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WEIGHTED ASSESSMENT (3) 2024
PRIMARY 4

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER

Total Time for Booklet: 50 min

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. Answer all questions.

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Section A: Comprehension Cloze (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully. Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Anyone can be an inventor. Everyone can have brilliant ideas. Regardless of their age, teenagers can be just as creative as adults.

Louis Braille, invented the Braille system after losing his sight at the _____ (1) of three years old due to a childhood accident. When he was twelve years old, he came _____ (2) a system for soldiers to communicate at night. It used raised dots and dashes, but it was very complicated. Therefore, Braille decided to _____ (3) it. He went on to develop the Braille system of touch reading and writing using only raised dots, which changed _____ (4) the blind communicate.

Another young _____ (5) was Chester Greenwood. Wanting to _____ (6) his ears warm while skating on ice, he decided to come up _____ (7) a solution - earmuffs. He made a wire frame and had his grandmother sew tufts of furs to _____ (8), making the first pair of earmuffs. These earmuffs became popular, and factories began manufacturing them, _____ (9) jobs for people. This went on for more _____ (10) sixty years. Chester also continued to invent other items including a wide-bottomed kettle, innovative spark plugs, and a folding bed design.

Adapted from several sources.

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Section B: Visual Text Comprehension (3 marks)

The extract below is taken from an article on a competition.

Smelly-footed boy is a shoe-in winner

Last Saturday, almost 50 people turned out for an unusual competition – to see who can claim the title of having the smelliest pair of shoes.

For this year, it was the unpleasant odour of Jason Goh's old soccer shoes that prompted the judges to declare him as the winner.

"They were filthy and rotten and they stunk really bad. It makes you want to throw up!" one of the judges explained with glee. "It is that involuntary reaction that we are looking for."

Jason could not help grinning as he hugged his reward for clinching the top prize. When asked what he planned to do with the prize money that he had also received, Jason replied without hesitation, "New shoes!"



Above: Jason Goh, 12, with his winning smelly shoes and trophy.

Below: Judges examining the contestants' entries.



Adapted from The Associated Press

11. Besides the trophy, what else did Jason get as the winner of the competition? [1m]

12. Which person in the picture do you think is likely to be the judge who "explained with glee", and why? [1m]

(a) The man in the middle because he is taking notes diligently.
(b) The man on the left because he is examining the shoe enthusiastically.
(c) The woman on the right because she is looking at the man holding the shoe.

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13. Circle the word that has a similar meaning as "instinctive". [1m]

unpleasant involuntary hesitation

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Section C: Comprehension (Open-Ended) (12 marks)
Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Tom an elderly woodcutter, lived in a forest surrounded by snow-capped mountains. He lived alone in his cottage next to his well-kept garden, relying on his two faithful companions - Bobo, his dog, and Pippa, an old horse – whenever he needed help. They would go with him to the nearby town when he had enough firewood to sell. However, Pippa's legs would hurt when it had to drag a cart full of firewood there. Fortunately, returning home after selling the firewood was quicker and took only half the time.

Every other weekend, Tom would go to town to buy groceries before picking up his only grandchild, Ben, to spend the weekends together fishing at a stream near Tom's cottage. However, one weekend, Tom failed to show up, causing Ben to worry. After seeking his parents' permission, Ben rode his bicycle to his grandfather's house.

Ben finally arrived at his destination after crossing a wooden bridge that was partially damaged by the unusually overflowing stream. It was filled with icy water that had melted from the slopes of the mountains. He knocked on the door but there was no response. When he tried to open the door, he realised it was unlocked. Increasingly concerned about his grandfather, he rushed in immediately and saw his grandfather sleeping in broad daylight. In his hurry, Ben stumbled over a wooden chair. Startled by the noise, Tom woke up. He was glad to see Ben and explained that he had fallen ill a week after his last visit. Worried about Tom's condition, Ben tried to call his parents but there was no reception on his mobile phone. He decided to go home and get some help.

When Ben reached the stream, he was shocked to see a part of the bridge had been washed away. An idea struck him. Returning to the cottage, he found a rope. He made his way back to the stream and tied one end of the rope around a branch that overlooked the edge of the stream. Holding on to the other end of it, Ben swung over the swirling stream, successfully reaching the other side. He then continued his journey home on foot.

At sunset, Ben finally reached home. His parents quickly contacted a doctor who arranged for a helicopter to take him to Tom's cottage. As a result, Tom received timely medical attention, which helped him to recover well.

Adapted from 'Brave Ben' by Murray Brenman

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14. Which word in Paragraph 1 has a similar meaning to loyal? [1m]

For questions **15 to 16**, write your answers in complete sentences.

15. Explain clearly why the trip home from the town would take only half the time to travel to it. [2m]

16. Based on lines 1 to 22, state whether each sentence below is **True or False.** Give a reason for your answer. [3m]

	Sentence	True/False	Reason
(a)	Ben had no other siblings in his family.		
(b)	Ben had to cross a stream near his parents' house to reach Tom's cottage.		
(c)	Tom was awake when Ben arrived.		

17. Write down what the word 'it' in each of the following lines refers to: [2m]

(a)	Line 14	
(b)	Line 26	

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18. Write **1**, **2** and **3** in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story. [1m]

_____ Ben rode his bicycle to his grandfather's cottage.

_____ Tom fell ill.

_____ Ben became more worried about his grandfather when he did not hear any response from him.

For questions **19 and 20**, write your answer in complete sentence(s).

19. Why was Ben unable to use the same bridge to return home? [1m]

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20. Suggest one reason why the doctor visited Tom in a helicopter instead of an ambulance. [1m]

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21. With reference to lines 23 to 28, choose the most appropriate adjective to describe Ben. Put a tick in the box next to the chosen word. [1m]

- ☐ attentive
- ☐ caring
- ☐ quick-thinking
- ☐ thoughtful

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ANSWER KEY

YEAR : 2024
LEVEL : PRIMARY 4
SCHOOL : MGS
SUBJECT : ENGLISH
TERM : WA 3

Q1	Age
Q2	Across
Q3	Change
Q4	How
Q5	Inventor
Q6	Keep
Q7	With
Q8	It
Q9	Creating
Q10	Than
Q11	Money
Q12	B
Q13	Involuntary
Q14	Faithful
Q15	Pippa's legs would hurt when he had to drag a cart full of firewood there, but on the way home, the cart would not be full so pippa would be able to walk faster.
Q16	a) True. Every other weekend, Tom would go to pick up his only grandchild, Ben. b) False. The stream was near Tom's cottage and Ben has to cross this stream to reach to cottage. False c) When Ben rushed into Tom's house , he saw that Tom was sleeping in broad daylight.
Q17	a) The stream b) The rope
Q18	2 , 1 , 3
Q19	When Ben reached the stream, he saw that a part of the bridge had been washed away.
Q20	The bridge was damaged as such an ambulance was not able to cross the stream.
Q21	Quick-thinking

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