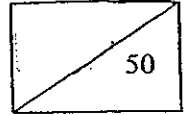


HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
2010 SEMESTRAL EXAMINATION 1
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY FOUR



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Class: P4 _____

Duration of Paper: 1h 15 min

Section A: Vocabulary (5 x 1 mark)

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

1. David always drives too fast. He is too _____.

- (1) breathless
- (2) cautious
- (3) reckless
- (4) restless

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2. The students waited _____ for their examination papers as they are not too confident of their performance.

- (1) frightfully
- (2) nervously
- (3) noisily
- (4) pleasantly

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3. Mrs Tan buys all her meat from the same _____ in the market.

- (1) butcher
- (2) dealer
- (3) seller
- (4) vendor

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4. "I'll definitely win this race," _____ John in front of his friends.

- (1) aped
- (2) crowed
- (3) ducked
- (4) parroted

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5. That frightening story of the tsunami sent _____ down my spine.

- (1) blood
- (2) shivers
- (3) sweat
- (4) worries

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Section B: Grammar (6 x 1 mark)

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

6. "Should I cook the rice before you _____ back?" the maid asked Mrs Tan.

- (1) come
- (2) comes
- (3) came
- (4) coming

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7. The pair of pants that James wore yesterday _____ too tight for him.

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

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8. Could you pass me _____ salt? This chicken tastes bland.

- (1) a few
- (2) a lot
- (3) many
- (4) some

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9. We are supposed to complete this project _____.

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

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10. _____ rabbits over there are running around the cage.

- (1) This
- (2) That
- (3) These
- (4) Those

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11. "Nobody _____ the way to Wendy's house! We are going to be very late!" cried Max.

- (1) know
- (2) knows
- (3) knew
- (4) knowing

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Section C: Comprehension Multiple-Choice Questions (4 x 2 marks)
Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

Captain Zook and his friend Fedo stared anxiously into the sea. For six months, they had been searching for the mysterious sea-monster. Both men had to stare very hard in the fading light.

Captain Zook said, "It's getting dark soon. I think we had better turn in now." Suddenly, Fedo gave a loud cry. "There! I see something huge in the distance. It's long and dark and heading towards us!"

Captain Zook's face turned pale when he caught sight of the creature. He rubbed his eyes. It was three times the size of their ship. "Fire the cannons!" he shouted. However that did not stop the monster as it swam nearer and nearer to the ship.

"Hurry! Turn the ship!" he shouted. The ship turned slowly as the huge creature went straight at it. Its huge head crashed into the bow of the ship, sending all the men falling to the ground.

Captain Zook was knocked unconscious. When he opened his eyes, he saw the face of Fedo staring at him. "What happened? Where is the creature?" he asked his friend. "It's alright. The creature swam away after it had crashed into our ship," replied Fedo.

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

12. Captain Zook and Fedo saw the sea-monster _____
(1) late at night
(2) late in the evening
(3) in the afternoon
(4) early in the morning ()
13. Captain Zook was _____ when he saw the sea-monster.
(1) angry
(2) disappointed
(3) fearful
(4) puzzled ()
14. The first thing that Captain Zook did when he saw the sea monster was to _____
(1) give a shout
(2) rub his eyes
(3) stare anxiously at it
(4) order his crew to fire the cannons ()
15. When the sea-monster crashed into the ship, all the crew members _____
(1) headed for the bow of the ship
(2) fell to the ground
(3) were injured
(4) were knocked unconscious ()

Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully and fill in each blank with an appropriate word.

The prawns that we have for our meals are caught by fishermen. The catch is sold to fishmongers. The fishmongers, in turn, sell them to us at the wet (16) _____.

Many people believe that fresh prawns always taste better and can be cooked in many ways, depending on one's (17) _____. They can be steamed or fried. Oysters, however, are not as popular as prawns. This is because some people develop allergic (18) _____ after eating them.

Besides these crustaceans, we find seaweed on our tables too. The Japanese are particularly (19) _____ of eating seaweed and it is found in many of their dishes.

The sea is a major source of food. It should be kept free from pollution. This will ensure that we can (20) _____ to enjoy fresh and uncontaminated seafood. Harsh fines and severe penalties are imposed on anyone who disposes of chemical and biological wastes into the sea.



