

**HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
2014 SEMESTRAL EXAMINATION TWO
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY FOUR**

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CLASS: Primary 4 _____

Duration of Paper: 1h 15min

MCQ	14
FIB / OE	36
TOTAL	50

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SECTION A: Vocabulary (6 x 1 mark)

**Choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets.
Then shade your answers on the OAS provided.**

1. The devastating earthquake had _____ all the buildings in the city and many people lost their homes.

- (1) wrecked
- (2) disrupted
- (3) scattered
- (4) stumbled

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2. Many passers-by heard the sound of tyres _____ before the car crashed into a tree.

- (1) whining
- (2) clattering
- (3) crunching
- (4) screeching

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3. The _____ boy jumped into the river to save the drowning child.

- (1) cautious
- (2) courteous
- (3) cooperative
- (4) courageous

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4. The Rugby World Cup was the first sporting event that was held at the new Kallang _____.

- (1) rink
- (2) court
- (3) stage
- (4) stadium

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5. Although Mr Tan may look _____, he is actually a very kind man.

- (1) mean
- (2) gentle
- (3) friendly
- (4) benevolent

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6. The children helped to lay out the plates and _____ on the table while their parents prepared dinner.

- (1) tools
- (2) cutlery
- (3) utensils
- (4) equipment

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SECTION B: Grammar (8 x 1 mark)

Choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided. Then shade your answers on the OAS provided.

7. The event was cancelled because only _____ people turned up.

- (1) a few
- (2) much
- (3) a little
- (4) a lot of

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8. Max and I designed the robot _____.

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

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9. During the fire drill yesterday, the pupils _____ instructed to gather in the school field.

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

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10. "Stop talking. The principal _____ at us at this very moment," Sam whispered to his partner.

- (1) stares
- (2) is staring
- (3) has stared
- (4) was staring

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11. Last year, many countries _____ extreme weather conditions and natural disasters.

- (1) experience
- (2) experienced
- (3) have experienced
- (4) were experiencing

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12. While Lily _____ home, a cyclist almost ran into her.

- (1) walks
- (2) walked
- (3) is walking
- (4) was walking

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13. _____ buildings here are old and will be demolished soon.

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

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14. We cannot see anything. There is too _____ smoke in the air.

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

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PART II

SECTION C: Grammar Cloze

Grammar Cloze 1 (4 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) them

(B) us

(C) me

(D) our

(E) it

(F) I

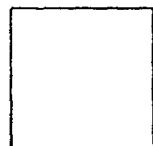
Dear Mary,

Today is the best day of my life!

Sharon and (15) _____ won the best team award for the Spelling Bee contest. In the first round, the other teams seemed much better than (16) _____ but we managed to overtake (17) _____ in the final round.

I cannot wait to tell my family about (18) _____. I hope I will get a treat as a reward for my hard work.

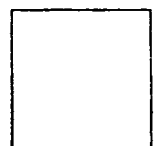
Your friend,
Susan



Grammar Cloze 2 (4 x 1 mark)

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

When you meet someone new, you hope that he or she will become your friend. Friendship (19) [is / are] like planting a seed. You cannot tell what you (20) [is / are] getting out of it. For the friendship to grow, each person (21) [has / have] to put in effort to build the relationship. If you treasure your friend, both of you can have a stronger bond as time (22) [pass / passes] Friendship is for a lifetime.



SECTION D: Grammar and Vocabulary Cloze (4 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Fill in each blank with the most suitable word.

Blossom yawned and closed her eyes to sleep. Suddenly, she heard a strange sound in the room. Her eyes flew open as wide as bowling balls. She rushed out of bed and switched on the light (23) _____ she did not see anything.

With a sigh of (24) _____, Blossom switched off the light and jumped back into bed. As she was about to (25) _____ her eyes, the same sound could be heard coming from under her bed.

"Yikes!" she screamed and jumped out of bed to switch on the light again.

Looking around the room, Blossom saw a mouse scurrying (26) _____ the door and disappearing into the living room. She jumped onto a nearby chair and yelled for her parents.



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 your sentences must be the same as the sentences given.

27. Karen refused to do her homework. Karen was scolded by her mother.

_____ **although**

28. Ahmad does not like dancing. His brothers do not like dancing too.

Neither _____

29. The boy cheated in the competition. The boy was disqualified.

who _____

30. Jane does not fall sick. Jane will take part in the badminton match.

_____ **if**



SECTION F: Comprehension

Comprehension 1 (10 marks)

Read the following passage carefully and answer questions 31 to 39.

Hearing the frantic shouts of her sister, Tammy, Jill turned towards the river. She was aghast to see an alligator swimming towards Michael. Jill yelled to her brother. She realised that he could not hear her with his head underwater. Michael knew nothing of the danger!

In the kitchen of their home, Sheila, heard the screams and saw the terror 5
on her daughters' faces. She knew something horrible had happened. She ran towards the river.

On reaching there, Sheila's heart froze. Closing in on Michael was the
biggest alligator she had ever seen.

The alligator moved towards him like a torpedo. Then its jaws opened and it 10
lunged at Michael. As the jaws snapped shut, its lower jaw hooked into the snorkelling mask, ripping it from Michael's face. Fortunately, this allowed the boy's head to slip from its jaws.

