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END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION
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PRIMARY FOUR

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2

Name : _____ ( ) Date : 22 October 2024

Class : Primary 4_____

48 Questions
50 Marks
Duration: 1 h and 15 min

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Do not open the booklet until you are told to do so.
- Read all instructions carefully.
- An Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) is provided for answers to Questions 1 to 16. Shade your answers using a **2B pencil**.
- For Questions 17 - 48, answer using a **blue/black ballpoint pen**.
- Do not use correction tape/highlighter in your answers.
- Complete all sections.

Paper	Marks Obtained	Total Marks
Oral Reading Aloud		6
Stimulus-Based Conversation		10
Listening Comprehension		14
Paper 1 Continuous Writing		20
Paper 2		50
Total		100

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Vocabulary (6 × 1 mark)
For each question, 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.

1 Max shot Ms Gupta a quizzical _____ when she asked him to solve a mathematics problem.

(1) look
(2) view
(3) glimpse
(4) observation

2 My parents _____ me to sign up for the English writing competition.

(1) confirmed
(2) consulted
(3) converted
(4) convinced

3 "We can bake this cake now!" exclaimed my sister. "It only requires six _____ and we have all of them at home!"

(1) steps
(2) recipes
(3) ingredients
(4) components

4 Although the task was _____, I persevered till the end.

(1) easy
(2) severe
(3) effortless
(4) challenging

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5 Mother _____ in surprise at the sight of my sister's new haircut.

(1) gasped
(2) snorted
(3) mumbled
(4) whispered

6 His _____ hair stood up in all directions after he woke up.

(1) neat
(2) sleek
(3) unkempt
(4) neglected

Grammar (10 × 1 mark)
For each question, 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.

7 I was transported back to the present when my teacher tapped _____ my table.

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

8 While singing the national anthem earlier, the students _____ fidgeting constantly.

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

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9 _____ cake on display here is not fresh.

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

10 Yesterday, Mother _____ at me to focus on the task at hand.

(1) nag
(2) nagged
(3) is nagging
(4) has nagged

11 "We have bought _____ new luggage for our trip," Father said.

(1) any
(2) little
(3) much
(4) some

12 Sophie is exhausted _____ she insists on staying past her bedtime.

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

13 Shawn and James _____ very happy when they did well in the test.

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

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14 While I _____ the dishes, the phone rang.

(1) do
(2) will do
(3) was doing
(4) have done

15 "My grandmother cannot answer the phone. She _____ right now," Ben said.

(1) cooks
(2) cooked
(3) is cooking
(4) has cooked

16 There were _____ cows at the farm when we visited.

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

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Grammar Cloze Passage 1 (4 × 1 mark)
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 A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) they	(B) his	(C) we
(D) them	(E) it	(F) their

Tom was a young boy. He spent his days exploring the woods near (17) _____ house with his dog, Max. Max was playful just like Tom. The two of (18) _____ would spend hours running through the forest.

As (19) _____ grew up together, the bond between Tom and Max strengthened. The duo knew that no matter what happened in (20) _____ lives, they could always rely on each other. Their relationship was special.

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Grammar Cloze Passage 2 (4 × 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

Boa constrictors are large snakes. They **(21)** [live / lives] in tropical climates where they hunt at night.

The boa's hunting technique **(22)** [is / are] to ambush its prey. It **(23)** [swallow / swallows] its prey whole. Food is digested by strong stomach acids. After a large meal, a boa does not need to eat for weeks.

Mother boas **(24)** [give / gives] birth to about 60 babies at a time! A baby boa is born already knowing how to hunt.

https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/animals/reptiles/

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Vocabulary Cloze Passage (4 × 1 mark)
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 A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) describing	(B) filled	(C) writing
(D) know	(E) progressed	(F) understand

During mathematics lesson, the students sat attentively. The teacher, Mrs Tan, stood right at the front **(25)** _____ equations on the whiteboard. As the lesson **(26)** _____, a sense of camaraderie filled the room as students helped one another **(27)** _____ difficult concepts.

The chatter of students **(28)** _____ the air, creating a lively atmosphere. By the end of the class, everyone left, feeling grateful for Mrs Tan and their friends.

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Sentence Combining (4 x 1 mark)
For each of the following questions, 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).

29 Jake never attended any art class. He was able to draw well.

Although _____ ☐

_____.

30 Beverly left school early. She was not feeling well.

_____ **so** ☐

_____.

31 Every parcel delivered yesterday was not mine.

None _____ ☐

_____.

32 "My mother will buy me a toy today, David told me.

David told me that _____ ☐

_____.

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Comprehension 1 (8 marks)
Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Lisa always envied her friends who whizzed by on their bicycles confidently, their laughter trailing behind them. At nine years old, she decided it was time to conquer her fear and learn to ride too. As soon as she awoke, Lisa marched to the storeroom where her old bicycle stood, its tyres flat and spokes rusty from lack of use. She dragged it into the sunlight. Her father appeared; a smile formed on his lips as he knelt to inspect the bicycle.

