



RED SWASTIKA SCHOOL
2014 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1
ENGLISH LANGUAGE – PAPER 2
LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION
PRIMARY 4

Name : _____ ()

Class : Primary 4 / _____

Date : 7 May 2014

Note:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Read carefully the instructions given at the beginning of each section.
3. Do not waste time. If a question is difficult for you, go on to the next one.
4. Check your answers thoroughly and make sure you attempt every question.

42 Questions

50 Marks

Duration of Paper: 1 hour 15 minutes

ITEMS	OBTAINED	POSSIBLE
MCQ		24
Qn 20 - 42		26
TOTAL		50

Parent's Signature : _____

SECTION A : Vocabulary (6 marks)

Choose the correct answer and shade its number on the OAS provided.

- 1 Sue cried in _____ when the dentist extracted her wisdom tooth. She felt that the pain was unbearable.

(1) agony	(2) despair
(3) fear	(4) rage

- 2 Mother modified her _____ to make her curry more flavoursome.

(1) instruction	(2) menu
(3) method	(4) recipe

- 3 The firemen spent much time trying to _____ the unconscious driver from the car wreckage.

(1) detach	(2) extricate
(3) withdraw	(4) salvage

- 4 The cyclist _____ sharply to avoid hitting the dog that was in his way.

(1) sprang	(2) swayed
(3) slanted	(4) swerved

- 5 Mrs Wong _____ made her way to the information counter after she realised that her son had gone missing in the mall.

(1) eagerly	(2) excitedly
(3) frantically	(4) impatiently

- 6 The soldiers were completely _____ after marching all afternoon. Some of them almost collapsed.

(1) annoyed	(2) bored
(3) exhausted	(4) irritated

SECTION B : Grammar (8 marks)

Choose the correct answer and shade its number on the OAS provided.

- 7 Mr Wong wanted John and his sister to prepare dinner _____ for the entire week.
- (1) herself (2) himself
(3) themselves (4) yourselves
- 8 The children _____ excited when they shook hands with their favourite author.
- (1) is (2) are
(3) was (4) were
- 9 "Turn off the radio. Baby _____ at the moment," said Mother.
- (1) slept (2) sleeps
(3) has slept (4) is sleeping
- 10 An hour ago, we _____ some snacks from that shop before heading for home.
- (1) buy (2) bought
(3) have bought (4) were buying
- 11 While everyone _____ in the park, Jason stayed at home to study.
- (1) plays (2) will play
(3) has played (4) was playing
- 12 _____ students sitting in that corner are waiting to meet their principal.
- (1) This (2) That
(3) Those (4) These

13 The manager of the gymnasium was very upset as he had lost _____ equipment in the fire.

- (1) few
- (3) many

- (2) little
- (4) much

14 Lily _____ for her examination since early this morning.

- (1) studies
- (3) was studying

- (2) studied
- (4) has been studying

SECTION C : Visual Text Comprehension (10 marks)

Read this flyer carefully and answer the questions that follow. Choose the correct answer and shade its number on the OAS provided.

Starlight Fashion - a leading brand of fashion apparel for girls from the ages of 4 to 14.



The search for

Princess Sweetheart

Open to
all girls
aged
4 to 14

This year, in conjunction with the launch of our SWEETHEART line of gorgeous dresses, we will be conducting a contest to find Princess Sweetheart.

To take part in this contest, simply take a photo of yourself in your best Sweetheart outfit. Write a short declaration, in 30 words or less, telling us why you would be the perfect Princess Sweetheart. Email both items to us at princesssearch@starlightfashion.com.sg by **15 June 2014**.



Princess Sweetheart Contest Prizes

The winner will receive:

- a year's supply of clothes and accessories from Starlight Fashion
- the chance to be the face of the SWEETHEART line 2015

Photos of 50 shortlisted princesses can be viewed at www.starlightfashion.com.sg, from **1 July 2014** onwards. Members of the public can vote on our website for the Princess Sweetheart candidate of their choice. Each person can vote only once.

Voting commences on 1 July 2014 and closes 31 July 2014.

After the closing date, the judges will decide who among these finalists will be Princess Sweetheart of 2015. Judging will be based on the submitted photo, the voting results and the short declaration provided by each contestant.

JUDGES

LAYLA LIM

renowned fashion designer from Starlight Fashion

DARREN ONG

Starlight Fashion CEO

ROSLYN SEAH

radio deejay and popular TV show host

SUSAN LEE

producer of international children's TV programmes



All shortlisted candidates will be featured in a photoshoot with Justin Bayler, the teen heartthrob from hit TV show 'Wicked Fun'

- 15 Starlight Fashion manufactures clothes for _____
- (1) boys and girls between the ages 4 and 14
 - (2) girls between the ages of 4 and 14
 - (3) young boys only
 - (4) young girls only
- 16 Photographs and short declarations of candidates must be submitted _____.
- (1) before 16 June 2014
 - (2) after 15 June 2014
 - (3) from 1 July 2014
 - (4) on 31 July 2014
- 17 Joyce's photo was displayed on the website of Starlight Fashion on 1 July 2014 because _____.
- (1) she had the most number of votes from the members of the public
 - (2) she had submitted the best short declaration
 - (3) she was selected as a finalist for the contest
 - (4) she was chosen as Princess Sweetheart
- 18 Which one of the following statements is correct?
- (1) Members of the public will select the eventual winner.
 - (2) All girls below the age of 14 can take part.
 - (3) Voting by the public will last for a month.
 - (4) Fifty participants will receive prizes.
- 19 Who is Justin Bayler?
- (1) a judge for the contest
 - (2) a photographer
 - (3) a singer
 - (4) an actor

SECTION D : Grammar Cloze – Preposition (4 marks)

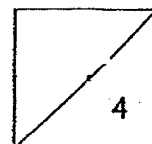
Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank.

