

SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL
FIRST SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2014
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY FOUR

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PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)
BOOKLET A

16 questions

16 marks

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Section A: Vocabulary

For each question from 1 to 6, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (6 marks)

1. Mr Tan cannot go for an expensive holiday this year as he is on a tight _____.
 - (1) budget
 - (2) schedule
 - (3) allowance
 - (4) expenditure

2. Mike tapped his foot _____ as he waited for a taxi in the heavy rain. He had already been waiting for an hour.
 - (1) patiently
 - (2) excitedly
 - (3) impatiently
 - (4) delightedly

3. The performance was _____ as it brought back good memories of our school days.
 - (1) typical
 - (2) nostalgic
 - (3) forgettable
 - (4) unfortunate

4. The man was _____ of armed burglary and sentenced to three years in prison.
 - (1) released
 - (2) convicted
 - (3) complained
 - (4) condemned

5. The number of _____ have increased as more Indonesians, Thais and Filipinos are joining the workforce in Singapore.
 - (1) tourists
 - (2) arrivals
 - (3) travellers
 - (4) foreigners

6. The miser _____ donates to charity although he is a wealthy man.

- (1) often
- (2) rarely
- (3) usually
- (4) regularly

Section B: Grammar

For each question from 7 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (6 marks)

7. An investigation was carried out to find out how the prisoners could have freed _____ from jail.

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

8. The twins _____ their dance moves every week. They are committed to achieving perfection.

- (1) practise
- (2) practises
- (3) practised
- (4) have practised

9. Fann _____ upset when her puppy went missing.

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

10. The principal _____ the guest of honour with a bouquet of flowers at the ceremony now.

- (1) present
- (2) presented
- (3) is presenting
- (4) are presenting

11. The motorist _____ excessively and killed a pedestrian when he was driving home.

- (1) drink
- (2) drank
- (3) drunk
- (4) is drinking

12. "Come here and help me carry _____ medical supplies to the van," said Dr Tan.

- (1) this
- (2) that
- (3) these
- (4) those

Section C: Visual Text

Study the following text and answer questions 13 to 16.

KidzCare Concert 2014



Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, join us for an enchanting evening of song, dance and magic!

KidzCare Concert 2014 features a fantastic cast of talented young singers, dancers, musicians and gymnasts in a dazzling mix of performances.

Proudly organised by The Singapore Times and The Financial Times, the concert raises funds for The Singapore Times School Pocket Money Fund to help underprivileged kids.

Tickets are priced at \$18, \$28 & \$38!

Payment by cash, credit card and cheque accepted!

8.00pm to 8.30pm	Acrobatic Display	6 to 12 years old
8.30pm to 9.00pm	Flautists, Violinists, Pianists	8 to 12 years old
9.00pm to 10.00pm	Singers & Dancers	6 to 12 years old

Proudly sponsored by The Singapore Times Pocket Money Fund and The Financial Times Budding Artists Fund.

Limited tickets only for two shows on Dec 6 and 7 at the Sands Theatre, Marina Bay Sands.

To purchase your tickets, go to www.marinabaysands.com/ticketing or the ticketing counters at Marina Bay Sands Theatre Box Office, SkyPark, ArtScience Museum, Retail Mall Concierge, and Hotel 1 Concierge Counter or call 6688-8826.

For more details, please log on to the KidzCare Concert 2014 website, <http://www.kidzamaze.com.sg>.

For each question from 13 to 16, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the most appropriate option and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (4 marks)

13. What is the aim of KidzCare Concert 2014?
The aim is to _____.
- (1) attract the crowds to Marina Bay Sands
 - (2) show care to those attending the concert
 - (3) give privileged kids a chance to showcase their talents
 - (4) raise funds for The Singapura Times Pocket Money Fund
14. Which group of performers will take to the stage at 9.00 p.m.?
- (1) singers
 - (2) shoppers
 - (3) gymnasts
 - (4) musicians
15. Charlene's sister is 6 years old and will be performing in the concert. She could be a _____.
- (1) pianist
 - (2) flautist
 - (3) dancer
 - (4) violinist
16. Where will the concert be held?
- (1) SkyPark
 - (2) Gardens by the Bay
 - (3) ArtScience Museum
 - (4) Sands Theatre, Marina Bay Sands

End of Booklet A

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	Marks Obtained	Highest Possible Marks
Booklet A		16
Booklet B		34
Sub-total		50

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET B

28 questions

34 marks

Total time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 15 minutes.

