

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

Name: _____ () Date: _____

Class: Primary 3 SY/C/G/SE/P

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET A

14 questions

14 marks

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

SECTION C (5 marks)

Listen to the message carefully. As your teacher reads, take down the missing information by filling in each blank numbered Q10 to Q14 with **one word**.

Note-Taking

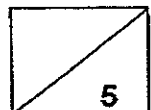
Q10. Name of teacher: **Mr** _____.

Q11. Number of groups: _____

Q12. Name of Project: **A Community Project in My** _____.

Q13. Length of Time for Project: _____ **weeks**

Q14. What were planted: **Flowering plants and** _____.



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LISTENING COMPREHENSION

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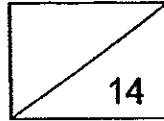
Answer all questions.

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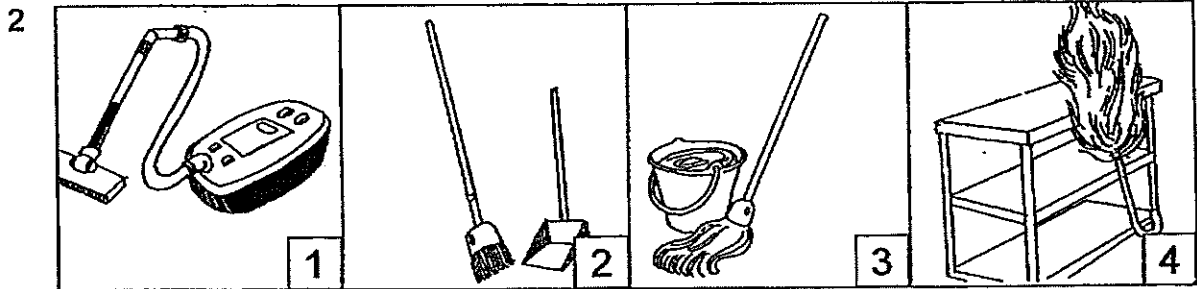
LISTENING COMPREHENSION

SECTION A (4 marks)

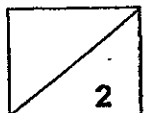
Listen carefully to your teacher and choose the picture that matches the statement/s that she is going to read. Write the number 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the brackets provided.



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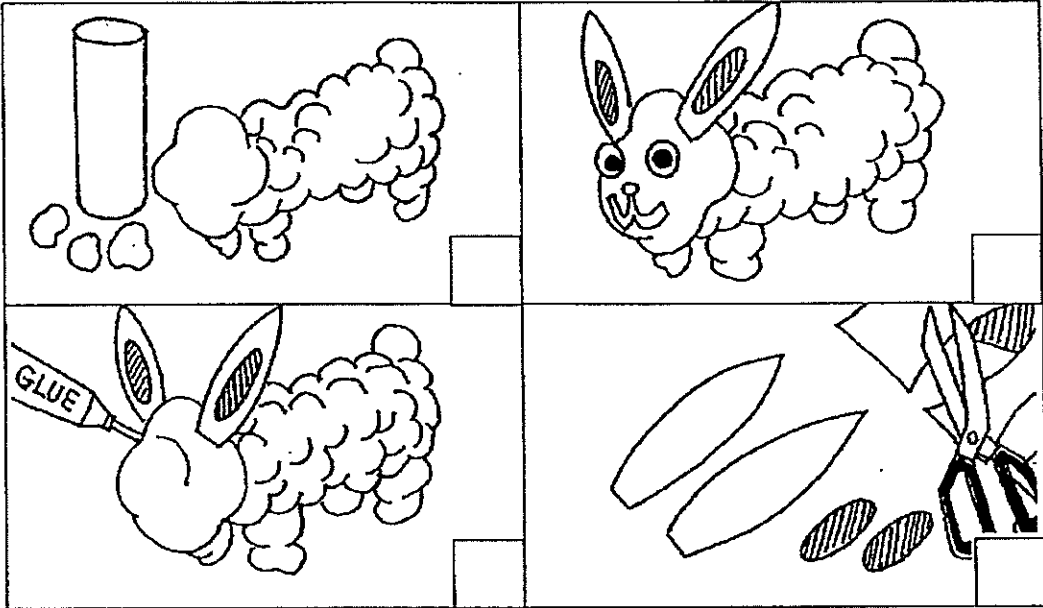


