

Pei Chun Public School
Semestral Assessment 2, 2015
English Language
Paper 2: Language Use and Comprehension
Primary 4

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Component	Marks Obtained	Maximum marks for each component
Paper 1 – Composition		20
Paper 2 – Language Use and Comprehension		50
Paper 3 – Listening Comprehension		14
Paper 4 – Oral		16
TOTAL		100

Section A: Vocabulary (6 × 1 mark)

For Q1-6, four options are given. Choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

1. This unusual horse carriage built in the 1950s is _____ as it is the only one left in the world.

- (1) plain
- (2) unique
- (3) common
- (4) ordinary

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2. I visited an art _____ when I went to Britain last year. I saw many Vincent Van Gogh paintings there.

- (1) factory
- (2) gallery
- (3) laboratory
- (4) restaurant

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3. Members of the Adventure Club went on a three-day _____ to the jungles in Indonesia.

- (1) cruise
- (2) course
- (3) campaign
- (4) expedition

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4. The rich man _____ himself as an old man, begging for money in the streets.

- (1) exposed
- (2) disguised
- (3) exhibited
- (4) displayed

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5. The winners of the singing contest were _____ attractive prizes.

- (1) granted
- (2) awarded
- (3) delegated
- (4) rewarded

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6. The police are going to look _____ the case of two stolen baby pandas from the zoo.

- (1) for
- (2) on
- (3) after
- (4) into

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Section B: Grammar (8 × 1 mark)

For Q7 to 14, four options are given. Choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

7. My sister and I bought a recipe book and baked a cake all by _____.

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

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8. While having lesson yesterday, Devi _____ shocked when a bird flew into the classroom.

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

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9. Joe and his brother _____ upset when they lost the match.

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

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10. "Please lower down your volume. The pupils _____ their test at the moment," said Mrs Toh sternly.

- (1) took
- (2) takes
- (3) are taking
- (4) have taken

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11. Last week, Arninah _____ two cakes to celebrate her sister's birthday.

- (1) bake
- (2) baked
- (3) has baked
- (4) was baking

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12. While Mother _____ the weeds, Meiling watered the plants.

- (1) was pulling
- (2) has pulled
- (3) will pull
- (4) pull

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13. _____ spectators sitting there have the best seats in the theatre.

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

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14. Marianne loves to go to the playground every evening after school as she has _____ friends there.

- (1) much
- (2) many
- (3) little
- (4) few

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Section C: Grammar Cloze (8 × 1 mark)

Passage 1

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.

(A) him

(B) I

(C) it

(D) me

(E) their

(F) we

It was the school holidays. My family and (15) _____ went to the River Safari. My brother and I stared in awe as (16) _____ saw many animals there!

I was excited to see two pandas, Kai Kai and Jia Jia. I saw them using (17) _____ front paws to hold the bamboo shoots to their mouths.

My brother liked the giant freshwater stingray. He spent most of his time following (18) _____ around. We had fun!

