



ROSYTH SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1, 2013
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
PRIMARY 4

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Register No. _____

Class: Pr 4- _____

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

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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 19 questions (Questions 1 to 19) and 6 pages (including this page).
4. Answer all questions.
5. Shade your options on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

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Section A: Grammar (8 marks)

For questions 1 to 8, choose the most suitable answer and shade the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS given. (8 x 1 mark)

1) My teacher asked us, "Did you know that Sir Stamford Raffles and his fleet of ships anchored _____ St John's Island in 1819?"

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| (1) in | (2) off |
| (3) on | (4) beside |

2) We _____ have to postpone the learning journey if it continues to rain so heavily.

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| (1) must | (2) could |
| (3) might | (4) should |

3) The hall is now beautifully decorated for the ceremony since the teachers _____ through the night.

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| (1) work | (2) works |
| (3) working | (4) worked |

4) The policemen let the suspect _____ when they could not find enough evidence to arrest him.

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| (1) go | (2) went |
| (3) goes | (4) gone |

5) "Take _____ with you to the library," Mother told me as he held out three magazines.

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

6) The girls always _____ when music from the radio comes on.

- (1) dance (2) is dancing
(3) dances (4) are dancing

7) The tree _____ was not cut down by the National Parks Board
was struck by lightning yesterday.

- (1) who (2) which
(3) whom (4) whose

8) Mrs Wong's house was broken into _____ she was away on an
overseas trip.

- (1) and (2) but
(3) while (4) after

Section B: Vocabulary (6 marks)

For questions 9 to 14, choose the most suitable answer and shade the correct
number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS given. (6 x 1 mark)

9) Alice, the artist, felt like a _____ when she was asked to cook
instead of paint at the carnival.

- (1) fish out of water (2) white elephant
(3) snake in the grass (4) dog with two tails

10) When the truck broke down on that narrow road, many drivers and motorists
were _____ in the traffic jam.

- (1) run into (2) cut off
(3) passed out (4) held up

11) The view from the mountain top was really _____ because you get to see the hills and valleys below.

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| (1) afresh | (2) amazing |
| (3) admirable | (4) adventurous |

12) The workers looked _____ at the bottles of poisonous chemicals when they were instructed to use them.

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| (1) warily | (2) sharply |
| (3) wearily | (4) excitedly |

13) The _____ cheered the last runner on so that he would be motivated to complete the race and not give up.


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| (1) viewers | (2) audience |
| (3) observers | (4) spectators |

14) Every athlete is expected to show _____ and not sulk when they do not win.

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| (1) teamwork | (2) determination |
| (3) perseverance | (4) sportsmanship |

Section C: Visual Text Comprehension (10 marks)

Read the following advertisement carefully. Then answer questions 15 to 19. Choose the most suitable answer and shade the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS given. (5 x 2 marks)

 **FREE**
\$10,000
worth of tickets

U Can FLY 2!

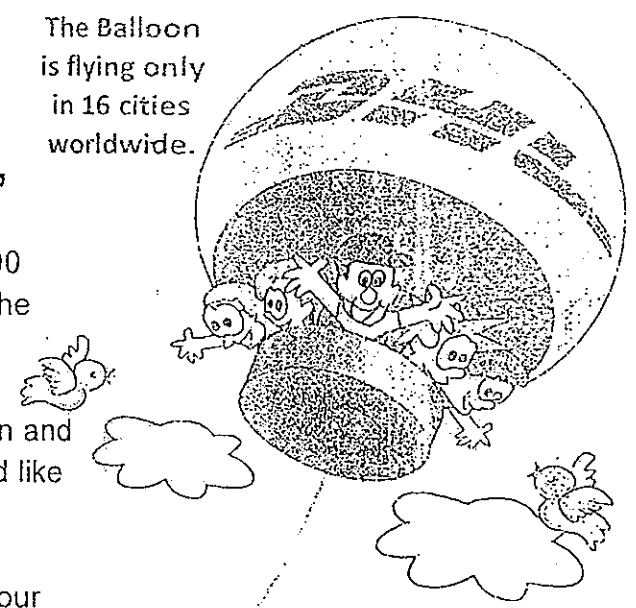
a community project by The DUCK & HIPPO Group

The Balloon is flying only in 16 cities worldwide.

