



**ROSYTH SCHOOL  
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1, 2014  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2  
PRIMARY 4**

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Class: Pr 4- \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**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 19 questions (Questions 1 to 19) and 6 pages (including this page).
4. Answer all questions.
5. Shade your options on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

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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) The teacher told her pupils to stand \_\_\_\_\_ line before moving off for recess.

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|--------|----------|
| (1) at | (2) in   |
| (3) on | (4) over |

2) Her manager asked her to \_\_\_\_\_ the proposal to make sure that everything was in order.

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|---------------|----------------|
| (1) look up   | (2) look for   |
| (3) look into | (4) look after |

3) You \_\_\_\_\_ be at least one metre tall to be allowed to take the ride.

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| (1) will | (2) can  |
| (3) may  | (4) must |

4) Tyler and his friends have decided to \_\_\_\_\_ to the nearby field for a game of football.

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| (1) go   | (2) goes |
| (3) went | (4) gone |

5) "You are not allowed to go out and play \_\_\_\_\_ you have finished your work," instructed my father.

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|------------|-------------|
| (1) so     | (2) but     |
| (3) unless | (4) because |

6) Before the famous athlete retired, he \_\_\_\_\_ many races.

(1) participate

(2) participated

(3) has participate

(4) had participated

7) Lisa, together with her siblings, \_\_\_\_\_ watching a movie later.

(1) is

(2) are

(3) was

(4) were

8) Which of \_\_\_\_\_ story books on that shelf are you interested in?

(1) this

(2) that

(3) these

(4) those

**Section B: Vocabulary (6 marks)**

**For questions 9 to 14, choose the most suitable answer and shade the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS given. (6 x 1 mark)**

9) He \_\_\_\_\_ and refused to make a decision as he could not decide which sport he liked better.

(1) broke his back

(2) sat on the fence

(3) put on a brave front

(4) burnt the midnight oil

10) After many hours of trudging through the forested area, the hikers reached the summit of the hill \_\_\_\_\_.

(1) suddenly

(2) eventually

(3) immediately

(4) unfortunately

11) "I am going to \_\_\_\_\_ the answer to you as I do not want anyone else to hear it," said the little girl in a soft voice.

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|-------------|--------------|
| (1) stutter | (2) mumble   |
| (3) whisper | (4) announce |

12) The tourists took in the \_\_\_\_\_ view of the city from the Singapore Flyer.

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|---------------|-----------------|
| (1) amusing   | (2) adorable    |
| (3) memorable | (4) magnificent |

13) The duty of a \_\_\_\_\_ is to ensure that the players follow the rules and play the game fairly.

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|-------------|----------------|
| (1) coach   | (2) judge      |
| (3) referee | (4) instructor |

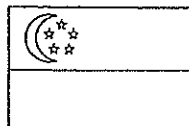
14) Every athlete is vying to win the gold \_\_\_\_\_ in the upcoming competition.

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|------------|----------------|
| (1) medal  | (2) statue     |
| (3) wreath | (4) decoration |

**Section C: Visual Text Comprehension (10 marks)**

Read the following advertisement carefully. Then answer questions 15 to 19. Choose the most suitable answer and shade the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS given. (5 x 2 marks)

# Uniquely Singapore!



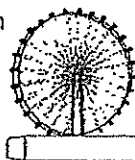
*Looking for a dream holiday? Look no further! Come to Singapore and experience an amazing getaway. Visit our fascinating attractions such as the Universal Studios Singapore and Gardens by the Bay. Indulge in our delectable array of food found all across the island. Look out for special deals for the months of April to June.*

## **Special Promotion**

### **Singapore Flyer**

Standing at 165 metres tall, the Singapore Flyer is the world's largest giant observation wheel. Guests can enjoy the breathtaking view of the city during the 30-minute ride.

Opening hours: 8.30am to 10.30pm  
Last admission at 10.15pm  
Ticket sales: 8.00am to 10.00pm



From 1 April to 31 May 2014,  
enjoy 25% off the second ticket purchased.

Download our Singapore Flyer mobile application to get all this information at your fingertips!



Free for a limited time!  
Now till 1 July 2014!

