



*Anglo-Chinese School (Primary)*

**MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2014  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
PAPER 2 (BOOKLET A)  
PRIMARY FOUR**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ (     )     **Class:** Primary 4 \_\_\_\_

**Date:** 6 May 2014

**Duration of paper:** 1h.15 min

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

1. This question paper consists of 6 printed pages.
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**For Q1-18, four options are given. Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).**

**Section A: Grammar MCQ (8 x 1 mark)**

1. My family and I enjoyed \_\_\_\_\_ very much in Switzerland.  
(1) myself  
(2) himself  
(3) ourselves  
(4) themselves
  
2. All of us except John \_\_\_\_\_ attending the graduation party tomorrow.  
(1) is  
(2) are  
(3) was  
(4) were
  
3. We cancelled our lunch appointment as it \_\_\_\_\_ raining heavily.  
(1) is  
(2) are  
(3) was  
(4) were
  
4. "We \_\_\_\_\_ to search for the information on the Internet today!" Mrs Tan told her students.  
(1) go  
(2) goes  
(3) are going  
(4) have gone
  
5. Johnny \_\_\_\_\_ with his grandparents while his parents were working overseas.  
(1) lives  
(2) lived  
(3) will live  
(4) is living

11. The villagers were happy when the flood started to \_\_\_\_\_ after two days.
- (1) recline
  - (2) recede
  - (3) deplete
  - (4) decrease
12. I only managed to catch a \_\_\_\_\_ of his face before he disappeared into the jungle.
- (1) stare
  - (2) glare
  - (3) streak
  - (4) glimpse
13. We must not think that we are \_\_\_\_\_. We are all capable of making mistakes.
- (1) infallible
  - (2) incompetent
  - (3) invincible
  - (4) inappropriate
14. My father was \_\_\_\_\_ by his boss for the excellent work he had done.
- (1) reproached
  - (2) condemned
  - (3) commended
  - (4) reprimanded

For Q15-18, four options are given. Choose the most appropriate option and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

15. In order to receive \$150, writers have to write \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) a real-life story of 500 words
- (2) about something that changed his or her life
- (3) about a classmate's behaviour in the school
- (4) a heart-warming story not more than 500 words

16. Those who are interested to find out more about publishing a story can do so by \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) checking out the official website
- (2) emailing the editor of the magazine
- (3) visiting the publication headquarters
- (4) writing a letter to the editorial department

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17. The purpose of this ~~magazine~~ is to get readers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) publish their stories online
- (2) subscribe to the magazine
- (3) share their tales on antics of pets
- (4) publish their stories in the magazine

18. Which one of the following statements is true?

- (1) Selected stories will be notified via email.
- (2) Reader Magazine is only suitable for animal lovers.
- (3) For submission, you may either email or send your story via local postage.
- (4) Reader Magazine gives away cash rewards for any story that is submitted.

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**Cloze 2: Subject-Verb Agreement (4 x 1 mark)**

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

Staying physically active is especially important to the elderly. It (23) [ lower / lowers ] their risk of chronic conditions such as high blood pressure. Being physically fit also helps decrease the chances of falling as well as (24) [ reduce / reduces ] anxiety. Medication alone (25) [ is/ are ] usually not enough to manage their chronic conditions. Having a balanced diet is equally important. A balanced diet is one which is rich in fruits, vegetables and whole grains. Healthy eating and regular exercise (26) [ help / helps] make the body stronger. Furthermore, the elderly will feel more energetic.

Adapted from <http://www.hpb.gov.sg>

**Section F: Comprehension 1 (10 marks)**

***Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.***

Once, there lived Dick Whittington, an orphan. He often had nothing to eat. One day he heard of the great city of London, where, everyone said, even the streets were paved with gold. Dick decided to go to London to seek his fortune. London was a big and busy city, full of people both rich and poor. However, Dick could not find any streets that were paved with gold. Tired, cold and hungry he fell asleep on the steps of a great house. It belonged to Mr. Fitzwarren, a rich merchant, who was also an honourable and generous man. He took Dick into his house, and gave him work as a servant.

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Dick had a little room of his own where he could have been very happy if it had not been for the rats. They would keep him up all night. One day, Dick earned a penny shining shoes for a gentleman, and with it he bought a cat. After that, Dick could sleep in peace at night.

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One day, Mr. Fitzwarren called all the servants of the house together and asked his servants to trade something of their own in one of his ships that could perhaps be traded for a bit of gold or money. Dick had only his cat to send - which he did with a sad heart.

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Dick continued to work for Mr. Fitzwarren. He was very kind to him except for the Cook who made Dick's life so miserable and upsetting that one day Dick decided to run away. He had reached almost the end of the city when he heard the bells of the city rings out.