Thank you, Singapore,
for the warm support over the last 17 months. The Balloon has seen 150,000 visitors and Singaporeans experiencing the thrills and joys of floating on air.

The DHL Balloon may have to close down and the staff of the Duck & Hippo group would like to extend a big 'THANK YOU' by offering S\$10,000 worth of FREE balloon rides to charities and deserving Singaporeans in our "U Can Fly 2!" promotion.

All you have to do is to tell us why you deserve to ride on the Balloon through our website (www.UcanFLY.com.sg) from now till 30 September 2013. We will select the most convincing entries and winners can look forward to an exciting trip up the Balloon – FOR FREE!



The Balloon is accessible to wheelchairs and suitable for ALL ages. Call the UcanFLY hotline at 87651234 if you need to book a wheelchair. We strongly encourage voluntary welfare organisations and charities to submit entries on behalf of your members.

For more information, simply logon to: www.UcanFLY.com.sg

Adapted from The Straits Times newspaper (Sept 2007)

- 15) According to the advertisement, Singapore is one of _____ cities in the world that the DHL Balloon is available for rides.
- (1) 2
 - (2) 16
 - (3) 17
 - (4) 30
- 16) Which sentence is true?
- (1) The DHL Balloon has closed down
 - (2) There is no age limit imposed for the free rides
 - (3) Handicapped people cannot ride on the DHL Balloon
 - (4) Anyone who visit www.UcanFLY.com.sg will be selected for rides
- 17) "U Can Fly 2!" promotion is sponsored by the _____.
- (1) DHL Balloon
 - (2) The Straits Times
 - (3) Duck & Hippo group
 - (4) welfare organisations
- 18) The free balloon rides are for _____ only.
- (1) entry winners
 - (2) overseas visitors
 - (3) interested Singaporeans
 - (4) staff of Duck & Hippo group
- 19) Those who want to find out more about the promotion can _____.
- (1) call the UcanFLY hotline
 - (2) visit the UcanFLY website
 - (3) write to the event organisers
 - (4) check with the DHL Balloon staff

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



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BOOKLET B

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3. This booklet consists of 21 questions (Questions 20 to 40) and 6 pages (including this page).

Component	Maximum	Marks Obtained
Grammar & Vocabulary	25	
Comprehension Cloze	5	
Comprehension MCQ & Open-ended	20	
Total	50	

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SECTION A

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

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Last month, my classmates and I, together with our teachers, embarked on an exciting learning journey to discover Southeast Asia's maritime trade history. (20) _____ were very excited as the museum is the first and only museum to showcase the history of ancient maritime trade. (21) _____ tells the fascinating story of Admiral Zheng He, who travelled the Maritime Silk Route in the 15th century. (22) _____ was marvelled by Admiral Zheng He's massive Treasure Ship and also learned about (23) _____ voyages from China to the 'Western Ocean'. Our friendly guide also took us round the ports of call, which Admiral Zheng He and other Asian explorers visited along the Maritime Silk Route. It was a truly wonderful experience.

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

There is a cliff I always explore near my house. The rocks (24) [is / are] a good place to spot rabbits and snakes on a hot day. Rain (25) [wash / washes] the rock surface clean. I (26) [has / have] found many animal bones during my explorations. Using the internet and a reference book, I am able to identify what they are. These outings to the cliff (27) [help / helps] me learn more about animals in the wild.

SECTION B

Combine the sentences to make one sentence using the word(s) given. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the sentences given. (3m)

28. The Kibasen is very popular in Japan. It is a common event in schools' sports days.

_____ so _____
that _____

29. That is our teacher. He ran in the marathon.

_____ who _____

30. The coach was not on the field. The players were also not on the field.

Neither _____

Fill each blank with a suitable word. (5 marks)

Ang Peng Siong learned swimming from his father at the tender age of five. He first represented Singapore at the age of 15 at the Southeast Asian (SEA) Games (31)_____ at Kuala Lumpur in 1977. He won a silver medal for the 4 X 100m freestyle relay. In 1979, he won his first SEA Games gold medal in the 100m freestyle and 4 X 100m relay. The following year, Peng Siong took part in a swimming championship in Hawaii and was the only non-American swimmer to (32)_____ for the prestigious 50m freestyle sprint final.