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Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

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Answer all questions.

Write your answers in this booklet.

Section D: Grammar Cloze

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 WORD ONCE ONLY.** (4 marks)

(A) who	(B) to	(C) and
(D) while	(E) for	(F) which

Lisa and her mother were shopping for Chinese New Year. They made a beeline (17) _____ the 'Ladies' section. Suddenly, they heard an ear-piercing scream. A lady had just discovered that her designer bag had been cut open (18) _____ her valuables were missing! The security guard alerted the police (19) _____ arrived promptly at the scene. (20) _____ the officers were interviewing the lady, Lisa and her mother decided to go home as they were worried that they might be pickpocketed too.

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

Tomorrow is a special day for Priya. Her parents (21) [has / have] promised to take her to a musical as a reward for passing her examinations with flying colours. The musical, "Matilda", (22) [is / are] about a little girl with intelligence and magical powers. Matilda (23) [like / likes] her teacher, Miss Honey, who takes good care of her. Priya has a beautiful blue dress that she (24) [is / was] planning to wear to the musical. She is really looking forward to the show.

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and fill in the blanks. **USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.** (6 marks)

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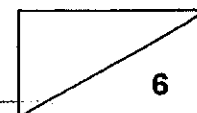
Singaporeans are not likely to forget the crisis in June last year. Singapore's air reached a "hazardous" level as the Pollutant Standards Index (PSI) (25) _____ to 371, the worst reading in history. During this time, smoke from Indonesian forest fires caused Singapore to be (26) _____ in thick haze, also known as smog.

Given the unhealthy, hazy conditions, children and the elderly were advised to (27) _____ prolonged and heavy outdoor activities. Masks and air purifiers (28) _____ off the shelves at pharmacies and medical stores as people rushed to get a sufficient supply for their families. Everyone puts on the face mask when they go outside. They complained of difficulties in (29) _____ and discomfort.

The Singapore Armed Forces stopped all field training. Face masks were issued to all pump attendants at petrol stations. Public transport and roads were (30) _____ busy. Shops and supermarkets were deserted.

Singaporeans hoped that the issue will be resolved and not occur again.

Adapted from : <http://sg.news.yahoo.com/haze-reaches-unhealthy-level-in-singapore-085448213.html>



Section F: Sentence Combining

For each of the questions 31 to 34, combine the sentences to make **one** sentence using the word(s) given. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the sentences given.
(4 marks)

31. Usain lives very far from his school. He walks to school every day.

Although _____

32. Sarah is looking for her water bottle. She left it in the library.

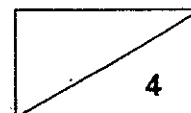
_____ **which**

33. Jack likes to help out at the old folks' home. Jill likes to help out at the old folks' home too.

Both _____

34. Judy was not feeling well. She did not go to her best friend's birthday party.

_____ **because**



Section G: Comprehension (Short-Response)

Read the passage below carefully and answer the questions that follow.

(6 marks)

In the modern city of Greendale, there lived a businessman, Mr Pip, and his three daughters. His two elder daughters were considerate and put others before themselves unlike the youngest daughter.

One day, the businessman received news that his business had failed. Overnight, the businessman and his daughters had to move from a mansion to a one-room flat. 5

The businessman decided to start his business all over again. He tried to go to a neighbouring country to look for another job. Before he set off, he promised to bring back presents for all his three daughters. The elder two said that they did not need anything. In contrast, the youngest daughter demanded that her father bring back an ugly but rich man.

The businessman did well enough to save enough money. Within a year, the businessman had made enough profits for him to return to Singapore with presents for his daughters. He invited his friend, Mr Gray, who was ugly but had a heart of gold, to travel with him to Greendale. 10

At Greendale Airport, the businessman had a warm homecoming. His two elder daughters were pleased to have him back. His youngest daughter took one look at the ugly man, strode over to him and kissed him on the lips. Immediately, he turned into a dashing and handsome young man. 15

"Are women here all so bold?" he asked, taken aback at her behaviour.