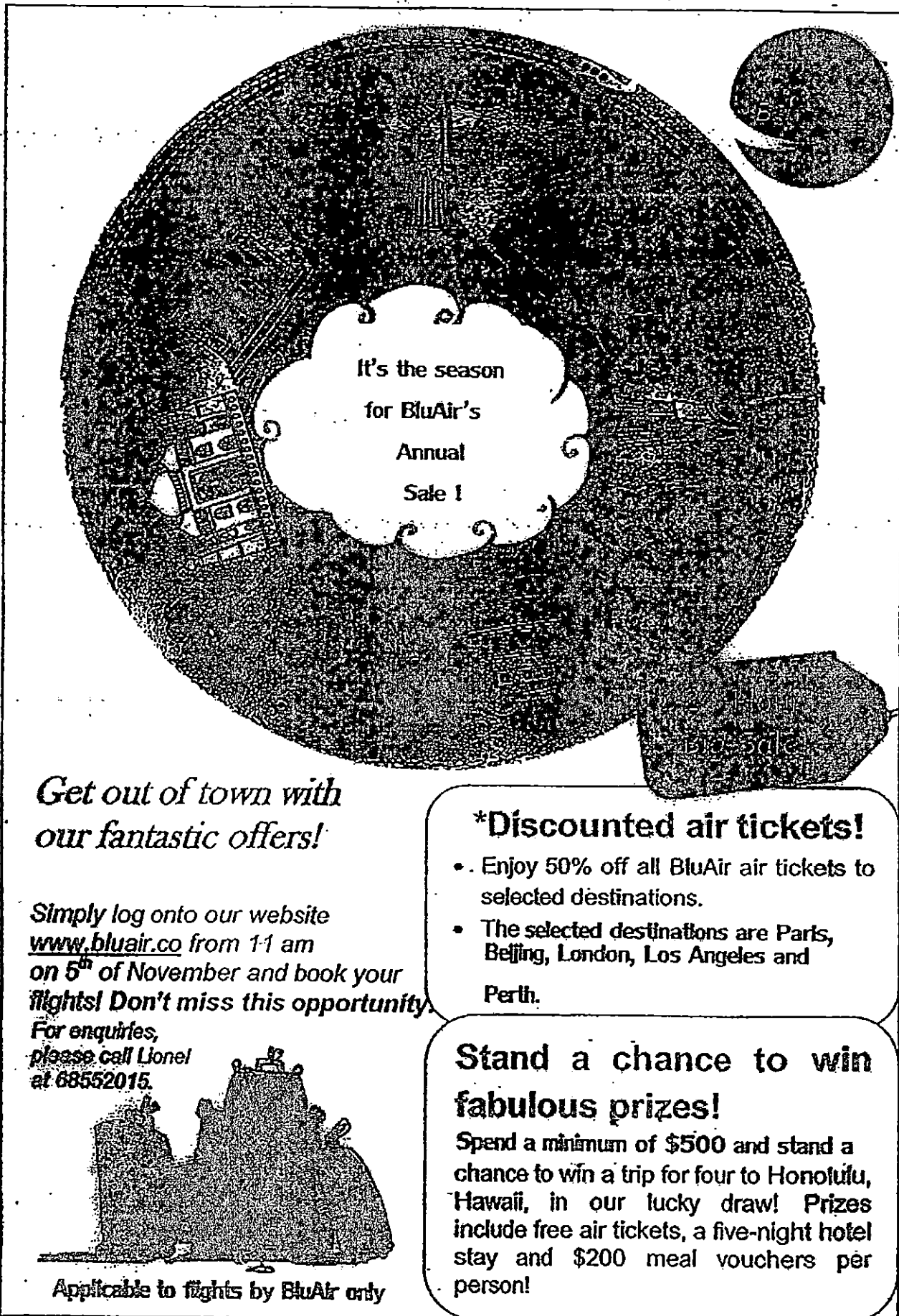
Passage 2

Read the passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

Ramona is ten this year. Ramona's parents (19) [has / have] promised her a birthday party at their new bungalow. The theme of the party (20) [is / are] anything on unicorns. Ramona has many unicorn toys that she (21) [sleep / sleeps] with every night. Ava, Ramona's best friend, loves unicorns too. She (22) [.promises / promise] to come in an outfit that will please Ramona. Ramona can hardly wait for her best friend to arrive in her outfit.

Section D: Visual Text Comprehension (4 × 1 mark)

Study the poster carefully and answer the questions that follow.

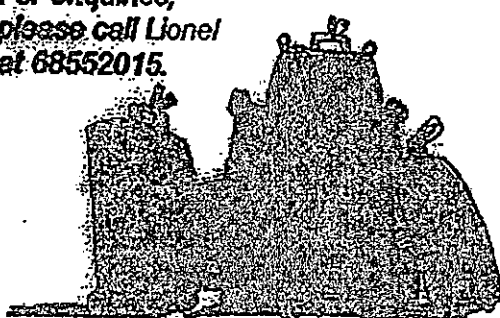


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For Q23 to 26, four options are given. Choose the most appropriate option and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

23. The 50% discount on air tickets would only last for 24 _____

(1) seconds

(2) minutes

(3) hours

(4) days

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24. For enquiries on plane tickets and other matters, _____

(1) log onto www.bluair.co

(2) call Lionel at 68552015

(3) email Lionel from 11 am

(4) book a flight on BluAir

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25. Prizes for the lucky draw do not include _____

(1) a five-night hotel stay

(2) air tickets to Honolulu, Hawaii

(3) meal vouchers worth \$200 per person

(4) 50% off air tickets to selected destinations

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26. Which of the following statements is true?

(1) This promotion is held twice yearly.

(2) This promotion only applies to flights by BluAir.

(3) One can buy discounted air tickets to Hawaii and Beijing.

(4) One needs to spend less than \$500 to qualify for the lucky draw.

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Section E: Sentence Combining (4 × 1 mark)

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

27. Caleb likes swimming. His sister likes swimming too.

Both _____

28. Angela passed the examinations with flying colours. She received a treat from her friends.

so

29. Fatimah washed her face. Then she went to bed.

Before _____

30. Melanie found a wallet. The wallet contained twenty dollars.

which

Section F: Comprehension 1 (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

When Mr. Vee saw a \$50 note slip from his hand and fall into the gap between the steps and side wall of the escalator at Novena MRT station, he did not expect to see it again.