Ang Peng Siong was offered a university sports scholarship in 1980. In recognition of his world-record performance in 1982, he was (33)_____ with the 'World Swimmer Award'. That year, he was also crowned 'Sportsman of the Year'. Peng Siong continued to win many gold medals at the SEA Games. The 50m freestyle was his favourite (34)_____. After winning at many other Games, he decided to retire.

Since retirement from the competitions, he has dedicated himself to grooming the next generation of (35)_____ by running a swimming school. He often tells his students, "The will to challenge failure must be stronger than the desire to win."

Adapted from Hall of Fame, SSC Museum

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. (10 marks)

After an earthquake, Zen and his sister, Zara, were left homeless and orphaned. Their house had been reduced to a pile of rubble. The two siblings were taken to a relief camp, run by Mr Mat.

Zen had to earn a living. Mr Mat decided to give him shoe brushes and polish. Men would go to him to have their shoes cleaned and polished. In the evening, Zen would return to the camp. Before he and his sister slept, Zen would tell Zara about the bustling market where he worked. The traumatic experience had left Zara weak and silent so her brother did his utmost to entertain her every night. 5

One afternoon, Zen was ready with his tools when a car stopped near him. Mr Hu, a wealthy businessman, came out from the car. He accidentally stepped into a puddle and muddied his shoes. Zen bent over and quickly polished them. Without glancing back, he dropped a fifty-dollar note onto Zen's lap. Zen's eyes widened in surprise. He decided to wrap up his work early and buy a small doll for Zara before heading home. As he was packing up, he noticed a fat rectangular object wedged under his work stool. Puzzled, he picked it up and realised that it was a wallet. He opened it gingerly and the thick wad of money inside made him gasp. He snapped it shut quickly. He looked around to see if someone was watching and then tossed it into his bag. 10 15

Later that night, when everyone was asleep, Zen opened the wallet again. He counted the money cautiously and the crisp notes crackled in his trembling hands. That night, sleep did not come easily to Zen. After a long time, he finally fell asleep. Some hours later, Zen woke up with a start, sweating all over. He felt as if his parents were in the room, urging him to do the right thing. 20

Adapted from 'Short Stories: Honesty' by Gulrukh Tausif

Answer the following questions.

36. Which word in the first paragraph tells you that Zen's house had collapsed? [2m]

37. How did Zen earn his living? [2m]

38. What does the word 'them' (Line 11) refer to? [2m]

39. Why did Zen's eyes widen in surprise in line 12? [2m]

40. Based on the text, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false. Then give one reason why you think so. [2m]

No	Statement	True/False	Reason
a	Zen told Zara about how he polished shoes.		
b	Zen felt guilty about keeping the money.		

End of Paper

ANSWER SHEET

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SUBJECT : PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH

TERM : SA1

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
2	3	4	1	3	1	2	3	1	4	2	1	4	4	2	2	3

Q18	Q19
1	2

BOOKLET B

Q20
We

Q21
It

Q22
I

Q23
His

Q24
Are

Q25
Washes

Q26
Have

Q27
Help

Q28
The Kibasen is so popular in Japan that it is a common even in schools' sport days.

Q29
That is our teacher who ran in the marathon.

Q30
Neither the coach nor the players were on the field.

Q31
Held

Q32
Qualify

Q33
Presented

Q34
Event

Q35
Swimmers

Q36
Rubble

Q37
He earned his living by going to the bustling market to clean or polish men's shoes.

Q38
It refers to Mr Hu's muddied shoes.

Q39
Mr Hu gave him a fifty dollar note.

(4b)

No	Statement	True/False	Reason
A	Zen told Zara about how he polished shoes.	False	In the evening, Zen would tell Zara about the bustling market where he worked
B	Zen felt guilty about keeping the money.	True	Some hours later, Zen woke up sweating. He felt as if his parents were there telling him to do the right thing.

