they **(25)** _____ upon a cucumber field. That night, they truly enjoyed their meal. They decided to pay a **(26)** _____ to the cucumber field every night. Eventually, Udhata grew **(27)** _____ and was also able to carry more load.

Once, after an **(28)** _____ meal of cucumbers, Udhata insisted on singing. Knowing that this was foolish as it would wake the guards up, the jackal advised him against it.

*Adapted from '10 Enlightening Short Moral Stories For Kids' (https://www.getlitt.co/blog/short-moral-stories-for-kids/)*






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Section E: Sentence Combining

For each of the questions from 29 to 32, 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)

29 Ruiling likes to eat chicken rice. Her sister also likes to eat chicken rice.

**Both** _____

_____.

30 The security guard unlocks the classroom door every morning. The teachers unlock the classroom door every morning.

**Either** _____

_____.

31 This is the place. I found the treasure chest here.

_____ **where**

_____.

32 The storyteller spoke loudly. She wanted to ensure that all the children could hear her.

_____ **in order to**

_____.

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Section F: Comprehension (Passage A)

Read the passage below carefully and answer questions 33 to 39. (8 marks)

Alice has been volunteering with an organisation called Helping With Love since she was seven years old. Her uncle and cousin will go along with her. They visit Helping With Love once every two weeks.

At Helping With Love, they have important tasks to do. Alice's cousin will pick out a few grocery items from different stations and pass them to Alice. Then, Alice will pack them in a big plastic bag. This process continues until all the groceries have been packed. Alice's uncle carries the plastic bags to the van. Once the van is loaded, they are ready to set off on their special mission.

Their journey takes them to the homes of the elderly who do not have enough money to buy food. Every time they arrive at the homes, the elderly will greet them with twinkling eyes and grateful smiles. Uncle Bala usually cries when he sees them. He lives alone and no one visits him. Their presence really touches his heart.

As Alice, her uncle and her cousin spend time with the elderly, they exchange stories and laughter. Alice realises that their work is not just about delivering groceries. It is also about sharing love and reminding the elderly they are not alone. Alice hopes to continue volunteering at Helping With Love for the rest of her life.

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33 Who are the two people who do volunteer work together with Alice?

i. _____ [1m]

ii. _____ [1m]

For Q34-36, decide who does the following activities. Tick (✓) your chosen answer. The first example has been done for you. [3m]

| | Activities described in paragraph 2 | Alice | Alice's cousin | Alice's uncle |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Example** | Passes grocery items to Alice | | ✓ | |
| **34** | Packs groceries in plastic bags | | | |
| **35** | Carries plastic bags of groceries to the van | | | |
| **36** | Chooses grocery items from different stations | | | |

For Q37-38, tick ( ✓) your chosen answer. [2m]

37 How do the elderly usually feel when Alice, her uncle and her cousin visit them?

- ☐ sad
- ☐ happy
- ☐ scared

38 Why does Uncle Bala cry every time he sees Alice, her uncle and her cousin?

- ☐ He is thankful as nobody else visits him.
- ☐ He is disappointed that they do not visit him often.
- ☐ He is sad that he receives the groceries only once in two weeks.



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39 Which word has the same meaning as "pass"? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

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| As Alice, her uncle and her cousin spend (A) time with the elderly, they exchange (B) stories and laughter. |

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Section G: Comprehension (Passage B)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 40 to 46. (10 marks)

On 23 March, a male zebra, Sero, broke free from a zoo at Seoul Children's Grand Park in Seoul, Korea. It roamed around a residential area for three hours before it was caught.

Videos on social media showed three-year-old Sero galloping through the Gwangjin area of Seoul amid heavy traffic, strolling down narrow alleys in residential neighbourhoods, and passing zebra crossings as it scuttled around the city. Sero had escaped from the zoo by breaking the wooden fencing of its pen. Pedestrians were entertained by the sight of a zebra walking down the streets and sticking its nose into garbage bins.

According to Seoul Gwangjin Fire Station, officers received the first report at around 3.30 p.m. about a zebra roaming free around the area. As a team of officers drove to the reported location, they spotted Sero running in the opposite direction, prompting them to give chase. The officers blocked its escape route from a back alley with safety fences, fire trucks and police cars while waiting for zoo officials to arrive.

A team dispatched by the zoo arrived about an hour later to administer seven shots of muscle relaxant that eventually calmed Sero down. The officials were able to trap it and give it a tranquiliser, which put it to sleep. They then returned it to the zoo on the back of a pickup truck. Upon Sero's return to the zoo, it was assessed by vets and was reported to be unhurt.

According to the zoo officials, Sero had been displaying rebellious behaviours after its parents died in 2021 and 2022. It fought with a kangaroo in a neighbouring pen and refused to eat some of its meals. The officials planned to start a training programme to tame Sero.

*Adapted from CNN article "Zebra on the loose gives zookeepers the runaround in Seoul"*



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40 Which word in paragraph 1 has the same meaning as "wandered"? [1m]

41 How did the pedestrians on the streets feel when they saw Sero? [1m]

_____

42 From paragraph 3, list the three things that prevented Sero from escaping.

i. _____ [1m]

ii. _____ [1m]

iii. _____ [1m]

For Q43-44, read each statement and tick (✓) "True" or "False". The first example has been done for you. [2m]

| | Statement | True | False |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Example** | Sero went to sleep after it was given a tranquiliser. | ✓ | |
| **43** | The zoo officials arrived immediately after the fire-station officers spotted Sero. | | |
| **44** | Sero was reported to be wounded when it reached the zoo. | | |

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45 Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order of events that occurred in the passage. [1m]

_____ Sero was returned to the zoo.

_____ The zoo officials put Sero to sleep.

_____ The fire-station officers spotted Sero and gave chase.

46 Based on lines 21 to 24, how was Sero rebellious? [2m]

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| 3 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| Q 11 | Q12 | Q13 | Q14 | Q15 | Q16 | Q17 | Q18 | Q19 | Q20 |
| 2 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 2 | A | F | E | C |

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| Q21) | is | Q22) | look | Q23) | bond |
| Q24) | likes | Q25) | stumbled | Q26) | visit |
| Q27) | stronger | Q28) | appetising | | |

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| Q29) | Both Ruiling and her sister like to eat chicken rice. |
| Q30) | Either the security guard or the teachers unlock the classroom door every morning. |
| Q31) | This is the place where I found the treasure chest. |
| Q32) | The storyteller spoke loudly in order to ensure that all the children could hear her. |
| Q33) | i)Alice's uncle<br>ii)Alice's cousin |
| Q34) | Alice |
| Q35) | Alice's uncle |
| Q36) | Alice's cousin |
| Q37) | happy |
| Q38) | He is thankful as nobody else visits him. |
| Q39) | A |
| Q40) | roamed |
| Q41) | The pedestrians on the street felt entertained when they saw Sero. |



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| Q42) | i)safety fences<br>ii)fire trucks<br>iii)police cars |
| Q43) | False |
| Q44) | False |
| Q45) | 3, 2, 1 |
| Q46) | Sero fought with a kangaroo in a neighbouring pen and refused to eat some of its meals, |



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