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'Don't go, Whittington, future Lord Mayor of London' chimed the bells. Dick was astonished - but he did as the bells said and journeyed back to the house. Mr Fitzwarren was relieved that he had changed his mind.

When Mr. Fitzwarren's ship returned, Dick found out that his cat had been sold for a great fortune to the King of Barbary whose palace had been overrun with mice. Dick became a rich man.

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He soon married Mr Fitzwarren's daughter and in time became the Lord Mayor of London, just as the bells had said.

Adapted from [http://www.longlongtimeago.com/lila\\_folktales\\_dickwhittington.html](http://www.longlongtimeago.com/lila_folktales_dickwhittington.html)

36. What did Dick buy with the penny that he had earned?

\_\_\_\_\_ [1m]

37. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

Dick was heartbroken because \_\_\_\_\_. [1m]

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his cat ran away

the Cook was unkind to him

he shipped his cat off to be traded

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

Dick was astonished but he did as the bells said and journeyed back  
(A)

to the house. Mr. Fitzwarren was relieved that he had changed his mind.  
(B)

39. What were the two things that happened to Dick after he became rich?

i. \_\_\_\_\_ [1m]

ii. \_\_\_\_\_ [1m]



**Section G: Comprehension 2 (10 marks)**

***Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.***

It was a special occasion for the Tan family as everyone had gathered to celebrate Grandma's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, which fell right after Christmas Day. Everyone was seated around the dinner table when Bob suddenly threw a piece of half-eaten chicken nugget at his cousin, Robert, who was seated across the table.

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Robert had been making faces at Bob a while ago, and Bob was not going to take that sitting down. Robert and Bob had never been on very good terms with each other. Robert had always been doing better than Bob academically and their parents had been comparing the two boys.

Everyone pretended that nothing had happened as nobody wanted to create an unpleasant scene. When no one was watching, Robert took a straw, sucked up some water and pointed the end at Bob. Then he blew out noisily, sending a jet of water across the table. However, he missed, and the water landed on Uncle Tommy's face. Everyone froze in dismay as the whole family knew that Uncle Tommy was not a person to be trifled with. Everyone waited in an awkward silence, wondering what was going to happen next.

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Suddenly, Uncle Tommy burst into laughter. "What a lousy shot, Robert! Don't think I don't know whom you were aiming at," said Uncle Tommy calmly, to the surprise of everyone. Then he squinted his eyes and looked closely, first at Robert, then at Bob, and said, "Boys, where are your manners? Is that the right way to treat each other? How about practising some forgiveness?" Upon hearing that, both boys bowed their heads in shame. They then shook each other's hands.

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*Adapted from Raising Your Family EQ*

43. State whether each sentence below is 'True' or 'False'. Give a reason for your answer. [2m]

Sentence	True/False	Reason
i) Robert does better in his studies than Bob.		
ii) Eventually, the two boys did not make peace with each other.		

44. Based on the passage, match Column A with Column B correctly. [2m]

Column A

Column B

i) Robert ●

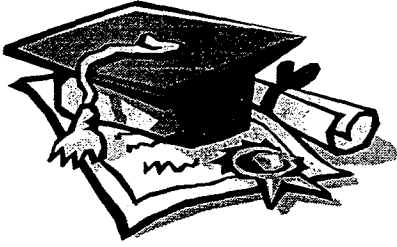
● could not stand someone making faces at him.

ii) Uncle Tommy ●

● played a prank on someone.

iii) Bob ●

● reacted calmly at the prank.



# ANSWER SHEET

## EXAM PAPER 2014

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3	2	3	3	2	3	3	1	4	2	2	4	1	3	4	1	4

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22
3	F	A	D	B

23)lowers      24)reduces      25)is      26)help

27)Mr Tan returned home because he had left his keys on the table.

28)Everyone turns up for the meeting except Benny.

29)George, as well as Sally likes reading comic books.

30)Neither then my brother nor his classmates were late for the excursion.

31)Dick      32)Mr. Fitzwarren      33)B      34)Dick      35)Mr. Fitzwarren

36)Dick brought a cat      37)he shipped his cat off to be traded      38)A

39)i)Dick married Mr Fitzwarren's daughter.

ii)Dick became the Lord Mayor of London.

40)3

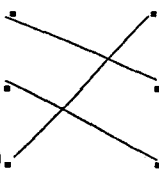
41)awkward

42)2, 1, 3

43)i)True / Robert had always been doing better than Bob academically and their parents had been comparing the two boys.

ii)False / The two boys must show action that they did forgive each other.

44)i) .  
ii) .  
iii) .



45)The whole family knew that Uncle Tommy was not a person to be trifled with but this time Uncle Tommy just burst into laughter.