Michael did not know what had hit him. Suddenly, he was under the surface
of the water, on his back. Above him he could see the alligator swimming right 15
over him. Instinctively, he began swimming underwater as fast as he could.

Jill's family continued shouting and clapping to distract the creature. They
could see the alligator circling in the water but they were not sure what had
happened to Michael. A while later, Michael came up for air. His family sighed with
relief, grateful that he was still alive.

For Q31 and Q32, decide where Jill and Sheila were at the beginning of the story. Tick (✓) your chosen answer. [2m]

	Jill	Sheila
31. In the kitchen		
32. Near the river		

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

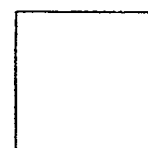
The horrified princess stood rooted to the ground while the fearless prince slayed the dragon.

(A)

(b)

For Q34 and Q35, tick (✓) whom the statements describe. [2m]

	Statement	Tammy	Sheila
34.	Michael was her brother.		
	She was Michael's mother.		



Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

35. _____ was first person to notice that Michael was in danger. [1m]

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Jill

Sheila

Tammy

36. What does the word 'it' in Line 12 refer to? [1m]

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37. What were the two things Michael's family did to distract the alligator from attacking him? [2m]

(i) _____

(ii) _____

38. How did Michael's family feel when they saw that he had survived the alligator's attack? [1m]

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Comprehension 2 (10 marks)

Read the following passage carefully and answer questions 40 to 46.

She woke up to the sound of car horns blaring angrily at one another. She could hear quick paces and shouting too. "Why was everyone so angry this early in the morning?" she wondered.

All this was so different from the familiar sounds of her home. She swallowed hard as a lump formed in her throat. She held back tears as she recalled the sound of wooden carts being pushed leisurely by on the pebbled path outside her window. She pushed the thought aside and told herself firmly, "I must stop looking back. I am not at home anymore." 5

She looked around her room again. Her aunt and uncle had put her up in their storeroom. "Hope you don't mind staying in this small room," said her uncle apologetically. "It is alright," she said. She was grateful to have a roof over her head. 10

There were stacks of boxes piled up high to the ceiling and she took down one of the boxes. She opened it and put it next to her mattress. She wanted to know what her relatives kept in these boxes. The box was filled with some pretty souvenirs such as clocks, key chains with pictures of famous places on them and pens. There was also a big, colourful plate that said, "Wish you were here!" 15

"Wow, Uncle and Aunt had definitely been to many countries and collected many souvenirs," she said to herself.

The car horns blared noisily again. She had to get ready quickly or she would be late for school. 20

Q39 and Q40

For ~~Q39 and Q40~~ ~~Q41~~, write the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets.

39. The narrator was woken up by the sound of _____. [1m]

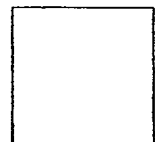
- (1) car engines revving impatiently
- (2) people shouting at one another
- (3) car horns blaring noisily at one another
- (4) a cart being pushed along outside her window ()

40. The narrator's uncle and aunt were most likely staying _____. [1m]

- (1) in the city
- (2) at the seaside
- (3) beside the airport
- (4) in the countryside ()

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

	Sentence	True/ False	Reason
(i)	The narrator was put up in an empty storeroom.		
(ii)	The narrator's uncle and aunt were well-travelled.		



42. These are what the narrator did one particular morning. Put them in the right sequence, according to the flow in the story. Write 1, 2 and 3 on the lines. [1m]

_____ She peered at the contents of a cardboard box in her room.

_____ She wondered about the angry noises she heard in the morning.

_____ She hurried to get ready for school.

Q43 Q45

For ~~Q44-Q46~~, write your answer in complete sentences.

43. Why did the narrator's uncle and aunt apologise to her? [1m]

44. What do the sentences, 'I must stop looking back. I am not at home anymore.' in Line 7 - 8 tell us about the narrator? [2m]

45. What was different about the sounds the narrator heard that morning with those she was familiar with at home? [2m]

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Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
4	4	4	4	1	2	1	3	4	2
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
3	4	3	4	F	B	A	E	is	are
Q21	Q22								
has	passes								

- Q23 but
Q24 relief
Q25 close
Q26 under
Q27 Karen refused to do her homework although she was scolded by her mother.
Q28 Neither Ahmad nor his brothers like dancing.
Q29 The boy, who cheated in the competition, was disqualified.
Q30 Jane will take part in the badminton match if she does not fall sick.
Q31 Sheila
Q32 Jill
Q33 (A)
Q34 Tammy. Sheila.
Q35 Tammy.
Q36 The snorkelling mask.
Q37 (i) Michael's family shouted.
(ii) Michael's family clapped.
Q38 Michael's family felt relieved and grateful when they saw that Michael survived the alligator's attack.
Q39 3
Q40 1
Q41 False. There were stacks of boxes piled up high to the ceiling in the storeroom.
True. They bought most souvenirs from other countries.
Q42 2,1,3
Q43 They apologised to her for putting her in a small storeroom.
Q44 She misses her home.
Q45 The sounds she heard that morning were loud while those she was familiar with at home were soft.