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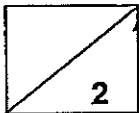
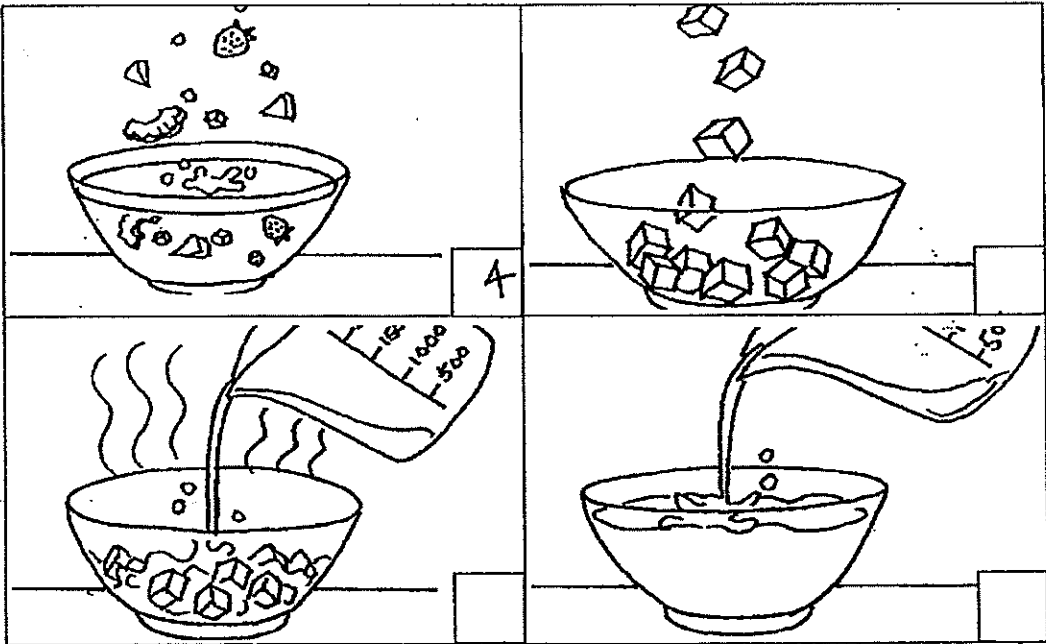


For Question 3 and Question 4, look at the set of pictures. I am going to read to you a set of instructions. Then choose the pictures that show the correct sequence of what I have read. Write the number 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the box provided. Listen carefully.

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Section B (5 marks)

Q5 to Q9 is a comprehension test

Your teacher is going to read to you a passage. Listen carefully to the passage and answer the questions that follow. For each question, choose the correct answer and write the correct number in the brackets provided.

5. Where is the exact location of Legoland Malaysia?

- (1) Johor
- (2) Jurong
- (3) Sentosa

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6. When do most Singaporeans visit Legoland?

- (1) Mondays
- (2) Weekdays
- (3) Weekends

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7. What is the closing time for Legoland during the school holidays?

- (1) 6pm
- (2) 8pm
- (3) 10am

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8. What can a visitor buy at the Legoland shops?

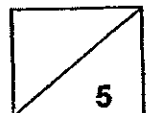
- (1) Lego toys
- (2) Lego rides
- (3) Lego mascots

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9. What activity does a 12 year old boy usually enjoy at Legoland?

