

HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL  
2014 SEMESTRAL EXAMINATION ONE  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
PRIMARY FOUR

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

CLASS: Primary 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Duration of Paper: 1h 15min

Part I	14
Part II	36
TOTAL	50

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**PART I**

**SECTION A: Vocabulary (6 x 1 mark)**

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

1. "Who played in the room just now? Look at the mess you have made!" said Father \_\_\_\_\_  
  
(1) warily  
(2) crossly  
(3) anxiously  
(4) enthusiastically ( )
2. The coins \_\_\_\_\_ when they dropped out of Ken's pocket and hit the hard ground.  
  
(1) clinked  
(2) chimed  
(3) crackled  
(4) clattered ( )

3. Most of our ex-classmates \_\_\_\_\_ for the annual school gathering last Saturday.

- (1) turried in
- (2) turned on
- (3) turned up
- (4) turned out

( )

4. The suspect was like a cat on hot bricks when the police \_\_\_\_\_ him about the theft. His face turned pale and he fidgeted with his watch.

- (1) advised
- (2) instructed
- (3) interrogated
- (4) recommended

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5. When taking part in any contest, \_\_\_\_\_ have to observe the rules or they will be disqualified.

- (1) members
- (2) audience
- (3) spectators
- (4) participants

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6. The archaeologist tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the secret message on the ancient wall by studying the patterns of the symbols and pictures.

- (1) decode
- (2) debrief
- (3) deactivate
- (4) decompose

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**SECTION B: Grammar (8 x 1 mark)**

**Choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided. Then shade your answers on the OAS provided.**

7. Tommy, together with his parents \_\_\_\_\_ going to Japan next week.
- (1) is  
(2) are  
(3) was  
(4) were ( )
8. "Please keep your voices down. The baby \_\_\_\_\_," whispered Mother.
- (1) slept  
(2) sleeps  
(3) is sleeping  
(4) was sleeping ( )
9. The cat moved quietly \_\_\_\_\_ the mouse, ready to pounce on it.
- (1) over  
(2) along  
(3) towards  
(4) between ( )
10. The boys, \_\_\_\_\_ are from the same basketball team, are doing their warm-up.
- (1) who  
(2) whom  
(3) which  
(4) whose ( )

11. Both you and \_\_\_\_\_ agree that our Grandmother is the nicest person in the family.

- (1) I
- (2) me
- (3) my
- (4) myself

(     )

12. Mrs Bala told all the Primary Four pupils that they \_\_\_\_\_ be in school by six in the morning for the Malacca trip as the bus would leave punctually.

- (1) can
- (2) may
- (3) must
- (4) shall

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13. \_\_\_\_\_ Ming Xuan is my twin brother, we look different from each other. He is tall and slim but I am short and plump.

- (1) As
- (2) If
- (3) Since
- (4) Although

(     )

14. Meiling had a bad stomachache because she had eaten too \_\_\_\_\_ scoops of ice cream.

- (1) few
- (2) little
- (3) many
- (4) much

(     )

**PART II**

**SECTION C: Grammar Cloze**

**Grammar Cloze 1 (4 x 1 mark)**

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

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|-------------|--------|--------|
| (A) from    | (B) of | (C) on |
| (D) against | (E) at | (F) by |

*Below is an email from Ali to his best friend, Mingze.*

Hi Mingze,

I have a suggestion for our post-exam entertainment.

Have you heard of the Ice Art Show held (15) \_\_\_\_\_ Sheares Hotel? It is Singapore's largest ice sculpture exhibition. The spectacular ice sculptures are created (16) \_\_\_\_\_ award-winning ice carving masters.

There is also an Ice Playground where we can get to play (17) \_\_\_\_\_ the ice slides. When we are tired, we can visit the Ice Bar where drinks are served in ice mugs that we can smash (18) \_\_\_\_\_ the ice wall after drinking! Isn't it cool?

Do let me know if you are keen. We can arrange the day and time to meet.