Section E: Grammar Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

(A) 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 A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) I	(C) he	(E) it
(B) my	(D) she	(F) they

Dear Janet,

Hi! How are you? (21) _____ father has decided to celebrate my tenth birthday this Saturday at Peach Restaurant in Orchard Road.

(22) _____ has made a reservation for six people a week ago.

(23) _____ would like to invite you to join us for dinner at the restaurant on that day. My family and I really hope that you can make it. My mum said that (24) _____ could pick you up from your home at around 6.00p.m. Please call me to confirm if you can come. Bye!

Yours truly,

Betty Liu

(B) Read the passage carefully and fill in each blank with an appropriate word.

Last Sunday, Selva wanted to visit his friend, Ravi. Ravi lived in a block of flats just (25) _____ Tampines Shopping Centre, not far from Selva's home. Selva decided to cycle there. He rode his bicycle (26) _____ the pavement until he came to a junction. The traffic was very heavy there. Selva contemplated (27) _____ he should dash across the road. (28) _____ he remembered his teacher's lesson on road safety and decided to use the overhead bridge instead. When he reached Ravi's home, he was greeted with a warm embrace and was invited to join Ravi's family for a meal.



Section F: Editing (4 x 1 mark)

Each of the underlined words contained either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in the boxes provided.

Bonnie was two years old when she came to live with us. She had white

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and grey fur. Bonnie was give to us by our uncle who loved dogs. From the first

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day she comes into our home, Bonnie was well-loved. She was obedient and would

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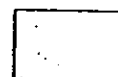
never fail to retrive anything I threw. She liked to wag her tail and dance around

me whenever she was happy. However, Bonnie became very sick about two years

(32)

ago. Although she had to be put down, I still have a vivit memory of Bonnie, my

beloved dog.



Section G: Synthesis (2 x 2 marks)

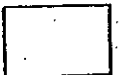
Join these sentences with the given connector.

33. Mike has not done any revision for the coming test. Ken has not done any revision for the coming test too.

Neither _____

34. They hiked for half a day. They did not feel tired.

_____ but



Section H: Comprehension Open-Ended Questions (5 x 2 marks)

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Write your answers in complete sentences.

Asthma is a chronic inflammation of the airways. People with asthma have breathing difficulties. An asthmatic attack results when the muscles in the lungs tighten and the airways are blocked with mucus. Thus, air cannot move freely in and out of the lungs, causing the person to become breathless, cold and sweaty.

Asthma triggers cause asthma attacks. Some common asthma triggers are air pollution, respiratory infections, extreme weather conditions, emotional stress and strenuous exercise. The main symptoms of asthma are coughing, gasping for air, tightness in the chest and mucus in the throat.

Asthma can be difficult to diagnose as it resembles other respiratory diseases but early diagnosis of asthma is important. Asthma cannot be cured but the frequency of asthmatic attacks can be controlled. People with asthma should avoid cold and dusty places and manage their stress levels as these are the common triggers. However, with proper treatment, people with asthma can be as active as normal people. They can still take part in sports and lead a normal life.

35. Give two reasons why a person feels breathless during an asthmatic attack.

36. Name two symptoms of asthma as stated in the passage.

37. Which sentence in the passage indicates that asthma causes breathlessness?

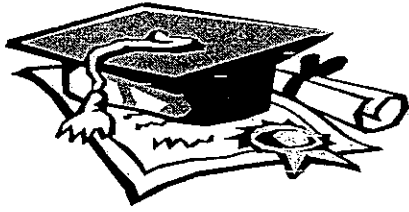
38. What does the word 'They' (line 14) refer to?

39. How can the frequency of asthmatic attacks be controlled?

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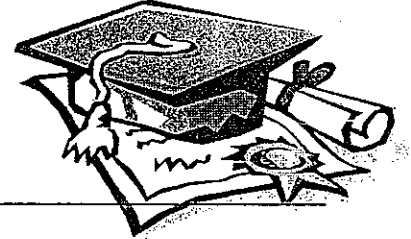


ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2010

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TERM : SA1



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Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32
Given	Came	Retrieve	Vivid

33) Neither Mike nor Ken has done any revision for the coming test.

34) They hiked for half a day but did not feel tired.

35) A person feels breathless when the muscles in the lungs tighten and the airways are blocked with mucus.

36) the symptoms of asthma was coughing and gasping for air.

37) The Sentence is " People with asthma have breathing difficulties".

38) The word refers to people with asthma.

39) They should not go to cold and dusty places and should learn to control their stress levels.

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