"No, not all, she replied. "I'm glad I still remember my fairy tales. I knew a kiss would do the trick. Come, let's get married now." 20

"Sorry, young lady," the man replied. "I don't believe in fairy tales. I am very clear-headed and I do not want to marry someone like you."

With a wave, he headed home.

Adapted from "Text Types in the Primary Classroom"

35. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

The businessman's youngest daughter was _____ (1m)

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For Q36, write 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the bracket.

36. What did the businessman do when his business failed? (1m)

- (1) He left for another town.
- (2) He moved to a smaller house.
- (3) He built up his business again in Greendale.
- (4) He stopped buying presents for his daughters.

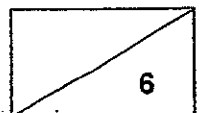
For Q37-38 tick ✓ whether the statements correctly describe the actions of the Mr Gray or the youngest daughter. (2m)

	Statement	Mr Gray	Youngest daughter
37.	He / She proposed marriage.		
38.	He / She travelled with the businessman to Greendale.	✓	

39. List 2 reasons why Mr Gray rejected the youngest daughter's proposal.

i. _____ (1m)

ii. _____ (1m)



Section H: Comprehension (Open-ended)

Read the passage below carefully and answer questions 40 to 44.

(10 marks)

Once upon a time, there were twin boys called Hunah and Balan. They lived in a house in the mountains, surrounded by rainforest trees.

The twins had two sisters. The sisters hated the twins. They would make the twins sleep outside in thorny bushes. They would eat all the food their grandmother cooked so that the twins were forced to hunt and depend on nature to survive.

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Right from their birth, the twins were blessed with magic powers. One day, they decided to use their magic to teach their cruel sisters a lesson. That day, they went out hunting as usual, but came home hungry and empty-handed.

"Big sisters, please help us," they cried. "We've found a tree with a lot of birds in it. We can't catch them all ourselves."

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Now, the big sisters were greedy as well as cruel. They were sharp enough to realize immediately that the birds would make a sumptuous feast! They hastened into the forest and the twins showed them the tree that was full of birds.

The twins pretended to shoot at some of the birds with their blowpipes. "Big sisters! You are taller than us," they said. "Please climb up the branches and bring the birds down!"

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Anticipating a wonderful feast, the sisters climbed up the tree with ease. However, as they climbed, the tree grew bigger and bigger until it towered high above even the tallest forest trees. The sisters were terrified that they might fall. The twins laughed, "If you're really scared, untie your scarves and use them to hold on to the tree."

The sisters did as they were told. The long scarves looked like tails. The sisters looked like monkeys as they slipped and swayed among the branches, shouting with rage and fear. In fact, they did not just look like monkeys — they had turned into them!

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Adapted from <http://www.americanegypt.com/feature>

ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

40. Why were the twins forced to hunt for food?

41. What advantage did the twins have over the sisters?

42. Why were the sisters not sincere about helping the twins?

43. Which word in Paragraph 5 has the same meaning as "hurried"?

44. Explain clearly how the sisters were punished for their cruelty.

- END OF PAPER -

Exam Paper 2014 Answer Sheet

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25. soared
26. blanketed
27. reduce
28. flew
29. breathing
30. less
31. Although Usain lives very far from his school, he walks to school every day.
32. Sarah is looking for her water bottle which she left in the library.
33. Both Jack and Jill like to help out at the old folks' home.
34. Judy did not go to her best friend's birthday party because she was not feeling well.
35. Selfish
36. 2
37. Youngest daughter
38. Mr Gray
39. i. He did not believe in fairy tales.
ii. The youngest daughter was very selfish.
40. Their sisters would eat all the food their grandmother cooked so the twins were forced to hunt and depend on nature to survive.
41. They were blessed with magic powers but their sisters were not.
42. The sisters were greedy and cruel. They realized that the birds would make a scrumptious feast for them.
43. The word is "hastened".
44. They were tricked into climbing the tree and were turned into monkeys by the twins.

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