- (1) slides
- (2) swings
- (3) roller coaster rides

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PAPER 1

Total Time: 40 minutes

Total Marks: 20 marks

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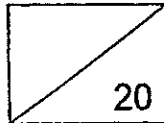
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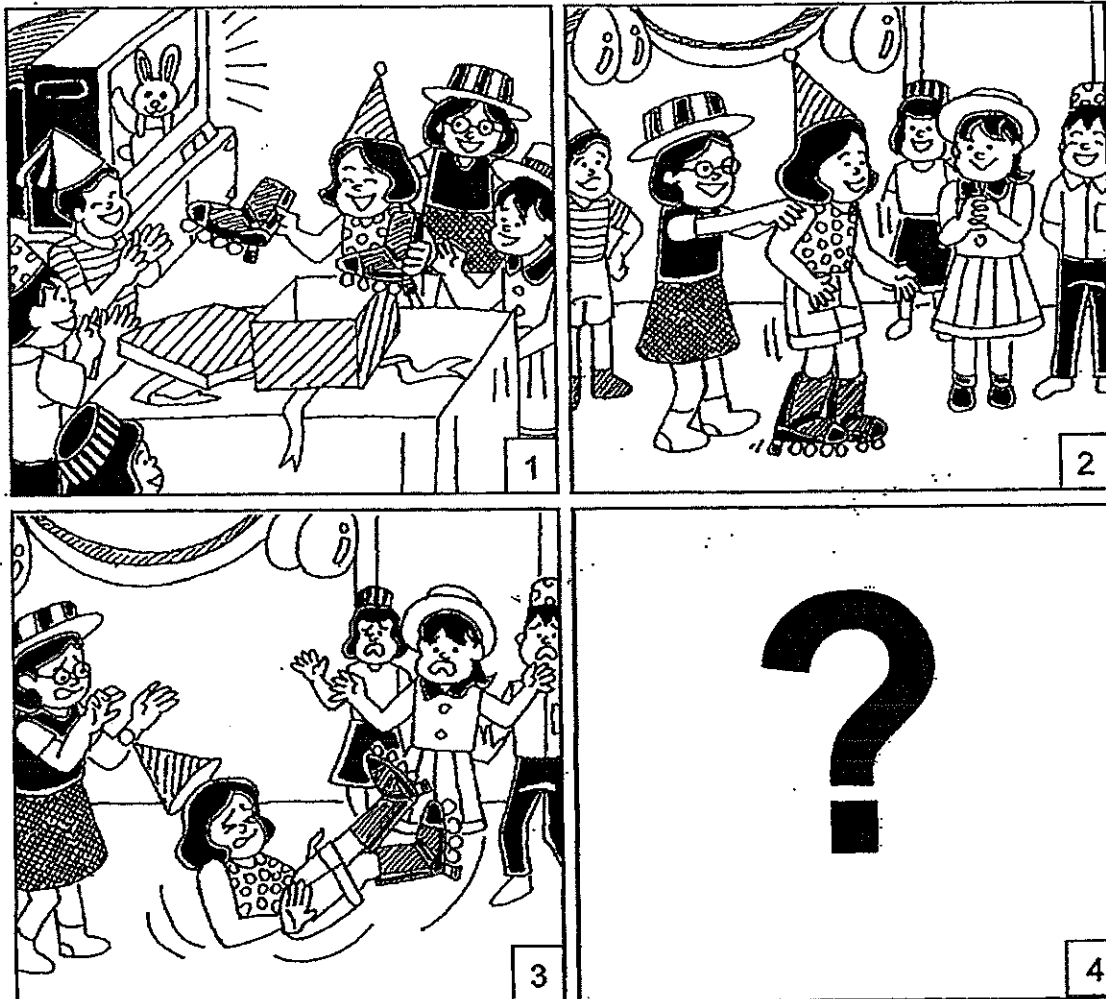
Duration : 40 minutes



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Guided Writing – Picture Series

Write a story of at least 100 words based on the pictures below. Give the story your own ending. You may use the words or phrases in the box. You are encouraged to include other relevant points to make your composition interesting.



celebrate	friends	colourful party hats	many presents	roller skates	excited
tried to skate	balanced	slipped and fell	with a thud	in pain	helped her up

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. The temperature in the library is too low. I need to put on my pink _____ to keep me warm.
- (1) shorts
 - (2) singlet
 - (3) blouse
 - (4) cardigan
2. Mr Lee _____ the police when he noticed a stranger outside his neighbour's house the previous night.
- (1) alerted
 - (2) disturbed
 - (3) confronted
 - (4) investigated
3. The victim _____ in pain as the doctor checked her injuries.
- (1) roared
 - (2) moaned
 - (3) laughed
 - (4) whispered
4. The pupils cheered _____ when they found out that they were the champions.
- (1) gently
 - (2) loudly
 - (3) quietly
 - (4) sweetly

5. The wallet is pretty but it is too _____. I cannot afford to buy it.

- (1) costly
- (2) cheap
- (3) empty
- (4) special

6. Ailing was _____ to find out that she had not failed her piano examination.

- (1) sorry
- (2) upset
- (3) worried
- (4) relieved

Section B: Grammar

For each question from 7 to 14, 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. (8 marks)

7. Dennis _____ in his room. Please do not disturb him.

- (1) study
- (2) studies
- (3) studied
- (4) is studying

8. "Please help _____ to the drinks and cakes," the kind host said to his guests.

- (1) myself
- (2) himself
- (3) yourselves
- (4) themselves

9. The pupils were hoping that Mrs Toh would not give them _____ homework for the weekend.
- (1) few
 - (2) much
 - (3) many
 - (4) several
10. Lisbeth _____ better now after taking her medicine.
- (1) felt
 - (2) feel
 - (3) is feeling
 - (4) was feeling
11. Many people rushed to get into the train while the doors _____ closing.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
12. "Plant _____ magic beans and your wish will come true," the old man told Fiona as he gave her the bag of beans.
- (1) this
 - (2) that
 - (3) these
 - (4) those
13. Aunt Carrie added _____ pepper into the pot before serving the soup.
- (1) many
 - (2) a few
 - (3) a little
 - (4) several

14. Mrs Jude _____ some delicious pies and muffins and distributed them to her neighbours before Christmas.

- (1) bakes
- (2) baked
- (3) is baking
- (4) was baking

END OF BOOKLET A

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	Marks Obtained	Highest Possible Marks
Booklet A		14
Booklet B		36
Sub-total		50

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET B

31 questions

36 marks

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

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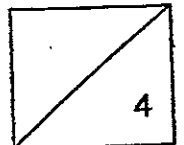
Answer all questions.

