



## PRIMARY 4 MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2013

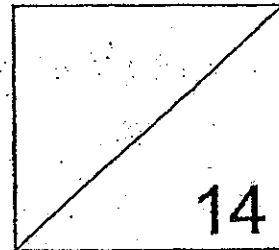
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

Date: 13 May 2013

Class: Primary 4 ( )

Time: 10.10 a.m. – 10.40 a.m.

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### ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 3 LISTENING COMPREHENSION

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Write your name, class and register number.
2. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.
5. Write your answers in this booklet.

**Section A (4 x 1m)**  
**Picture Matching**

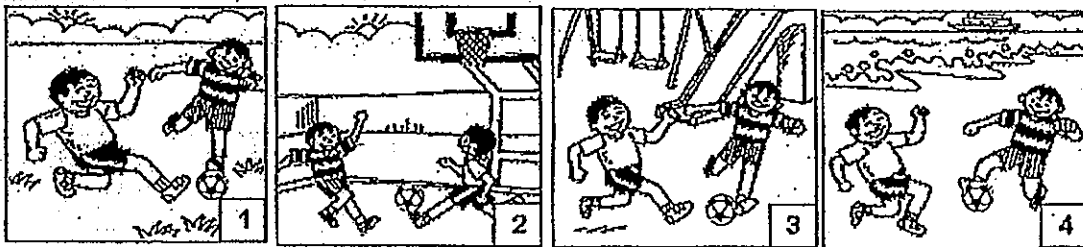
Listen carefully to the teacher. Choose the picture that describes what the teacher has read. Write the number 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the brackets provided.

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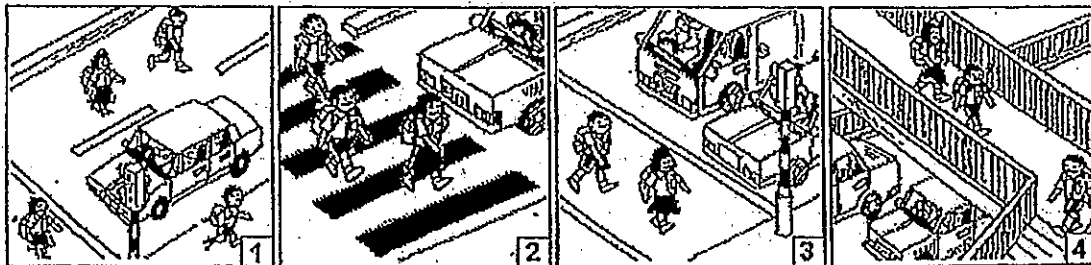
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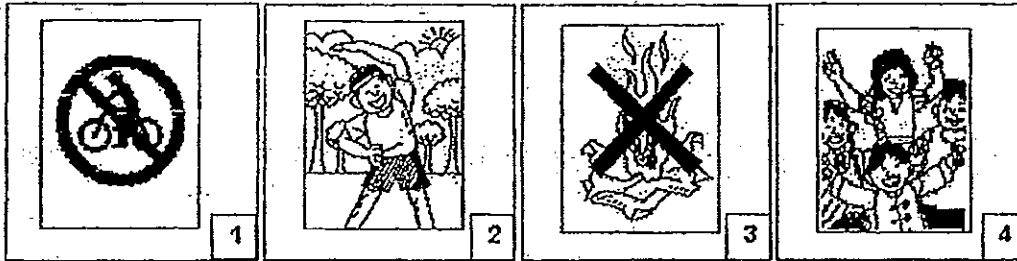
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**Section B (5 x 1m)**

**Note-taking**

For each question from 5 to 9, listen carefully to an announcement and fill in the blanks with the correct answers.