"Let's get this bicycle ready," he said, his voice full of encouragement.

For hours, they worked together. Lisa learned about tyre pressure and balance, how to grasp the handlebars with confidence, and when to push off. Time and again, she wobbled and fell, scraping her knees and bruising her pride. However, each tumble was a lesson learned, a step closer to mastering the art of riding. Finally, as evening came, Lisa pushed off one last time. With her father's hand gently on her back, she felt the magic of balance and momentum, the feeling of independence coursing through her veins.

That evening, Lisa returned home dusty, injured, but victorious. Her heart swelled with pride as she hugged her bicycle, now a **trusted companion** in her adventures yet to come.

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33 Which word tells you that Lisa was jealous of her friends? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

Lisa always envied her friends who whizzed by on their bicycles.
(A) (B)

34 From Paragraph 1, name the activity that Lisa was determined to learn. [1m]

35 Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

What did Lisa's father think when he saw her taking her bicycle out? [1m]

	He thought Lisa would not succeed again.
	He was proud of Lisa for trying to cycle again.
	He thought Lisa's bicycle was spoilt.

36 Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks to show what Lisa did first, next and last in Paragraph 3. [1m]

_____ Lisa fell.

_____ Lisa learned how to operate the bicycle.

_____ Lisa rode the bicycle independently.

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For questions 37 to 39, read each statement and tick (✓) "True" or "False". Refer to Paragraphs 3 to 4 to help you. The first example has been done for you. **[3m]**

	Activities	True	False
Example	Lisa learnt how to cycle after her first try.		✓
37	Lisa started to learn cycling only in the evening.		
38	Lisa got injured while learning to cycle.		
39	Lisa hugged her father for teaching her how to ride the bicycle.		

40 Name the 'trusted companion' in line 16. **[1m]**

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Comprehension 2 (10 marks)
Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Honeybees live in colonies with one queen running the whole hive. Worker honeybees are all females and are the only bees most people ever see flying around outside of the hive. They forage for food, build the honeycombs and protect the hive.

Many species of honeybees are disappearing from hives due to Colony Collapse Disorder. This is a situation when the majority of the worker bees in a colony disappear, leaving behind their queen. Scientists are not sure what is causing this collapse.

Honeybees are important pollinators for flowers, fruits, and vegetables. They live on stored honey and pollen all winter and cluster into a ball to conserve warmth. All honeybees are social and cooperative insects. Members of the hive are divided into three types. Workers forage for nutrients, build and protect the hive, as well as clean and circulate the air by beating their wings.

The queen's job is simple—she lays the eggs that will produce the hive's next generation of bees. There is usually only a single queen in a hive. If the queen dies, workers will create a new queen by feeding one of the female worker bees a special food called 'royal jelly'. This enables the bee to develop into a fertile queen.

Male bees are called drones—the third type of honeybee. Several hundred drones live in each hive, fed by the female worker bees only during spring and summer. However, during the winter months, unable to feed themselves, drones quickly die.

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41 From Paragraph 1, what is the job of worker honeybees? [3m]

(i) _____

(ii) _____

(iii) _____

42 What does the **'they'** in line 8 refer to? **[1m]**

For questions 43 and 44, read each statement and tick (✓) "True" or "False". Refer to Paragraphs 2 and 3 to help you. The first example has been done for you. **[2m]**

Activities		True	False
Example	There are many species of bees in the wild.	✓	
43	Scientists know why Colony Collapse Disorder happens.		
44	During winter, honeybees live on honey and pollen that are collected earlier.		

45 Choose a word from Paragraph 3 that has a similar meaning to the word below. **[1m]**

maintain	

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46 Choose a three-word phrase from Paragraph 3 to show that the honeybees work together as a group. **[1m]**

47 What is the main job of the queen bee? Tick (✓) the correct answer. **[1m]**

to feed on royal jelly	
lay eggs to ensure the survival of the next generation of bees	

48 Why do you think the drones 'quickly die' (line 20)? **[1m]**

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

Q17	B
Q18	D
Q19	A
Q20	F
Q21	Live
Q22	Is
Q23	Swallows
Q24	Give
Q25	C
Q26	E
Q27	F
Q28	B
Q29	Although Jake never attended any art class , he was able to draw well.
Q30	Beverly was not feeling well so she left school early.
Q31	None of the parcels delivered yesterday was mine.
Q32	David told me that his mother would buy him a toy that day
Q33	Envied
Q34	Cycling
Q35	He was proud of Lisa for trying to cycle again
Q36	2,1,3
Q37	False
Q38	True
Q39	False
Q40	The bicycle
Q41	(i) they forage for food (ii) build the honey combs

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	(iii) protect the hive
Q42	Honey bees
Q43	False
Q44	True
Q45	Conserve
Q46	Social and cooperative
Q47	Lay eggs to ensure the survival of the next generation of bees.
Q48	The drones are unable to feed themselves as they are fed by the female workers only during spring and summer.

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