Rulang Primary School

MINI-TEST 2
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION
2024

Name : _____ **( )** **Marks :** _____ **/ 25**

Class : Primary 4 ( ) **Date : 16 August 2024**

20 Questions

Total Time: 1 Hour

Instructions to Pupils:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Follow **all** the instructions carefully.
3. Answer **all** the questions.
4. This question booklet consists of 6 printed pages, including the cover page.

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Section A: Vocabulary Cloze (5 marks)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to K) in each blank. The letter "I" has been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

USE EACH WORD ONLY ONCE

(A) citizens	(C) compassion	(E) diligent	(G) graciousness	(J) noticed
(B) careful	(D) detected	(F) generous	(H) gratitude	(K) residents

Many Singaporeans show kindness towards foreign workers who are known to work long hours. When one of the workers told Sengkang (1)_____ that he was leaving Singapore to go home, they responded with appreciation for his hard work.

Mr Loh, who lives in the neighbourhood, says that Mr Rajib is a very (2)_____ and friendly worker. He puts in an extra hour daily to keep the neighbourhood clean and greets everyone in the morning.

Mr Loh's neighbours have also (3)_____ his hard work. They put up post-it notes at the designated area of the lift lobby to thank the cleaner for his work. This is not the first time (4)_____ has been shown to cleaners at Sengkang. In the earlier part of the year, when it became very hot in Singapore, a (5)_____ person donated sunblock lotion to all the cleaners. The cleaners were also treated to a nasi lemak buffet.

Adapted from https://theindependent.sg/sengkang-residents-express-heartfelt-gratitude-to-foreign-cleaner-as-he-prepares-to-return-home/#google_vignette

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Section B: Grammar Cloze (5 marks)
Read the following passage carefully. Choose from the words given in the box and fill in each blank with the correct word. Write its letter (A to H) in the blank.

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(A) play	(C) played	(E) has played	(G) has been playing
(B) plays	(D) playing	(F) will be playing	(H) have played

Cheng was six years old when he was given his first violin. He loves his violin and usually (6)_____ it every evening after coming home from school. When Cheng was seven years old, his mother hired an experienced violinist to teach him to (7)_____ different types of music with the violin. He (8)_____ the violin under the guidance of this violinist for the past three years. Next month, Cheng (9)_____ his violin in his first major violin competition for children of his age. He is confident that (10)_____ his favourite music piece, which he has been practising for the past few months, will help him to do well for the competition. His parents feel that Cheng has developed a love for music because of the violin.

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Section C: Synthesis and Transformation of Sentences (5 marks)

For each question, 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(s) of the given sentence(s).

11. Ben does not like to eat chocolates. His sisters do not like to eat chocolates too.

Neither _____

_____.

12. I was walking home. I heard a kitten purring pitifully.

_____ while

_____.

13. Tony rushed to the airport. He missed his flight.

_____ even though

_____.

14. Jasper would rather run in the park than swim.

_____ prefers _____

_____.

15. You must be careful in the test. You may make mistakes.

Unless _____

_____.

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Section D: Open-Ended Comprehension (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Write your answers in complete sentences.

Sam was a rich businessman who had many servants working for him. Despite his wealth, he would never hesitate to cheat others.

One day, a bag with a silver clasp that had Sam's name engraved on it went missing. Sam searched high and low for it, but to no avail.

A week later, the ten-year-old daughter of Sam's servant found the bag and told her father about it. The father picked up the bag and his eyes widened. Immediately, he rushed to return it to his master. Sam was relieved to get the bag back, but an idea popped into his head. He narrowed his eyes and exclaimed, "There are only gold coins in this bag! Where are the gold bars? You must have stolen them!"

The servant was shocked to hear the accusation and pleaded his innocence. Greed consumed Sam. He refused to accept the servant's story and took the matter to court. The judge questioned the servant and his daughter. The servant explained that he had quickly sent the bag to his master upon realising that it was the missing bag. The judge then asked Sam and he replied, "Yes, my lord. There are gold coins and gold bars in the bag that I have lost. **They** have stolen the gold bars!"

The judge then made a decision. "Since Sam has lost a bag of gold coins and gold bars, it is obvious that this bag of gold coins does not belong to him. If someone finds a bag of gold coins and gold bars, I will then declare that it belongs to Sam. As such, I order the girl and her father to take this bag of gold coins as a reward for returning what is not theirs."

Adapted from Gold Coins and A Selfish Man, Kids World Fun

16. What did the servant do when his daughter found the missing bag? [2m]

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17. (i) How did the servant know that the bag his daughter had found belonged to his master? [1m]

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(ii) Which **one** of the following words correctly describes the servant's character when he returned the bag? Put a tick (✓) in the box beside your answer. [1m]
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bold		meek	
cunning		honourable	

18. What do the words below refer to?
(i) "it" in line 6 [1m]

(ii) "they" in line 16 [1m]

19. What kind of person was Sam? Support your answer with one piece of evidence from the passage. [2m]

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20. What did the judge decide after hearing both sides of the story? [2m]

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Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
K	E	J	H	F	B	A	G	F	D

Q11	Neither Ben nor his sisters like to eat chocolates.
Q12	I heard a kitten pitifully while I was walking home.
Q13	Tony missed his flight even though he rushed to the airport.
Q14	Jasper prefers running in the park to swimming.
Q15	Unless you are careful in the test, you may make mistakes.
Q16)	The servant picked up the bag and his eyes widened. Immediately he rushed to return it to his master.
Q17)	The bag had a silver clasp with Sams name engraved on it.
Q18)	i) finding Sams bag ii) The servant and his daughter.
Q19)	Sam was greedy. He wanted to cheat his servant by accusing that his servant had stolen the gold bars.
Q20)	The judge decided that the bag of gold coins did not belong to Sam. He ordered the servant and his daughter to take the bag as a reward.

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