Your best buddy,

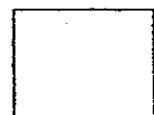
Ali



**Grammar Cloze 2 (4 x 1 mark)**

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

Mrs Ong is a retired teacher. She (19) [ enjoy / enjoys ] travelling overseas and (20) [ has / have ] visited many countries around the world. She loves to (21) [ meet / meets ] people of different cultures. She has many friends and they often (22) [ write / writes ] to her. She keeps in touch with her friends through emails.



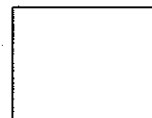
**SECTION D: Grammar and Vocabulary Cloze (4 x 1 mark)**

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

There was a young man from Japan. His family made wine (23) \_\_\_\_\_ a living. His father wanted him to make wine too. However, the man liked radios. He liked to take them (24) \_\_\_\_\_ to study how the inside worked.

The young man was smart. He studied hard and started a company with a friend to make radios. The young man had a lot (25) \_\_\_\_\_ great ideas. People liked his ideas and his company grew.

His company is called Sony. Today, Sony is a popular (26) \_\_\_\_\_ as many people like to buy its products. It produces a wide variety of electronic gadgets.



**SECTION E: Sentence Combining (4 x 1 mark)**

Combine each pair of the sentences to make one sentence using the word(s) given. The meaning of your sentences must be the same as the sentences given.

27. I was late for class. My teacher punished me.

\_\_\_\_\_ so  
\_\_\_\_\_

28. Ashley likes to read. Sean likes to read.

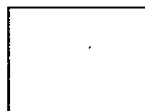
\_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_

29. Esther was hungry. Esther refused to eat the sandwiches.

Although \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

30. John tripped and fell. John was running during recess.

While \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_





**SECTION F: Comprehension**

**Comprehension 1 (10 marks)**

Read the following passage carefully and answer questions 31 to 39.

Clara Gorman spent her first recess in the new school all alone. Suddenly, a girl from her class came up to her.

"Do you have a big garden in your house?" asked Ariana.

Clara hesitated before replying, "Yes... and also a big pool too."

"You're lucky! I only have a pond in my backyard," replied Ariana 5  
enviously.

As the weeks went by, Clara became more popular in class. She bragged to everyone about her big house and expensive computer. However, no one was ever invited to her house.

"Clara, I have to go out tonight. I've arranged for a babysitter. Her name 10  
is Danielle and she's bringing her younger sister, Ariana, to play with you. Isn't that great?" said Mrs Gorman cheerfully. The colour drained from Clara's face the moment she heard the news from her mother. She mumbled something under her breath.

Ten minutes later, the doorbell rang. When Ariana saw Clara at the 15  
door, she blurted out, "You're a liar! This isn't a big house and all you have is a small garden! Where's the fancy computer or the pool? It's not cool to try to make people like you by lying. You should apologise and tell your classmates the truth! You should not deceive your friends." Then Ariana stormed out of Clara's house. 20

For Q31 and Q32, decide who had the following facilities in their house. Tick (✓) your chosen answer. [2m]

	Garden	Pond
31. Clara's house		
32. Ariana's house		

33. Which word has the same meaning as 'hesitated'? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

The man paused to organise his notes before he continued his speech.  
 (A) (B)

For Q34 and Q35, tick (✓) whether the statements describe Clara or Ariana. [2m]

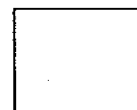
	Statement	Clara	Ariana
34.	Danielle was her older sister.		
35.	Mrs Goman was her mother.		

36. State the reason why Ariana was angry with Clara. [1m]

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37. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

When Ariana went over to Clara's house, she found out that Clara  
\_\_\_\_\_ . [1m]

lived in a small house

had a big pool in her house

had an expensive computer

38. Which word has the same meaning as 'mumbled'? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

The timid boy repeatedly muttered his response and finally his partner blurted  
(A) (B)  
the answer to the class.

39. At the end of the story, what two things did Ariana advise Clara to do? [2m]

(i) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

(ii) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Comprehension 2 (10 marks)**

Read the following passage carefully and answer questions 40 to 47.