Write your answers in this booklet.

Section C: Grammar Cloze

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

Naomi is a very good athlete. She (15) [love / loves] running and she can run very fast. Naomi represents our school and (16) [compete / competes] in many competitions. She is the best runner in our school's athletic team. Naomi is a very disciplined and determined girl. She takes very good care of (17) [herself / themselves] by eating healthily and training regularly. According to Naomi's mother, (18) [he / she] started running soon after she could walk!

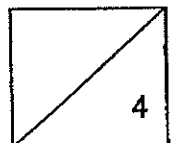


Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given and fill in the blanks. (4 marks)

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Last week, our form teacher took us to visit an ice-cream factory. We were very excited and went to the factory (19) _____ bus.

Upon our arrival at the factory, we watched a video clip (20) _____ making ice-cream. After watching the clip, we were divided (21) _____ four groups. We were then taken on a tour around the factory. It was very interesting to look (22) _____ the glass panels to see how ice-cream is made. Before we left, we were given a cup of delicious ice-cream!



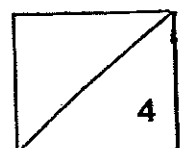
Section D: Vocabulary Cloze

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given and fill in the blanks. (4 marks)

seas	hole	challenge	patch	forests	climb
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Pandas are black and white bears with round heads, small black ears and white faces. They have a black (23) _____ around each eye. They have short tails. They walk on all fours and can (24) _____ trees, often doing so to find a place to sleep.

Pandas live in bamboo forests in the mountains of Western China. The (25) _____ are very thick and the pandas are generally hidden from view so it has been hard for scientists to learn about them. This lack of knowledge adds to the (26) _____ of saving the pandas. Many people in the world are trying their best to help pandas.



Section E: Editing

Each of the underlined words contains a grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (2m)

(27)

Mrs Lim was in a bad mood this morning. Everything have gone wrong for her right from the start.

(28)

Her alarm clock had stopped and she is very late for work. In addition, she scalded her finger while making tea.

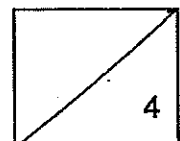
Each of the underlined words contains a spelling error. Write the correct spelling in each of the boxes. (2m)

(29)

One day, a man came running into the clinic. He groned in pain as he waited

(30)

to see the doctor. The clinic was very krowded and after a long time, it was finally his turn to see the doctor. He knocked on the door and entered the room.



Section F: Sentence Combining

For each of the questions 31 to 34, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s). (4 marks)

31. The firemen arrived in time to put out the fire. The firemen arrived in time to rescue the little boy.

_____ and

32. Singaporeans love to visit the new aquarium. Tourists love to visit the new aquarium.

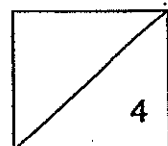
Both _____

33. Alexa must finish her breakfast quickly. She will be late for school.

_____ or

34. Aunt Janie had a headache. She could not attend the wedding dinner.

_____ so



Section G: Comprehension (Short Response)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 35 to 41.

(8-marks)

A long time ago, in the southern part of Africa, thousands of trees stood tall in a thick forest. The trees were all happy and proud. They were proud of their tall bodies and they felt very beautiful. There was a little tree which looked different from them. It had badly twisted branches and its roots had uneven curves. All the trees loved to make fun of the poor little tree.

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"Good morning, Hunchback!" The trees would always tease it and their comments made the little tree extremely sad. The little tree simply kept quiet but it often wished to be as beautiful as the rest of the trees. It felt useless as it could not provide shade for travellers. Its branches were so twisted that even birds could not build any nests on them.

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One day, a woodcutter came to the forest. He looked at the tall trees and found them perfect. He started chopping down all the beautiful tall trees. One by one, the trees started to fall. Finally, the woodcutter came to the little tree. He took a look at the tree and saw how crooked its branches were. He realised that he could not get any long straight logs from it. The woodcutter walked away and continued to chop down the other trees. The little tree sighed with relief. The little tree finally realised that being ugly was actually a blessing in disguise and it never complained about how twisted its branches were again.