5. The topic for Adventure Week is \_\_\_\_\_

6. Number of members per group: \_\_\_\_\_

7. The project will start on \_\_\_\_\_

8. At the end of the week, you will be required to give an  
\_\_\_\_\_

9. You can get the necessary information from the  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Section C (5 x 1m)**

**Listening Comprehension (2 texts)**

**Listen to Text 1 and answer Questions 10 and 11.**

**Text 1**

**Q10. What has been arranged from 7.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.?**

- (1) It is free time for the group.
- (2) The tourists will have dinner.
- (3) The group will watch a Nigerian Show. ( )

**Q11. Where will dinner be held?**

- (1) the gallery
- (2) Safari Walk
- (3) the tram station ( )

**Listen to Text 2 and answer Questions 12, 13 and 14.**

**Text 2**

**Q12. Why were the university students collecting unwanted items?**

- (1) They wanted to have something to do during their vacation.
- (2) They wanted to raise money by selling all the items.
- (3) They wanted to help the typhoon victims. ( )

**Q13. Who had donated the items?**

- (1) Mr Alan Tan
- (2) the HDB residents
- (3) the university students ( )

**Q14. The money to buy food and medicine would come from \_\_\_\_\_.**

- (1) the students who had worked hard during their vacation
- (2) the owner of a courier company
- (3) the sale of the old newspapers ( )

**End of Paper**



## PRIMARY 4 MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2013

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Date: 15 May 2013

Class: Primary 4 ( ) Time: 8.00 a.m. – 9.15 a.m.

Duration: 1 hour 15 minutes

Parent's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Marks: \_\_\_\_\_ / 50

# ENGLISH LANGUAGE

## PAPER 2

### (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Write your name, class and register number.
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3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.
5. For Questions 1 to 16, shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.
6. For Questions 17 to 38, write your answers in this booklet.

**Section A (6 x 1m)**

**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 answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

1. Mrs Devi's well-trimmed garden received many \_\_\_\_\_  
from her neighbours whenever they walked past her house.  
  
(1) prizes  
(2) praises  
(3) awards  
(4) contributions
  
2. James \_\_\_\_\_ back into his classroom and proudly  
showed his classmates his trophy.  
  
(1) strolled  
(2) strutted  
(3) sauntered  
(4) staggered
  
3. Mary was glad that she had hung the clothes out in the sun. They  
are now as dry as a \_\_\_\_\_.  
  
(1) rod  
(2) mop  
(3) cloth  
(4) bone
  
4. As I poured myself a drink, I heard the \_\_\_\_\_ of the ice  
cubes in the glass.  
  
(1) clink  
(2) click  
(3) clatter  
(4) chatter

5. Mrs Lim \_\_\_\_\_ violently when her daughter said that she was going to take up skydiving.

- (1) resisted
- (2) relented
- (3) opposed
- (4) objected

6. Max and Jake competed against each other in a \_\_\_\_\_ to decide who was a better storyteller.

- (1) quiz
- (2) race
- (3) relay
- (4) contest

**Section B (8 x 1m)**

**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 answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.**

7. The price of movie tickets \_\_\_\_\_ risen. I cannot afford to watch movies every other week.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) has
- (4) have

8. Miss Tan, together with the scouts, \_\_\_\_\_ to go cycling at Pulau Ubin this Saturday.

- (1) plan
- (2) planned
- (3) is planning
- (4) are planning

9. Bullying can be avoided \_\_\_\_\_ children are taught to respect each other from young.

- (1) if
- (2) but
- (3) until
- (4) unless

10. My sister \_\_\_\_\_ French when she was studying in Paris two years ago. She is still able to speak it fluently.

- (1) picked at
- (2) picked on
- (3) picked up
- (4) picked off

11. It was very terrifying. We \_\_\_\_\_ have been killed.

- (1) will
- (2) shall
- (3) might
- (4) should

12. Since we moved in last year, you \_\_\_\_\_ about the leaking pipe.

- (1) complained
- (2) are complaining
- (3) were complaining
- (4) have been complaining

13. "\_\_\_\_\_ must have taken my keys. I can't believe that I've lost them!" complained Madam Aishah.