USE EACH WORD ONLY ONCE

(A) at	(B) from	(C) in
(D) into	(E) on	(F) up

I baked some muffins last weekend. I weighed the ingredients _____ the
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kitchen scale before mixing them together. Finally, I added some chocolate pieces that I had
bought _____ the nearby supermarket.
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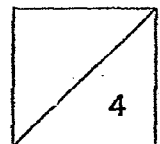
The scent of freshly-baked muffins soon filled the entire kitchen. I could not wait to
sink my teeth _____ the muffins. I think they are the best muffins _____
(22) (23)
the world. I cannot wait to bake more.



SECTION E : Grammar Cloze – Verbs (4 marks)

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

Patricia is an avid climber. It has been almost 10 years since she first (24) [picks / picked] up sport climbing. Her first experience with the rockwall (25) [is / was] during a leadership camp at Labrador Park. Since then, climbing has not only kept her fit, but it has also taught her to (26) [overcome / overcame] obstacles with determination. It is her dream to get out, climbing as many rockwalls as she (27) [can / could].



SECTION F : Editing (4 marks)

Correct each word in bold for spelling and underlined for punctuation. Write the correct word or punctuation in the relevant box.

A traffic accident occurred along Lavender Street Monday morning, killing one person and injuring two. The Singapore Civil Defence Force received a call from a

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civilian informing the authority that a lorry and a taxi had collided at the junction of

Lavender Street and Kallang Road. The lorry driver was pronounced dead at the scene.

The taxi driver was conscious at the arrival of the ambulance. He complained of

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drowsiness while his **paircenger** suffered from injuries that were more serious. Both of

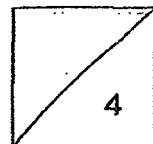
(30)

them were sent to Singapore General hospital for treatment. According to the

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eyewitnesses, the lorry driver was driving **denjerously** fast when the accident took

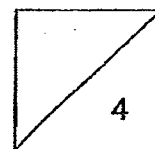
place. The case is now under investigation.



SECTION G : Grammar Cloze (4 marks)

Read the passage and fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Last December, we had a camp at Pulau Ubin. We had to sleep in tents which we had never done before. (32) _____ the last night of camp, Jack insisted that there was a rustling sound (33) _____ from behind our tent. He wanted to investigate the sound so I followed reluctantly. I knew (34) _____ would be in trouble if our teacher found us missing (35) _____ our tent.



SECTION H : Comprehension (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Once, a young man named Ming stumbled upon an incredible cave that was filled with all kinds of treasure. Since then, he concealed the cave entrance and stayed there, guarding it every day.

Ming was so dedicated to the cave that he hardly ate or drank. One day, when he could hardly move at all, he realised that it was his greed which had brought him to this extreme end. Just before he died, he decided to share the treasure with others.

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Ming crawled into the cave to get a handful of jewels. To his horror, the cave was almost empty. All he could find was a small emerald with a dull sheen to it. Ming took the emerald and left the cave, intending to give it to the first person he saw. Soon, he approached an old lady and she accepted the emerald with great joy.

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Ming said to her, "I would have given you more but this is all I have got." Suddenly, Ming saw some gold coins appearing in front of him.

"How is this possible?" Ming gasped.

"Young man, you're the first to break the spell of this cave. The only way to fill it is by filling your heart with all that is good, as you did by giving that last emerald to me."

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At last, Ming realised that he had gained more when he shared what he had with others. From that day, he became ever generous and compassionate.

Story adapted from <http://freestoriesforkids.com/short-stories>

36 Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

Ming guarded the cave every day because

_____. [1m]

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it was filled with gold coins

he wanted all the treasure for himself

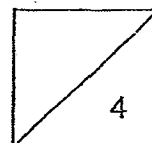
he was so dedicated that he hardly ate or drink

37 Name the treasure that Ming offered to the old lady.

_____ [1m]

For 38 – 39, read the statement and tick ✓ "True" or "False". Refer to lines 7 -13 to help you.
The first example has been done for you. [2m]

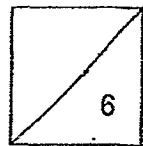
	Statement	True	False
Example	The old man was the first person who approached Ming.		✓
38	Ming was surprised when he saw the gold coins.		
39	Ming found a handful of jewels in the cave.		



40 How did Ming break the spell?

41 What does 'it' in line 14 refer to?

42 What lesson did Ming learn in the end?



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EXAM PAPER 2014

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SUBJECT : ENGLISH

TERM : SA1

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
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Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23
3	4	E	B	D	C

24. picked

25. was

26. overcome

27. can

28. civilian,

29. passenger

30. Hospital

31. dangerously

32. On

33. coming

34. we

35. from

36. he wanted all the treasure for himself

37. a small emerald with a dull sheen

38. True

39. False

40. Ming broke the spell by filling his heart with all that is good by giving the last emerald to the old lady.

41. It refers to the cave.

42. Ming learnt to be generous and compassionate.