"Remember, Class, the Math Test will be held tomorrow," bellowed Mr Lim. Janet quickly scribbled it into her diary. She had forgotten all about it.

"What if I fail?" Janet said as she walked home with her best friend, Grace.

"Don't worry, Janet," comforted Grace. "Just study hard tonight." 5

When Janet reached home, she made a plan to study. She was going to study all evening. She just needed a quiet and comfortable place to get started. Janet went to her bedroom and sat at her desk. The desk was too small. She could not spread out the numerous books and notes.

Janet went to the kitchen. She sat at the table. The table was bigger 10 than her desk but the chair was made of wood and was too hard. She was not comfortable.

Janet went to the living room. Her little brother, Mike, was watching television. She sat on the soft and comfortable sofa. She put her books and notes on the coffee table. Then she put on her glasses and was ready to study. 15

"Mike," said Janet. "The TV is distracting me. I can't study. Can you please turn it off?"

Mike did not move or say anything. He just stared at the television. Janet sighed. She read her notes but she could still hear the television in the background. She looked up and realised it was her favourite show. 20

"I love this show!" Janet exclaimed.

She tried to study but the television was too distracting. She kept looking up to watch the show. After a while, Janet stopped studying altogether. She watched the entire show with Mike. When the show ended, Janet was tired. She tried to study but she could not seem to do any of the sums. She gave up and went to bed. 25

Janet woke up late the next morning. She rushed to school. Mr Lim was already handing out the test.

"Here you go, Janet," he smiled. He put the test paper on her desk. "Don't worry. I'm sure you studied hard for this. You will do fine." 30

40. Janet felt that she might fail her test because \_\_\_\_\_. [1m]

- (1) it was difficult
- (2) she was weak in Mathematics
- (3) she had forgotten to study for it
- (4) she did not write it down in her diary ( )

41. What was Grace's advice to Janet? [1m]

- (1) Janet should get worried.
- (2) Janet should study hard that night.
- (3) Janet should record the test date in her diary.
- (4) Janet should find a comfortable place to study. ( )

42. Write a word from Paragraph 4 that tells us that Janet had a lot of study materials. [1m]

43. Why was the chair in the kitchen hard and uncomfortable? [1m]

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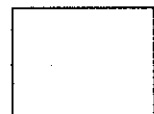
44. Number the events (1, 2 and 3) in the order that they happened. [1m]

(a)	Janet found that her desk was too small.	
(b)	Janet settled for the sofa in the living room.	
(c)	Janet did not find the kitchen's chair comfortable.	

45. Why did Janet keep looking up to watch the show on the television? [1m]

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46. State whether each statement in the table below is true or false. Give a reason for your answer. [2m]

	Sentence	True/ False	Reason
(a)	Janet's brother responded when asked to switch off the television.		
(b)	Janet studied hard for the Math test.		

47. Based on the story, state one advantage and disadvantage of studying in the living room. [2m]

Advantage	
Disadvantage	

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## Exam Paper 2014 Answer Sheet

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Term: SA1

1)	2	6)	1	11)	1
2)	1	7)	1	12)	3
3)	3	8)	3	13)	4
4)	3	9)	3	14)	3
5)	4	10)	1		

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16)	F	18)	D	20)	has	22)	write	24)	apart	26)	brand

27. I was late for class so my teacher punished me.
28. Both Ashley and Sean like to read.
29. Although Esther was hungry, she refused to eat the sandwiches.
30. While John was running during recess, he tripped and fell.
31. Garden
32. Pond
33. A
34. Ariana
35. Clara
36. Clara lied to her.
37. Lived in a small house.
38. A
39. i. She should apologise to her classmate.  
ii. She should tell her classmate the truth.
40. 3
41. 2
42. Numerous



43. It was made of wood.

44. 1, 3, 2

45. It was her favourite show.

46. (a) False – He did not move or say anything.  
(b) False – She watched the show with Mike.

47. Advantage – The sofa was comfortable.  
Disadvantage – The television was distraction.