- (1) No one
- (2) Anyone
- (3) Everyone
- (4) Someone



14. The young soldier \_\_\_\_\_ to his knees and begged the king to forgive him.

- (1) was sinking
- (2) sinks
- (3) sunk
- (4) sank

**Section C (10 m)**

**Comprehension**

**Read the passage below and answer questions 15 to 21.**

World War Two ended on 17 May 1945 in Europe. On that day, Germany surrendered to America. However, the Japanese continued to battle against America, despite repeated demands to end the war.

Mr Truman, America's president at the time, struggled with what to do. Japan had attacked an American naval base at Pearl Harbour. Many Americans felt that the Japanese had to be stopped. Mr Truman decided to do something drastic. 5

Mr Truman made one of the biggest decisions in history. He ordered the use of an atomic bomb. The bomb was the deadliest weapon ever made. It had been tested, but never used. Scientists believed it could destroy an entire town and cause illness in its people for years to come. 10

On 6 August 1945, an American airplane dropped the first atomic bomb used in warfare on a Japanese military town, Hiroshima. Three days later, Nagasaki, another town in Japan, suffered the same fate as Hiroshima. Japan was devastated. The bombs killed numerous people. It destroyed large areas of both 15

cities. the bombs released hazardous chemicals into the air and remained in the atmosphere for some time. This made people 20 very sick. Thousands more died because of the exposure to these harmful, cancer-causing chemicals.

The terrible destruction caused by the bombs led Japan to surrender on 2 September 1945. Japan's surrender meant that the war was finally over. 25

Adapted from <http://www.readworks.org>

**For questions 15 and 16, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.**

15. Where was Pearl Harbour? [1m]

- (1) Japan
- (2) Europe
- (3) America
- (4) Germany

16. Why was the atomic bomb considered to be the deadliest weapon ever made? [1m]

- (1) It could end wars.
- (2) It had never been used.
- (3) It had never been tested.
- (4) It could destroy an entire town.

For questions 17 to 21, write your answers in the space provided. Your answers must be based on the passage.

17. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the boxes below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story. [1m]

	America dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima.
	Germany surrendered to America.
	Pearl Harbour was attacked.

18. Which four-word phrase in paragraph 4 tells you that a second bomb was dropped in Japan? [2m]

19. What does the word "This" (line 20) refer to? [2m]

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20. Based on the passage, state whether the statement in the table below is true or false. Give a reason to support your answer. [2m]

Statement	True/ False	Reason
World War Two was finally over on 17 May 1945.		

21. Which word in paragraph 4 has the same meaning as 'reduced to chaos'? [1m]

**Section D (4 x 1m)**

**Grammar Cloze**

Read the passage carefully. There are 4 blanks, numbered 22 to 25, in the passage below. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. Use each word one only.

(A) her	(B) him	(C) his
(D) me	(E) them	(F) themselves

Dear Diary,

For as long as I live, I shall never forget the first time I laid eyes on my brother. My parents were just settling (22) \_\_\_\_\_ down to sleep.

"Come and see him, Annie," Mum said. I wonder if I would have loved

Ben quite so much if Mum had not shown me (23) \_\_\_\_\_ feet

first. She lifted up the edge of the blanket and I saw his ten tiny perfect toes, soft as petals. Then, Dad pulled the blanket further back and I saw

him. I fell in love with Ben at once. I bent over the cot and kissed him. He

moved a bit and I felt as if he heard (24) \_\_\_\_\_. It was silly, of

course. He didn't even have his eyes open. My parents looked at me with

smiles on their faces. At that moment, I promised (25) \_\_\_\_\_

that I would always look after my little brother.

