



PRIMARY 4 MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2016

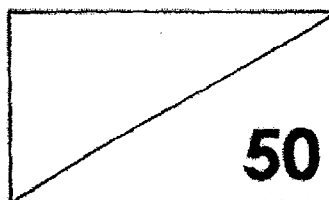
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Class: Primary 4 (_____)

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Duration: 1 hour 15 minutes

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2

(LANGUAGE USE AND 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. For questions 1 to 15, shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.
6. For questions 16 to 39, 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. Devi takes _____ her mother as they are both good at classical Indian dance.

(1) to

(2) on

(3) over

(4) after

2. When the music began, the dancers _____ across the stage gracefully.

(1) glided

(2) bolted

(3) staggered

(4) scrambled

3. Simon could not concentrate on his studies as he was _____ by the loud music.

(1) soothed

(2) confused

(3) distracted

(4) comforted

4. The injured cyclist lost consciousness as the pain was _____.
- (1) unpleasant
 - (2) unbearable
 - (3) unbelievable
 - (4) unacceptable
5. Our class will be _____ from the inter-class basketball competition if we lose the game tomorrow.
- (1) expelled
 - (2) eliminated
 - (3) terminated
 - (4) disqualified
6. The play was so boring that half the _____ fell asleep.
- (1) crowd
 - (2) audience
 - (3) onlookers
 - (4) spectators

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. _____ I used a pair of binoculars, I still could not see the aeroplane in the distance.

- (1) If
- (2) As
- (3) While
- (4) Although

8. The children have completed their chores, _____ they?

- (1) had
- (2) have
- (3) hadn't
- (4) haven't

9. "Stop mumbling to _____ and speak up," Madam Salmah told the girls.

- (1) herself
- (2) yourself
- (3) yourselves
- (4) themselves

10. Melli, together with her siblings, _____ at the library during recess yesterday.

(1) is

(2) are

(3) was

(4) were

11. While everyone _____ the new school building, Ahmad ate in the canteen.

(1) admires

(2) will admire

(3) was admiring

(4) were admiring

12. If you have _____ time to spare, come and cheer for me at the singing competition.

(1) little

(2) some

(3) many

(4) much

13. Roger was watching television when his mother _____ home.

(1) return

(2) returned

(3) has returned

(4) was returned

14. Mrs Lee repeated her instructions _____ the benefit of the pupils who arrived late.

(1) in

(2) of

(3) for

(4) because

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Section C (10 m)

Comprehension

Read the passage below and answer questions 15 to 22 based on the passage.

Walter Elias Disney was born in Chicago in 1901. His love for drawing developed when he was only four years old. At the age of sixteen, he began to study art at the Chicago Art Institute.

Disney dreamt of making his own animation cartoons so he started his own company called Laugh-O-Gram. However, his business failed. **This** did not stop him. 5

In 1923, Disney moved to Hollywood to join his brother, Roy. He decided to work with him to make animated movies but in order to accomplish this, he had to create a cartoon hero.

At that time, Disney worked with another young artist in an old building. There, they often saw mice running in and out. So, they drew a cartoon mouse. Their cartoon mouse was not exactly a real mouse. It stood on two legs like a human, had big eyes and ears, and wore white gloves. The artists called him Mickey Mouse. It was the start of Disney's fame and he continued to create unique characters such as Donald Duck, Goofy, Peter Pan and many more. 10 15

Always coming up with new ideas, Disney created a theme park with rides and entertainment based on his movies. Costing \$17 million, Disneyland opened in 1955. The park was a huge success and remains one of the most popular holiday destinations in the world. 20

Adapted from <http://www.ducksters.com>

For question 15, 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. Disney first moved to Hollywood to _____ [1m]

- (1) study art
- (2) build Disneyland
- (3) start his own company
- (4) make animated movies

For questions 16 to 19, write your answers in the space provided. Your answers must be based on the passage.

16. Which word from Paragraph 4 has the same meaning as 'special'. [1m]

Read each statement and tick ✓ 'True' or 'False'. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

	Sentence	True	False
Example	Disney liked to draw since he was four years old.	✓	
17.	Disney worked with Roy to create Mickey Mouse.		
18.	Disney's business succeeded in Hollywood.		

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

	Disney rose to fame.
	Disney learnt how to draw before he made animation cartoons.
	Mickey Mouse was created.

20. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

From the passage, we know that Disney was _____ to make his dream a reality. [1m]

	anxious
	reluctant
	determined

For Questions 21 and 22, write your answers in complete sentences. Your answers must be based on the given passage.

