



ROSYTH SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2, 2011
PRIMARY 4
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2

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Total duration for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 15 minutes

BOOKLET A

Instructions to Pupils:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 20 questions (Questions 1 to 20) and 6 pages.
4. Answer all questions and shade your options on the OAS given.

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Section A: Grammar (8 marks)

For questions 1 to 8, choose the most suitable answer and shade the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS given. (8 x 1 mark)

1) While David _____ crossing the road this morning, he tripped and fell.

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

2) My grandmother and I followed the instructions in the recipe book and cooked the curry _____.

- (1) herself
- (2) myself
- (3) ourselves
- (4) themselves

3) James _____ thrilled when his parents take him on a holiday.

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

4) "Look at those migratory birds! They _____ across the sky now!" shouted Gerri excitedly.

- (1) fly
- (2) flies
- (3) are flying
- (4) were flying

5) A week ago, I _____ for an excursion after seeking my father's consent.

- (1) go
- (2) went
- (3) was going
- (4) have gone

6) The old lady is eating chestnuts and wants some tea but there isn't _____ tea left in the teapot.

- (1) any
- (2) many
- (3) some
- (4) a little

7) _____ spectators sitting over there are cheering for their favourite football team.

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

- 8) As the performers _____ on the stage, the audience clapped.
- (1) dance
 - (2) dances
 - (3) was dancing
 - (4) were dancing

Section B: Vocabulary (7 marks)

For questions 9 to 15, choose the most suitable answer and shade the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS given. (7 x 1 mark)

- 9) The police are asking for _____ to the fatal hit-and-run accident that happened along Serangoon Road last night.
- (1) spies
 - (2) onlookers
 - (3) bystanders
 - (4) eye-witnesses
- 10) Please handle the vase with care. It is _____.
- (1) soft
 - (2) frail
 - (3) weak
 - (4) fragile
- 11) The old man cannot hear you well for he is _____ in one ear.
- (1) blind
 - (2) deaf
 - (3) numb
 - (4) mute

12) The _____ were focused and ran swiftly towards the finish line.

- (1) drivers
- (2) athletes
- (3) swimmers
- (4) footballers

13) The price of petrol has risen and so taxi _____ are also higher.

- (1) fees
- (2) fares
- (3) rides
- (4) receipts

14) John _____ the earthquake because he was not home when his house collapsed.

- (1) beat
- (2) defeated
- (3) survived
- (4) outlasted

15) Mary could not _____ on her work because the other pupils were talking too loudly.

- (1) duplicate
- (2) meditate
- (3) appreciate
- (4) concentrate

Section C : Comprehension MCQ (10 marks)

For questions 16 to 20, read the passage carefully. Then answer the questions below. Shade the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS given.

It was a Saturday morning. Mrs Li came out from the NTUC supermarket near her home. She was carrying a few bags of groceries. She went to the supermarket only once a week so she had bought a lot of things. As she walked slowly along the pavement, she wiped the perspiration from her face every once in a while.

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Peter and his younger sister, Jane, were on their way to school for their CCA training sessions. Both of them were in their school badminton team. They saw Mrs Li walking towards them. Peter noticed that Mrs. Li looked tired.

Peter turned to his sister and said, "Jane, we are still early for our training session. Let us go over and help Mrs. Li with her groceries."

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Jane looked at her brother and smiled. She always liked to help the elderly. Both of them called out to Mrs Li and went over to her.

"Let us help you with your things, Mrs Li," Peter and Jane said together.

"Thank you so much. You are both very kind and helpful," Mrs Li replied as she handed them over to the children. She now had only her handbag and umbrella with her.

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The two children chatted warmly with Mrs Li as they took the lift up together. They were surprised to find out that Mrs Li lived only two doors away from them.

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Mrs Li invited them in for a drink but they said that they had to go for their CCA. After saying goodbye to her, Peter and Jane then left.

- 16) Mrs Li was walking slowly because she had _____.
- (1) many things to carry
 - (2) just gone to the NTUC supermarket
 - (3) to wipe the perspiration from her face
 - (4) bought groceries from the supermarket
- 17) When Peter and Jane saw Mrs Li, they were _____.
- (1) playing badminton
 - (2) chatting with each other
 - (3) making their way to school
 - (4) having their training session
- 18) The two children decided to stop and help Mrs Li because they _____.
- (1) saw her walking along the pavement
 - (2) still had plenty of time to reach school
 - (3) were not afraid to be late for their CCA
 - (4) wanted her to know that they were kind
- 19) The word 'them' in line 16 refers to _____.
- (1) Peter and Jane
 - (2) the bags of groceries
 - (3) Mrs Li, Peter and Jane
 - (4) the handbag and umbrella
- 20) Which of the following statements about Mrs Li is **true** ?
- (1) Mrs Li is kind and helpful
 - (2) Mrs Li lived two floors above Peter and Jane
 - (3) Mrs Li shopped for groceries every Saturday
 - (4) Mrs Li invited Peter and Jane to her house for dinner