Mr Vee, an Indian national who left his country to work in Singapore, thought it would be troublesome for the SMRT staff to halt the escalator to fish out the note. It happened on the eve of Chinese New Year. Yet within two hours of asking them for help, he got his money back. 5

Mr. Vee said, "Now, let me explain. To retrieve the \$50, they had to stop the escalator and open up each and every step in case it was stuck inside any of them. Then when they could not find it, they had to go down to the bottom and fetch the \$50 note. I would expect the staff to wait for Chinese New Year to be over or for the next maintenance schedule to return my \$50 note." He was overjoyed to get his note back despite being told that it was a little oily and grimy. 10

"I am blown away by the fact that the station staff are efficient and honest," Mr. Vee said with a smile. 15

Adapted from: <http://news.asiaone.com/news/singapore/just-50-note-smrt-staffs-effort-priceless#sthash.2cCs1xNl.dpuf>

For Questions 31 to 33, read each statement and tick ✓ "True" or "False". Refer to paragraphs 1 to 3 to help you. The first example has been done for you. [3m]

	Statement	True	False
Example	Mr. Vee got his money back within three hours of asking the staff for help.		✓
31.	When Mr. Vee saw his note fall into the escalator gap, he knew that he would see it again.		
32.	The SMRT staff had to stop the escalator in order to fish out the note.		
33.	Mr. Vee dropped a \$10 note into the gap of the escalator at the Novena MRT Station.		

34. Which word has the same meaning as 'stopped'? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

He thought it would be troublesome for the SMRT staff to halt the escalator to fish out the note.

(A) (B)

35. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to show what the SMRT staff had to do to retrieve the note in paragraph 3. [1m]

_____ They had to open up each and every step of the escalator.

_____ They had to go down to the bottom of the escalator.

_____ They had to stop the escalator.

36. Which word has the same meaning as 'greasy'? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

He was overjoyed to get his note back despite being told that it was a little oily and grimy.

(A) (B)

Section G: Comprehension 2 (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

One day, John was doing his homework when he heard the excited barking of his dog, Sing Sing, outside his window. At first, John thought Sing Sing was trying to attract his attention, so he ignored it. He thought it was Sing Sing's old trick again.

However, Sing Sing's barking grew louder and John was getting annoyed. John's mother rushed out of the house to find out why it was barking loudly and continuously. 5

Suddenly, John was startled by a loud shriek. He dashed out of the house and to his horror, he saw his mother standing still like a statue on the lawn, looking frightened. Then, he noticed a big and vicious-looking snake all coiled up and ready to strike, about a few metres in front of his mother. John was very worried for his mother's safety. He did not know what to do. At that moment, Sing Sing suddenly pounced on the snake and snapped at the back of its head. The snake fought back by turning, twisting and thrashing about until it managed to snake off Sing Sing's bite. 10

Meanwhile, John, encouraged by his dog's bravery, grabbed a pole nearby. He started poking the snake and whacking its tail. He hit it with all his might till it gave out a loud hiss and slithered away towards a gravel patch and disappeared into a clump of trees. 15

This incident had given John, his mother and Sing Sing an experience they would never forget. Of course, the hero of the day was none other than Sing Sing itself.

37. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

The phrase "blown away" suggests that Mr Vee was _____.

[1m]

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really angered

very disappointed

greatly impressed

38. What were the two qualities of the station staff mentioned by Mr Vee?

[2m]

i. _____

ii. _____

39. Name the country which Mr Vee originally came from.

[1m]

40. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

John's mother rushed out of the house because she _____

[1m]

·saw a snake

heard the dog was barking

heard John's shriek

41. Which two-word phrase in paragraph 2 shows that John was not happy with Sing Sing's barking?

[1m]

42. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

The snake was first discovered _____

[1m]

in the house

on the lawn

on the gravel patch

For Questions 43 to 45, read each statement and tick ✓ "True" or "False".

Refer to paragraphs 3 and 4 for help. An example has been done for you.

[3m]

John's dog was barking excitedly

Example	Statement	True	False
Example	John's dog was barking excitedly		
43.	John's mother turned into a statue on the lawn.		
44.	Sing Sing killed the snake with its bite.		
45.	John used a pole to hit the snake.		

46. Which word has the same meaning as "beating"? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

He started poking the snake and whacking its tail.
(A) (B)

47. Write 1, 2 or 3 in the blanks below to show the sequence of events. [1m]

_____ Sing Sing bit the snake's head.

_____ John was afraid that the snake would hurt his mother.

_____ John's mother was horrified when she saw the snake.

Answer in a complete sentence.

48. Who was the hero in this incident and why do you say so? [2m]

The End

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SUBJECT : P4 ENGLISH

TERM : SA2

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
2	2	4	2	2	4	3	3	4	3
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
2	1	4	2	B	F	E	C	have	is
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26				
sleeps	promises	3	2	4	2				

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28) Angela passed the examinations with flying colours so she received a treat from her friends.

29) Before Fatimah went to bed, she washed her face.

30) Melanie found a wallet which contained twenty dollars.

31) False 32) True 33) False 34) A

35) 2

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36) A 37) greatly impressed 38) i) efficient ii) honest

39) India 40) heard the dog was barking 41) getting annoyed

42) on the lawn 43) False 44) False 45) True 46) B

47) 3

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48) Sing Sing was the hero because it bit the snake to protect John's mother.