Love,

Annie

*Adapted from Red Sky in the Morning*

**Section E (4 x 1m)**

**Grammar Cloze**

Read the passage carefully. There are 4 blanks, numbered 26 to 29, in the passage below. 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) are	(B) has	(C) have
(D) sand	(E) stands	(F) were

More than a hundred adults and children gather on a hillside for a party. Chattering excitedly as they (26) \_\_\_\_\_ in the dark; no one (27) \_\_\_\_\_ turned on a torch and no streetlights wink on around them.

These people (28) \_\_\_\_\_ travelled to the countryside more than an hour from the city to get away from the glow of city lights. That is because they (29) \_\_\_\_\_ attending a star party. Getting away from city lights or artificial skylight from buildings helps stargazers see objects in the sky much clearer.

*Adapted from National Geographic for Kids*

**Section F (4 x 2m)**

**Synthesis and transformation:**

**For each of the questions 30 to 33, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word 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).**

30. It started raining heavily. The spectators left the stadium.

\_\_\_\_\_ when  
\_\_\_\_\_

31. John joined the football team. John did not join the badminton team as planned.

Instead of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

32. Bala drew on his desk. Bala was punished by his teacher.

\_\_\_\_\_ for  
\_\_\_\_\_

33. Mary's mother told her to close the door as her brother was sleeping.

Mary's mother said \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Section G (5 x 2m)**

**Comprehension Open**

**Read The passage below and answer questions 34 to 38.**

About ten years ago, I visited a South African forest known for its wild elephants. Against my tour guide's caution, I set off early one morning all by myself to explore the forest. "It's too dangerous," he said. After walking for about two kilometres, I chanced upon a herd of elephants and its calves, peacefully grazing beside a watering hole. Fascinated, I stopped at a distance before walking closer, halting only several metres away. Then, a large elephant looked in my direction and flapped its ears. 5

Having little knowledge about elephants, I had no idea that this was a warning sign. So, I waved at the elephant which began to trumpet loudly. For a second, I thought it was returning my greeting. It charged in my direction, making it all too clear that I was wrong. I was horrified to see the massive animal charging towards me. I turned and ran wildly. 10

I knew I was in real danger. I raced towards some tall grass. Still trumpeting menacingly, the elephant was in hot pursuit. I imagined it knocking me down with its trunk and trampling me to death. I thought I had only a few seconds to live. Just then, I tripped and fell into the tall grass. 15

Peering out from the blades, I saw the elephant stop. It then raised its trunk and sniffed the air as if searching out my scent. My heart was thudding, the blood singing in my ears. I kept as still as a rock. After a while, it turned away. It was only when the elephant was completely out of my sight did I pick myself up. Trembling, I made my way slowly back to my hotel, deeply regretting not listening to my guide. 20 25

*Adapted from When Elephants Weep*

**All answers must be in complete sentences.**

34. What was considered not safe according to the writer's tour guide?

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35. What were the elephants and their young doing when the writer spotted them?

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36. What does 'this' (line 10) refer to?

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37. How did the elephant react to the writer's greeting?

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38. How did the writer survive his ordeal?

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**End of Paper**



# ANSWER SHEET

**EXAM PAPER 2013**

**SCHOOL : TAO NAN**

**SUBJECT : PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH**

**TERM : SA1**

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
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18) suffered the same fate.

19) It refers to the hazardous in the air that was released by the atomic bomb.

20) False / World War two only ended on 17 May 1945 for Europe.

21) devastated

22) B

23) C

24) D

25) E

26) D

27) B

28) C

29) A

30) The spectators left the stadium when it started raining heavily.

31) Instead of joining the badminton team as planned, John joined the football team.

32) Bala was punished by his teacher for drawing on his desk.

33) Mary's mother said, "Close the door as your brother is sleeping."

34) It was dangerous to explore the forest alone.

35) They were peacefully grazing beside a watering hole.

**36)It refers to the elephant flapping its ears as a warning sign.**

**37)It began to trumpet loudly then charged in the direction of the writer.**

**38)He hid in the tall grass till the elephant went out of his sight.**