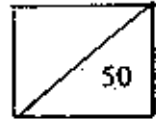


HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
2007 SEMESTRAL EXAMINATION ONE
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY 4



Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary 4 _____

Duration of Paper: 1h 15min

SECTION A: VOCABULARY (5 x 1 mark)

Choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

1. The two girls _____ to each other. I wonder what they were talking about.

(1) shrieked
(2) snapped
(3) whispered
(4) whistled

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2. My brother went to the _____ to get a new pair of spectacles.

(1) doctor
(2) optician
(3) physician
(4) veterinarian

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3. The National Day Parade is a/an _____ event. Our school choir takes part in this event every year.

(1) annual
(2) biannual
(3) fortnightly
(4) weekly

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4. Eunice has no difficulty _____ a crocodile from an alligator.

(1) comparing
(2) distinguishing
(3) identifying
(4) recognizing

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5. My father is a/an _____ driver as he has never met with any accidents in his twenty years as a taxi driver.

- (1) careless
- (2) cautious
- (3) experienced
- (4) reckless

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SECTION B: Grammar (6 x 1 mark)

Choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

6. This brood of chickens _____ imported from Malaysia.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) has
- (4) have

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7. These are _____ while those are _____. Please do not mix them up.

- (1) our ; him
- (2) my ; hers
- (3) mine ; their
- (4) ours ; theirs

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8. Glen _____ his homework after his dinner.

- (1) will do
- (2) is doing
- (3) has done
- (4) have done

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9. _____ the children were playing in the garden, they saw a snake on a tree.

- (1) So
- (2) Since
- (3) While
- (4) Although

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10. Mr Tan, _____ money was stolen, reported the theft to the police.

- (1) who
- (2) whom
- (3) which
- (4) whose

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11. "You are telling the truth, _____ you?" asked Mr Ho.

- (1) isn't
- (2) aren't
- (3) wasn't
- (4) weren't

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SECTION C: Comprehension (5 x 1 mark)

Read the following passage and select the best answer for each question. Choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

A merchant named Dylan set off to travel abroad. Before he left, he asked his neighbour, Ken, to keep a bar of gold for him while he was away.

Months later, Dylan returned. He went to his neighbour's house to get his bar of gold. However, the greedy Ken told him, "My friend, I am very sorry to inform you that mice have eaten your bar of gold."

Dylan could hardly believe his ears. Still, he knew it was pointless to argue with Ken. Thus, he went away peacefully.

A few days later, Ken's son accompanied Dylan to the city. On the way back, Dylan led the boy to a cave nearby. He gave the boy some food and water and told him to rest in the cave. Then Dylan closed the mouth of the cave with a rock.

When he reached home, his neighbour, Ken, greeted him and asked him where his son was.

Dylan replied in a sad tone, "I am sorry to tell you this. On our way back, a large eagle flew down and carried your son away. I could not do anything to stop it."

"How can an eagle carry a big boy like my son away?" Ken asked angrily.

"Well, if mice can eat gold, an eagle can carry a boy," Dylan calmly replied.

Ken realised that he had wronged his friend. He apologised to Dylan and returned the gold bar to him.

12. Dylan was away on his first trip for a few _____.
- (1) days
 - (2) months
 - (3) weeks
 - (4) years
- ()
13. Dylan wanted Ken to _____.
- (1) sell his bar of gold
 - (2) buy his bar of gold
 - (3) keep his bar of gold
 - (4) feed the mice with his bar of gold
- ()
14. Ken told Dylan that _____.
- (1) he had sold the bar of gold
 - (2) the bar of gold had been lost
 - (3) he fed the mice with the bar of gold
 - (4) the bar of gold had been eaten by mice
- ()
15. What happened to Ken's son?
- (1) He was killed on his way home.
 - (2) He was carried away by an eagle.
 - (3) He was hidden in a cave by Dylan.
 - (4) He was pushed into a well on his way home.
- ()
16. Which one of these words best describes Ken's character?
- (1) lazy
 - (2) trustworthy
 - (3) diligent
 - (4) dishonest
- ()

SECTION D: Vocabulary Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

(A) Choose the correct word from the box to fill in each blank in the passage. Use each word **ONCE** only.

include	lower-	choices	decrease	healthy
exclude	choice	increase	best	disease-

Research has shown that Singaporeans have a much lower daily calcium intake than the rest of the world. This is the reason why many people suffer from the bone-thinning (17) _____, also known as osteoporosis. Although taking more dairy products will (18) _____ your calcium intake, it will also add on to your weight. Therefore, it is better to (19) _____ other calcium-rich food such as sardines and beancurd in your diet. Vegetables such as kale, broccoli and turnip are good (20) _____ food. You may like to try cereals and grain products which make a (21) _____ meal for breakfast. This would be a good start for the day.