46)The sentence is "Upon hearing that, both boys bowed their head in shame".

For Q 45-46, write your answer in complete sentences.

45. Why was everyone surprised (line 20) at Uncle Tommy's reaction? [2m]

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46. Which sentence tells you that the boys felt remorseful? [1m]

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**~ End of Paper 2 (Booklet B) ~**

**Please check your work carefully.**

For Q40, write 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the bracket provided.

40. Everyone in the Tan family gathered to celebrate \_\_\_\_\_ [1m]

- (1) Christmas
- (2) a family reunion
- (3) Grandma's birthday
- (4) Robert's academic success ( )

41 Write one word from the passage that shows that everyone was feeling uncomfortable with the quietness.

[1m]

42. These are the events that involved Bob and Robert. Put them in the right sequence, according to the flow of the story. Write 1, 2 and 3 on the lines.

[1m]

\_\_\_\_\_ Bob threw a chicken nugget at Robert.

\_\_\_\_\_ Robert made faces at Bob.

\_\_\_\_\_ Robert used a straw and some water to play a prank on Bob.

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For Q31-32, decide who does the following activities. Tick (✓) your chosen answer. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

Activities described in paragraph 1		Dick	Mr. Fitzwarren
Example	Go to London	✓	
31.	Could not find any street that was paved with gold		
32.	Offered a job to a poor boy.		

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

It belonged to Mr. Fitzwarren, a rich merchant, who was also an <u>honourable</u> and (A)
<u>generous</u> man. (B)

For Q34-35, tick (✓) whether the statements describe Dick or Mr. Fitzwarren. Refer to paragraph 2 and 3 to help you. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

Statement		Dick	Mr. Fitzwarren
E.g.	He has little room of his own	✓	
34.	He earned extra income by shining shoes for people.		
35.	He offered to help ship things that could be traded for money or gold.		



**Section E: Sentence Combining (4 x 1 mark)**

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

*Example:* May is tall. May's sister is not tall.

May is tall but her sister is not.

27. Mr Tan had left his keys on the table. Mr Tan returned home.

\_\_\_\_\_ because

\_\_\_\_\_

28. Everyone turns up for the meeting. However, Benny does not.

\_\_\_\_\_

except \_\_\_\_\_

29. George likes reading comic books. Sally also likes reading comic books.

\_\_\_\_\_, as well as \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

30. My brother was not late for the excursion. His classmates were also not late for the excursion.

Neither \_\_\_\_\_ nor \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## PART II

### Section D: Grammar Cloze

#### Cloze 1: Personal Pronouns (4 x 1 mark)

**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) me

(B) they

(C) his

(D) we

(E) them

(F) her

It was Mother's Day morning last year and I was at the supermarket with my five-year-old son, Tenyson. We realised an elderly woman had fallen over at the entrance of the store and had hit (19) \_\_\_\_\_ head on the concrete.

Walking towards the scene, Tenyson became very upset about what had happened and he commented to (20) \_\_\_\_\_. "Mum, it's not much fun falling over in front of everyone." I nodded in agreement.

At the front of the supermarket, a charity group had set up a stall selling flowers to raise funds. Tenyson suggested that (21) \_\_\_\_\_ should buy the lady a flower. "It will make her feel better," he said.

By now, paramedics had arrived and (22) \_\_\_\_\_ were attending to the injured woman. Tenyson then gave her the flower.

Despite being badly hurt and shaken, the old lady looked up at Tenyson and gave him a little smile.

Adapted from Reader's Digest 'The Power of Good'



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No.	Contents	Marks	Marks Obtained
1.	Oral	16	
2.	Listening Comprehension	14	
3.	Composition	20	
4.	Language Paper	50	
Total Marks		100	

**Section C: Visual Text Comprehension (4 x 1 mark)**

**Study the advertisement carefully and then answer the questions that follow.**

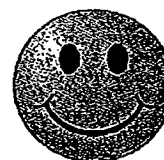
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6. "No one \_\_\_\_\_ to enter my bedroom without my knowledge," my sister warned us before walking out of the house.

- (1) allows
- (2) allowed
- (3) is allowed
- (4) was allowed

7. \_\_\_\_\_ people are made homeless by the fire. Let's go over there and see how we can help them.

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

8. I did not have \_\_\_\_\_ luggage to take with me to the airport.

- (1) much
- (2) more
- (3) many
- (4) some

**Section B: Vocabulary MCQ (6 x1 mark)**

9. The teacher \_\_\_\_\_ upon us the importance of doing our work neatly.

- (1) implied
- (2) instilled
- (3) instructed
- (4) impressed

10. The suspect was \_\_\_\_\_ from the jail when he was found to be innocent.

- (1) expelled
- (2) released
- (3) dismissed
- (4) discharged

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