## **Credit Card Promotion**

### **KNT Credit Card**

#### **River Safari Singapore**

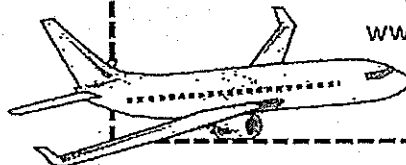
Embark on a journey of discovery at Asia's first and only river-themed wildlife park and meet over 5,000 animals, including 42 endangered species. Visit giant pandas, Kai Kai and Jia Jia, at the lush Giant Panda Forest – the largest panda exhibit in Southeast Asia.

Opening hours: 9.00am to 6.00pm  
Last admission at 5.00pm  
Ticket sales: 8.30am to 5.00pm

From 1 May to 30 June 2014,  
for every 3 tickets purchased  
online at [www.rssingapore.com](http://www.rssingapore.com)  
with a KNT Credit Card, you will  
receive the 4<sup>th</sup> ticket free. The  
free ticket must be collected at  
the ticketing office.



For flight and accommodation deals, visit  
our official website at  
[www.visitsingapore.com](http://www.visitsingapore.com)  
or call our hotline  
at 1800-6123-1234.



Information adapted from Official Singapore Tourism Website – YourSingapore.com

15) The special deals for the attractions will end in \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) April
- (2) May
- (3) June
- (4) July

16) Which attraction can the KNT Credit Card promotion be used for?

- (1) Singapore Flyer
- (2) Gardens by the Bay
- (3) River Safari Singapore
- (4) Universal Studio Singapore

17) A ride on the Singapore Flyer will take \_\_\_\_\_ minutes.

- (1) 25
- (2) 30
- (3) 42
- (4) 165

18) For information on flight deals, tourists can \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) go to the ticketing office
- (2) call the hotline 1800-6123-1234
- (3) visit the website [www.rssingapore.com](http://www.rssingapore.com)
- (4) download the mobile application 'Singapore Flyer'

19) According to the advertisement, which of the following statements is true?

- (1) The panda exhibit at the River Safari is the largest in Asia.
- (2) The last admission for the River Safari Singapore is at 10.00pm.
- (3) The Singapore Flyer is the largest observation wheel in the world.
- (4) From 1 May to 30 June, tourists can enjoy 25% off the second Singapore Flyer ticket.

**\*\* End of Booklet A \*\***



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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	
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	

**SECTION A**

**Read the passages carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. USE A WORD ONCE ONLY. (4 marks)**

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|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| (A) so      | (B) if      | (C) during   |
| (D) because | (E) however | (F) although |

Marco Polo lived in China for many years. (20) \_\_\_\_\_ his time there, he became a messenger for Emperor Kublai Khan. It was very interesting (21) \_\_\_\_\_ he saw many things that he had never seen before.

Marco was fascinated by the Chinese cities. They were surprisingly well-organised (22) \_\_\_\_\_ they were large and populated. The food and the people were new to him (23) \_\_\_\_\_ he decided to write about his adventures. His stories were later compiled and published by a writer named Rustichello.

**Read the passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets. (4 marks)**

James was excited as it was his first time on a farm. He grinned broadly as he watched (24) [ a , an ] herd of cows grazing in the field. (25) [ A , The ] leader of the herd was a large bull which was staring at him suspiciously, making James very nervous. After what seemed like almost (26) [ a , an ] hour, the bull finally turned away. James breathed (27) [ a , the ] huge sigh of relief. He picked up his backpack and returned to the farmhouse.



**SECTION B**

Combine the sentences to make one sentence using the word(s) given.  
The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the sentences given. (3m)

28. This is the store. It sells a large variety of camping supplies.

\_\_\_\_\_ which  
\_\_\_\_\_

29. Lila called her father immediately. Lila heard the news about the accident.

When \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

30. They had to choose another day to watch the movie. The tickets were sold out.

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

Fill each blank with a suitable word. (5 marks)

Tiger Woods was a great golfer as a child. He (31)\_\_\_\_\_ playing golf as a toddler at the age of two. One year later, Tiger was playing golf regularly and was featured in a golf magazine. When Tiger turned eight, he won (32)\_\_\_\_\_ Junior World Golf Championship against older children.

By the time Tiger was 32 years old, he had won 65 professional golf championships. Tiger's greatness may be more (33)\_\_\_\_\_ just his championships. In 2008, Tiger was suffering from an injury yet he still decided to participate. On the first day, he was clearly in (34)\_\_\_\_\_ every time he took a shot. Many people thought he would not continue competing. However, Tiger overcame the challenge. Despite limping in agonising discomfort, he won the tournament on the final day. The (35)\_\_\_\_\_ from the spectators as they clapped for Tiger was deafening.

