



ROSYTH SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2, 2008
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 17 questions (Questions 1 to 17) and 7 pages
4. Answer all questions and shade your options on the OAS given.

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5) "Hurry up! We need to complete the task quickly. We don't have _____ time left," urged Father.

~~(1)~~

(3) little
some

(2) much

(4) many

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6) _____ apples displayed there looked very fresh.

(1) That

(2) These

(3) This

(4) Those

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Section B: Vocabulary (6 marks)

For Questions 7 to 12, choose the most suitable answer and shade the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS given. (6 x 1 mark)

7) The twins are _____. I just cannot tell them apart.

(1) familiar

(2) identical

(3) special

(4) strange

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8) John called while you were out. Mother _____ the message for you.

(1) accepted

(2) picked

(3) received

(4) took

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9) Molly stormed out of the hall after losing the badminton match. Her coach was disappointed with her behaviour and thought she lacked _____.

- (1) leadership (2) perseverance
(3) sportsmanship (4) tolerance

(3)

10) At our prize-giving ceremony, our teachers congratulated us on our academic achievements and wished us all the best in our future _____.

- (1) endeavours (2) expeditions
(3) performances (4) voyages

(1)

11) The captain sent one of his sailors up the _____ to check if there were dangers in the distance.

- (1) bow (2) deck
(3) mast (4) sail

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12) The pirates sneaked up on the cargo ship and walked _____ to the captain's cabin.

- (1) confidentially (2) covertly
(3) stealthily (4) suspiciously

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Section C: Comprehension (MCQ)

Read the following passage carefully. Then answer Questions 13 to 17. Choose the most suitable answer and shade the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS given. (5 x 1 mark)

My mother used to tell me stories about her childhood days in the kampong. She, as well as her brothers and sisters, had lots of fun although they were not rich. My grandparents used to have a little provision shop. All the kampong folks used to buy their household goods from Grandfather.

People of all races lived together in harmony. They were friendly and helped one another out in times of need.

My mother and her siblings used to attend classes in a little single-storey village school. She said school was fun. During recess, they ate rojak and peanut candy. Their favourite snack, however, was the ice ball. Almost everyone bought it after school.

This was a ball of shaved ice. Its centre was filled with sweet red bean paste. Different coloured syrups and a layer of evaporated milk coated the ball. It was fun holding the ice ball with our bare hands and sucking it.

"We didn't have any television in those days, you know, but we had our own games," Mother said. The girls played with marbles, cloth dolls and beads. They also flew kites and climbed trees with the boys. They especially enjoyed climbing fruit trees and sitting on the branches to eat the fruit.

Mother seemed to long for the good old days. She felt that people were not so busy then and had more time for one another.

- 13) The provision shop was owned by the _____
- (1) author
 - (2) author's parents
 - (3) author's grandparents
 - (4) author's great-grandparents
- ()
- 14) The people in the kampong were _____
- (1) amicable and helpful
 - (2) caring and out-going
 - (3) friendly and fun-loving
 - (4) patient and understanding
- ()
- 15) The author's mother's favourite snack was _____
- (1) rojak
 - (2) ice ball
 - (3) peanut candy
 - (4) red bean paste
- ()
- 16) Which of the following was not an ingredient of the ice ball?
- (1) shaved ice
 - (2) peanut paste
 - (3) coloured syrups
 - (4) evaporated milk
- ()

17) The word "They" in Line 16 refers to the _____.

(1) girls

(2) boys

(3) girls and boys

(4) author's mother's siblings

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

Have you checked your work?



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BOOKLET B

Instructions to Pupils:

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3. This booklet consists of 26 questions (Questions 18 to 43) and 8 pages.

	Maximum	Marks Obtained
Booklet A	17	
Booklet B	31	
Total	48	

Component	Qn Numbers	Marks Obtained
Comprehension Cloze	34 - 38	
Comprehension Open-ended	39 - 43	

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Section A : Grammar (8 marks)

For questions 18 to 21, 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)

EACH OPTION ONCE ONLY

(A) I	(B) it	(C) me
(D) my	(E) them	(F) they

My parents were out and I was at home all alone. I decided to read a book and (18) _____ was a horror story. Suddenly, the lights went out. I was terrified.

I looked out of the window and realised that all the lights in the neighbouring blocks were also out. Then I found my way to the kitchen to get some candles. I lit and placed (19) _____ on the table. I hope (20) _____ would last till my parents come home.

Just then, the doorbell rang, making (21) _____ even more frightened. Reluctantly, I went to answer the door. I was so relieved that it was my parents.

For questions 22 to 25, read the passage carefully, choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to G) in each blank. Use EACH OPTION ONCE ONLY. (4 x 1 mark)

EACH OPTION ONCE ONLY

(A) along

(B) down

(C) into

(D) on

(E) out

(F) towards

(G) up

Steve and Calvin were going to explore a deserted house. They were equipped with torches. The boys had to walk (22) _____ a narrow road to reach their destination. After 15 minutes, they found themselves standing in front of an enormous mansion.