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Adapted from <http://www.englishforstudent.com/tree>

35. Which word has the same meaning as 'tremendously'? Circle either (a) or (b). (1m)

The trees would always tease it and their comments made the little tree extremely sad.
 (a)
 The little tree simply kept quiet but it often wished to be as beautiful as the rest of the
 (b)
 trees.

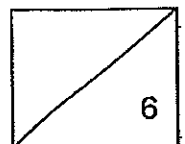
36. Tick ✓ the chosen answer.

The little tree felt useless because it _____ . (1m)

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|--|---------------------------------------|
| | could not provide shade |
| | could not stand tall in the forest |
| | looked different from the other trees |

For questions 37-40, read each statement and tick "True" or "False". Refer to paragraph 2 to help you. The first example has been done for you. (4m)

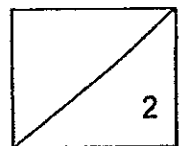
	Statement	True	False
Example	All the trees made fun of the little tree.	✓	
37	The little tree was proud of its appearance before meeting the woodcutter.		
38	The little tree was saved by its twisted branches.		
39	The little tree hoped to be beautiful like the other trees.		
40	The woodcutter only wanted long straight logs from the trees.		



41. Find and write two words from paragraph 3 to describe the little tree's branches.
(2m)

i) _____ (1m)

ii) _____ (1m)



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Section H: Comprehension (Open-Ended)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 42 to 45.

(8 marks)

Once upon a time, there lived a stonecutter named Jim who cut and sold pieces of stone for houses. He was a skilful and hardworking man and he had plenty of customers. For a long time, he was quite happy and asked for nothing more.

One day, Jim delivered some pieces of stone to the house of a rich man. He saw the beautiful house and wished to be a rich man instead. A strange gust of wind blew 5 past and suddenly, he was standing in front of his garden. His little hut was gone and there was a beautiful house in its place. He was overjoyed and he decided not to be a stonecutter anymore.

Soon, it was summer and it was very hot. Jim was upset with the heat and wished that he was the sun instead. To his surprise, he became the sun and sat high up in the 10 sky. For a while, he was happy until a little cloud floated by and blocked his view. He was upset that the cloud was more powerful than him and so he wished to be a cloud. His wish came true again and he floated happily in the sky. He was happy to pour rain on the people and the ground. He realised that even as he poured rain and caused floods, the rocks on the mountains stood strong and tall. He then wanted to be a rock. 15

Jim's wish came true again and he was happy sitting on a mountain until he felt someone hacking his body. It was a stonecutter. At that moment, Jim realised that he was most powerful as a man. His wish came true and he was happy at last, working hard and being contented with what he had.

Adapted from The Crimson Storybook by Andrew Lang

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

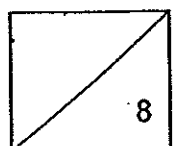
42. Why was Jim popular with his customers?

43. Which word in Paragraph 2 has the same meaning as "delighted"?

44. Why was Jim upset with the little cloud?

45. How did Jim feel when he became a man again?

-----END OF BOOKLET B -----



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Booklet A

Q1) 4	Q2) 1	Q3) 2	Q4) 2	Q5) 1	Q6) 4	Q7) 4
Q8) 3	Q9) 2	Q10) 3	Q11) 4	Q12) 3	Q13) 3	Q14) 2

Booklet B

Section C

- 15) loves
- 16) completes
- 17) herself
- 18) she
- 19) by
- Q20) on
- Q21) into
- Q22) through

Section D

- 23) patch
- 24) climb
- 25) forests
- 26) challenge

Section E

- 27) had
- 28) was
- 29) groaned
- 30) crowded

Section F

- 31) The firemen arrived in time to put out the fire and rescue the little boy.
- 32) Both Singaporeans and tourists love to visit the new aquarium.
- 33) Alexa must finish her breakfast quickly or she will be late for school.
- 34) Aunt Janie had a headache so she could not attend the wedding dinner.

Section G

- 35) (a)
- 36)

/	Could not provide shade
	Could not stand tall in the forest
	Looked different from the other trees

	Statement	True	False
37	The little tree was proud of its appearance before meeting the wood cutter.		/
38	The little tree was saved by its twisted branches.	/	
39	The little tree hoped to be beautiful like the other trees.	/	
40	The wood cutter only wanted long straight logs from the trees.	/	

- 41) (i) crooked
- (ii) twisted

Section H

42) He was a skillful and hardworking man.

43) It is "overjoyed".

44) The little cloud floated by and blocked his view.

45) He was happy and contented.