(B) Read the passage carefully and fill in each blank with an appropriate word.

The accident took place last week. It was a Monday afternoon and I was on my way home when I (22) _____ a loud noise. I turned to look at the direction where the noise came from and saw that a lorry had (23) _____ with a car. Soon, a lot of people had (24) _____ around the accident area. One of the drivers was badly (25) _____. Someone dialled for the ambulance and it (26) _____ shortly. The injured driver was helped onto a stretcher and carried into the ambulance.

SECTION E: Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

(A) Choose the correct word from the box to fill in each blank in the passage. Use each word ONCE only.

up	under	into	on	onto
at	to	in	out	of

On-The-Spot Drawing Contest

The annual on-the-spot drawing contest is here again! The contest will be held (27) _____ the Singapore Zoological Gardens. It is open (28) _____ all students aged between 7 to 12 years old. It will be held (29) _____ Sunday, 13th of May 2007, from 8 am to 4 pm. Children who wish to participate must cut (30) _____ the coupons from the Zoo News. Participants are to fill (31) _____ their particulars on the entry form and submit it on the day of the contest. Participants are also required to bring their own drawing materials.

(B) Read the passage carefully and fill in each blank with an appropriate word.

Jade, Kym and Linda are triplets. They (32) _____ born on the 9th of August, 1997. They are (33) _____ Primary Four this year. The three of them look alike. Teachers have difficulties trying to tell (34) _____ apart. Once, their mother tried to give each of them a different hairstyle so that it (35) _____ be easier to tell them apart. The triplets were horrified. The girls were happy (36) _____ the way they were and did not want to change. No one ever tried to change them again.

SECTION F: Comprehension Open Ended (7 x 2 marks)

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions in complete sentences.

June was on her way home from school last Friday. She was feeling tired as she had just finished her supplementary class after a long day. As she was waiting for her bus, she noticed a wallet on the seat at the bus-stop. June suspected that someone had left the wallet behind accidentally. She picked up the wallet hoping to find a way to return the wallet to its owner.

She was delighted to see an address card in the wallet. She decided to bring the wallet personally to the address found on the address card since there was no Neighbourhood Police Post nearby for her to hand the wallet to.

When June reached the place, she rang the door bell. No one answered the door. June decided to wait for the owner to return. An hour later, June's perseverance finally paid off when a middle-aged housewife walked towards the door she was waiting at.

"Good afternoon, Madam. Are you Mrs. Lee?" asked June.

"Yes, I am. Is there anything I can do for you?" the lady answered.

June showed the wallet to her and said, "I think you dropped this at the bus-stop earlier today."

"Thank you very much for making the effort to bring it to me. I did not think I would get it back. It's getting late, you better go home now," replied the surprised Mrs. Lee.

Little did June expect Mrs. Lee to call the school to praise her for her honesty. The principal commended June for being a model pupil to her fellow schoolmates.

37. Why was June tired?

38. What did June intend to do when she picked up the wallet?

39. How did June find out where the owner lived?

40. Why did June return the wallet to its owner personally?

41. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'determination'?

42. Why was Mrs. Lee surprised?

43. Which sentence in the passage tells you that June did not expect any rewards?

The End
Remember to check your work!

Setters: Mdm Wong and Miss Wong KF



ANSWER SHEET

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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

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| 1.3 | 17) disease | 33) in |
| 2.2 | 18) increase | 34) them |
| 3.1 | 19) include | 35) would |
| 4.2 | 20) choices | 36) with |
| 5.2 | 21) healthy | |
| 6.1 | 22) heard | |
| 7.4 | 23) collided | |
| 8.1 | 24) crowded | |
| 9.3 | 25) injured | |
| 10. 4 | 26) arrived | |
| 11. 2 | 27) at | |
| 12. 2 | 28) to | |
| 13. 3 | 29) on | |
| 14. 4 | 30) out | |
| 15. 3 | 31) in | |
| 16. 4 | 32) were | |

37) June was tired because she had just finished her supplementary class after a long day.

38) She was hoping to find possible ways to return the wallet.

39) She found it on the address card.

40) There was no Neighbourhood Police station near by.

41) The word is 'perseverance'.

42) She did not expect to get her wallet back.

43) The sentence is 'Little did June expect Mrs Lee to call the school to praise her for her honesty.'

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