All the windows were broken. The garden was full of weeds and tall grass. The mansion looked eerie and the hooting of the owls sent chills (23) _____ the boys' spines. They hesitated before opening the gate which creaked loudly.

Cautiously, they walked (24) _____ the main door and pushed it open with all their might. They were greeted by an old grandfather clock. They went up the stairs and were frightened (25) _____ of their wits when they saw a portrait of a fierce-looking man. Both of them screamed and ran out of the house.

Section B: Vocabulary (8 marks)

For questions 26 to 29, read the following passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to G) in each blank. (4 x 1 mark)

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY

(A) evacuated	(B) looming	(C) perished
(D) raging	(E) rescued	(F) survived
(G) swirling		

With no chance of a place to seek shelter, desperate Zabbar Mia tied his two young cousins to a palm tree as the cyclone roared overhead. His quick thinking, without a doubt, saved the lives of Riaz, 13, and Sumon, five. They were among only a handful of children there to have (26) _____ the roaring storm. Around 70 children lived on the island until Cyclone Sidr swept in from the Bay of Bengal, bringing with it six-metre (27) _____ tidal waves and ferocious winds.

Despite the country's/acclaimed cyclone alert system, the villagers received no warning of the (28) _____ danger. As a result, they were not (29) _____ to a safe ground in time.

Of some 500 people who lived on the island, up to 100 were dead or missing.

For questions 30 to 33, choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided. (4 x 1 mark)

As Gandhi stepped aboard a train one day, one of his shoes slipped off and landed on the track. He was unable to (30) _____ it as the train was about to move. Without uttering a word, Gandhi calmly (31) _____ his other shoe. Then, to the (32) _____ of the other passengers, he threw the shoe down to the track and it landed close to the first. When (33) _____ by a passenger why he did so, Gandhi smiled. "The poor man who finds the shoes lying on the track," he replied, "will now have a pair that he can use."

30. (1) regain (2) rescue
(3) restore (4) retrieve ()
31. (1) put away (2) put on
(3) took off (4) took out ()
32. (1) amazement (2) bewilderment
(3) dismay (4) exasperation
33. (1) interrogated (2) queried
(3) requested (4) trialed

Section C: Comprehension Cloze (5 marks)

For questions 34 to 38, 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.

July 21, 2008

BOSTON- Authorities say a lightning strike has injured 10 people. They were taking shelter (34) _____ a tree during a thunderstorm at a soccer game.

The victims were (35) _____ to various hospitals and they had burns that were consistent with a lightning strike. The (36) _____ victim was 13 years old while the oldest was in his 40s.

Five people remained in the intensive care unit though all were expected to survive. Three others have been (37) _____ from the hospitals.

The lightning (38) _____ the victims at about 3.30 pm during a men's soccer game at Dorchester's Franklin Field yesterday.

An eye-witness Hector Rivera, says the victims just fell like "bricks".

Section E: Comprehension (OE)

Read the following passage carefully. Then write the answers for questions 39 to 43. (5 x 2 marks)

More than 70,000 free used textbooks, donated through Fair-Price Supermarket, were up for grabs in a popular annual event yesterday. Housewife Mrs Tan made sure she was not late this time.

Last year, she arrived at NTUC Fair-Price Used Textbooks Project at about 1 pm and went away with only two or three textbooks. This year, she arrived at the event at about 8.35 am. She managed to pick up 18 free used textbooks for her son, Nicholas. Mrs Tan estimated that she had cut her textbook expenses by more than half.

Almost 10,000 parents and children turned up for the two-day event, held at Downtown East in Pasir Ris. The first day was a special round, only for needy families identified by the schools and unions. The second day, which was yesterday, was for the public.

Families were given 15 minutes to pick up 20 books per child. Families that needed more time to pick up the maximum number of books could queue again for a second round.

Some 150 student volunteers were also there to assist parents with their booklists.

39) What was the event known as?

40) What lesson did Mrs Tan learn from the previous year's experience?

41) Why was Mrs Tan so keen on going to the event to pick up the free used textbooks for her son?

42) In your opinion, why do you think the organisers limited each family 20 free used textbooks per child?

43) Which word in the passage tells you that many people knew about the event and wanted to be there?

**** End of paper****



ANSWER SHEET

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Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33
B	E	F	C	A	B	F	E	F	D	B	A	4	3	2	2

34)under 35) rushed 36)youngest 37)discharged

38)struck

39)The event was known as "NTUC Fair-Price used textbooks project".

40)Mrs Tan learnt that she needs be earlier from the previous year's experience.

41)Mrs Tan estimated that she had cut her textbook expenses by more than half this year.

42)They wanted to ensure that most families had the chance to pick up textbooks for their children.

43)The word is 'popular'.