Many have said that this remarkable athlete strikes fear into the hearts of his opponents.

*Adapted from [http://www.ducksters.com/sports/tiger\\_woods.php](http://www.ducksters.com/sports/tiger_woods.php)*

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. (10 marks)

Old King Bagadata's biggest worry was that he did not have an heir to rule his kingdom upon his death. He and the queen discussed and decided to choose an honest child as their heir.

The king proclaimed, "I will distribute seeds to all the children in the kingdom. The child who grows the biggest plants within three months will become prince or princess." 5

Cyrus, a poor farmer's son, took a seed from the king. He carefully planted it in a pot and watered it regularly. In spite of this, the plant did not appear. He changed the soil and later, even put it in a different pot but all was in vain.

At last the day came when all the children had to show the king the plant they had grown. They started walking to the palace, dressed in their best. They held beautiful plants in their hands and were smiling broadly. Only Cyrus walked sadly. 10

Reluctantly, Cyrus joined the others outside the palace, holding his pot of soil in which he had planted the seed. Tears rolled down his cheeks upon hearing the laughter around him. Soon the king arrived and began his inspection. The pots held healthy colourful plants but the king did not look happy. When King Bagadata reached Cyrus, he stopped and asked, "Child, why have you not grown anything?" 15

Cyrus shamefully replied, "Forgive me, Your Highness. I tried my best but the plant would not grow." The king smiled at him and announced, "Here is the crown prince! I gave everyone roasted seeds, which would never grow, just to see which child would admit that he or she had not been able to grow anything. Only this boy told the truth. I am sure he will rule this kingdom one day truthfully and honestly." 20

Cyrus beamed brightly. His honesty had won him his just rewards.

*Adapted from Honesty is the Best Policy by Kunar Segar*  
<http://www.write4fun.net/view-entry/192756>

36. Which word has the same meaning as "arrived at an agreement"? Circle (A) or (B).

[1m]

He and the queen discussed and decided to choose an honest child as their prince.  
(A) (B)

37. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

King Bagadata would choose the heir based on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the plant the child grew. [1m]

	size
	colour
	beauty
	healthiness

38. Write 1, 2 or 3 in the blanks to show what Cyrus did first, next and last to try growing the plant in paragraph 3. [1m]

\_\_\_\_\_ Changed the soil.

\_\_\_\_\_ Watered it regularly.

\_\_\_\_\_ Transferred it to a different pot.

39. In lines 7 – 9, which two-word phrase tells you that what Cyrus did was not successful?

The two-word phrase is "\_\_\_\_\_". [1m]

40. Describe the children's appearance as they walked to show their plant to the king.

\_\_\_\_\_ [1m]

41. In line 14, how did Cyrus feel when he heard the other children around him laughing and what did he do which showed this feeling? [2m]

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

For Q42-44, read each statement and tick  $\checkmark$  "True" or "False". The first example has been done for you. [3m]

	Statement	True	False
Example	King Bagadata had many children.		$\checkmark$
42.	Cyrus knew about the king's trick all along.		
43.	King Bagadata was only looking for a prince.		
44.	The roasted seeds helped to test the children's honesty.		

End of Booklet B



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Booklet A:

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
2	3	4	1	3	4	1	4	2	2
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	
3	4	3	1	3	3	2	2	3	

Booklet B:

Section A

Q20) C

Q21) D

Q22) F

Q23) A

Q24) a

Q25) the

Q26) an

Q27) a

Section B

Q28) This is the store which sells a large variety of camping supplies.

Q29) When Lila heard the news about the accident, she called her father immediately.

Q30) The tickets were sold out so they had to choose another day to watch the movie.

Q31) started

Q32) the

Q33) than

Q34) pain

Q35) cheering

Q36) B

Q37) size

Q38) 2 - changed the soil

1- Watered it regularly

3 - Transferred it to a different pot

Q39) in vain

Q40) The children started walking, dressed in their best and gave the plant to the king, smiling broadly.

Q41) He felt sad and cried to show his feeling.

Q42-44)

	Statement	True	False
Example	King Bagadata had many children.		✓
42.	Cyrus knew about the king's trick all along.		✓
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