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BOOKLET B

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Component	Maximum	Marks Obtained
Grammar & Vocabulary	25	
Comprehension Cloze	5	
Comprehension MCQ & Open-ended	20	
Total	50	

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Section A : Grammar (8 marks)

For questions 21 to 24, 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 OPTION ONCE ONLY. (4 x 1 mark)

(A) us	(B) I	(C) she
(D) we	(E) you	(F) her

Dear Jon,

Thank you for inviting us to your home in Malaysia for the Lunar New Year. Siti and I will be travelling by Singapore Airlines Flight 324. (21)_____ will arrive in the afternoon. Siti has also asked (22) _____ sister to come along with us. I hope you do not mind. It has been a year since you last saw (23)_____. We are all very excited and look forward to seeing (24)_____ again. Say 'hello' to your family for me!

Regards,

Fadhli

For questions 25 to 28, read the passage carefully. Then underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets. (4 x 1 mark)

Mrs. Chen teaches English. She often (25) (tell / tells) funny stories to make her lessons more interesting. The pupils enjoy listening to her. After each lesson, they eagerly (26) (do / does) the homework given to them. The pupils think that Mrs. Chen (27) (is / are) a wonderful teacher and (28) (likes / like) her very much. They ask Mrs. Chen to teach them the next year. This makes Mrs. Chen extremely happy.

Section B: Sentence Combining (2 x1 mark)

For questions 29 to 30, 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) My uncle is not going to the concert. My aunt is not going too.

Neither _____

30) These are the boys. They participated in the talent quest yesterday.

Section C: Comprehension Cloze (5 marks)

For questions 31 to 35, read the passage carefully. Fill in each of the blanks with the most suitable word. (5 x 1 mark)

YOU ARE ONLY ALLOWED TO USE ONE WORD FOR EACH BLANK.

Thai-boxing was originally developed as a form of warfare. It is now a popular form of sports. Most boxers (31) _____ training at the age of 13. At 16, they are ready to turn professional. They rarely fight more than once a month as it is exhausting.

Before the (32) _____ the boxers enter the ring, wrapped in coloured robes. They then turn in the direction of their birthplace, kneel and raise their gloved fists in prayer. Finally, each man touches his head to the ground in (33) _____ act of humility.

When the bell clangs, the fighters get ready to pounce on each other. The crowd cheers on enthusiastically. For the first two rounds, the spectators look (34) _____ quietly as the boxers look out for each other's weaknesses. Then, suddenly, the fighters fly into a fierce display. When the bell sounds, the fighters withdraw to their corners. The remaining rounds are filled with high-tensioned fury. The fight (35) _____ until one fighter falls to the mat. The referee will declare one of them the winner.

Section D: Comprehension (OE) (10 marks)

Read the following passage carefully. Then write the answers for questions 36 to 40. (5 x 2 marks)

Peter Benchley wrote the best-selling book called "Jaws" in which a shark terrorised the swimmers. Yet Benchley, who made a fortune turning sharks into demons, is now leading a global campaign to protect sharks. Humans kill 100 million sharks yearly.

To protect the sharks, Benchley and the international conservation organisation "WildAid" are calling an immediate ban on shark finning practices, where the fin is cut off and the shark is thrown into the sea to drown or bleed to death. Benchley was appalled to witness graveyards of sharks without fins on the sea beds. 5

Demand for shark fins has soared in Southeast Asia. The soup is served at weddings and business lunches. In the past, sharks caught by fishermen were released alive, but with each fin currently worth around \$15, they are now killed and the fins sold. 10

Sharks do not often attack humans. The real blame lies with the fleets of commercial boats which hunt the sharks and the lack of international regulations to protect them. Only four countries- United States, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa – have bans on fin removal. 15

"As sharks eat species that feed on fishes caught for human food, they can be seen as friends of humans," said an activist, Suzy Watts. What we know about sharks now tells us that they may not be senseless killers. Behaviour originally thought of as aggression is now seen to be simple curiosity. 20

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36) What did Peter Benchley do to turn sharks into demons?

37) How does Peter Benchley help to protect sharks?

38) Why are the sea beds described as "graveyards" in the 2nd paragraph?

39) Why does the demand for shark fins soar in Southeast Asia and not in Australia?

40) Which three-word phrase in the last paragraph tells us that sharks are not enemies of man?

**** End of Paper****



ANSWER SHEET

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Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
3	3	1	3	2	1	4	4	4	4	2	2	2	3	4	1	3

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24
2	2	3	D	F	A	E

25)tells 26)do 27)is 28)like

29)Neither my uncle nor my aunt is going to the concert.

30)These are the boys who participated in the talent quest yesterday.

31)start 32)competition 33)an 34)on 35)continues

36)He wrote a book about a shark that terrorized swimmers.

37)He is leading a global campaign to protect sharks.

38)Dead sharks without fins are found on the sea beds.

39)Australia bans fin removal.

40)The three-word phrase is 'friends of humans'.