21. What does the word 'This' in line 6 refer to? [2m]

22. How did Disney get the idea for his first character, Mickey Mouse? [2m]

Section D (4 x 1m)

Grammar Cloze

Read the passage carefully. There are 4 blanks, numbered 23 to 26, 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) by

(B) of

(C) off

(D) it

(E) they

(F) with

A long time ago in India, there lived six blind men. One day, (23) _____ started arguing about what an elephant looked like. So, they decided to seek out the animal (24) _____ the help of a guide.

The men set (25) _____ early the next morning. Soon, they were standing near the big creature. Eagerly, they began to approach (26) _____ but from different directions. With their curiosity satisfied, the blind men linked hands and followed the guide back to the village.

Adapted from <http://academicclips.org>

Section E (4 x 1m)

Grammar Cloze

Read the passage carefully. There are 4 blanks, numbered 27 to 30, in the passage below. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

A new craze is emerging among youths here. Surprisingly, it (27) [do / does] not involve a gadget. The 'kendama' is a children's toy made of wood with which players can perform tricks. The price of each toy (28) [range / ranges] from \$30 to \$100.

YouTube videos of people performing tricks with the 'kendama' (29) [has / have] been the biggest reason for its rise in popularity. Shopping centres also (30) [organise / organises] 'Kendama Jams' to create a 'kendama' community here.

Adapted from <http://www.straitstimes.com>

Section F (4 x 2m)

Synthesis and Transformation

For each of the questions 31 to 34, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) 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).

31. We were very angry. We decided to teach him a lesson.

_____ so _____

that _____

32. The cake did not rise. George did not follow the recipe in the book.

Since _____

33. Mark is not going to the stadium. His brothers are not going to the stadium too.

Neither _____ nor _____

34. "Can you help me carry these books to the classroom tomorrow?"

Mrs Singh asked John.

Mrs Singh asked John _____

Section G (5 x 2m)

Comprehension Open

Read the passage below and answer questions 35 to 39.

As soon as Nicky stepped into the classroom, the boys in her class jeered at her. This had become a **daily routine** for Nicky who was the target of their bullying. James, the class bully, and his friends enjoyed teasing Nicky who had no friends and was easy to pick on.

Despite repeated warnings by their teachers, the boys continued to hurl hurtful remarks at Nicky. Then, James went a step further by hiding Nicky's wallet. When Nicky was searching frantically for her wallet, James scribbled a nasty remark in her diary. Tears welled up in her eyes. When their form teacher entered the classroom, Nicky quickly wiped her tears and bowed her head. She did not dare tell her teacher what the boys had done. 5
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During recess that day, Sheila and Alice, Nicky's classmates, decided to befriend Nicky. "If Nicky has us to stand up for her, it might deter the boys from bullying her," Sheila told Alice who agreed fully.

Just before the bell rang to mark the end of recess, Alice and Sheila approached Nicky. The latter's eyes widened in astonishment and she slowly warmed up to them. She was thankful for the girls' friendship and hoped that she would find the courage to report the bullying incident to her teacher. 15

Adapted from Chicken Soup for the Girls' Soul

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

35. What does the phrase 'daily routine' in Paragraph 1 refer to?

36. Why was Nicky an easy target for the bullies?

37. In Paragraph 2, which two actions by James showed that the bullying became worse than just using unkind words?

38. What made Alice and Sheila want to befriend Nicky?

39. Which four-word phrase in Paragraph 4 shows that Nicky was surprised when Alice and Sheila wanted to befriend her?



ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2016 (P4)

SCHOOL : TAO NAN

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

TERM : SA1

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

16)unique 17)False 18)True 19)3,1,2, 20)determined

21)It refers to Disney's failed business.

22)Disney worked with another young artist in an old building often saw mice running in and out there so, they a cartoon mouse.

23)E 24)F 25)C 26)D 27)does 28)ranges 29)have

30)organize

31)We were so angry that we decided to teach him a lesson.

32)Since George sis not follow the recipe in the book, the cake did not rise.

33)Neither Mark nor his brothers are going to the stadium.

34)Mrs Singh asked John if he could help her carry these books to the classroom the next day.

35)It refers to the boys' jeering at Nicky.

36)Nicky had no friends and was easy to pick on.

37)James hid her wallet and scribbled a nasty remark in her diary.

38)The wanted to stand up for Nicky to deter the boys from bullying her.

39)The phrase is 'eyes widened in astonishment'.