

Anglo-Chinese School (Junior)



SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1 - 2016

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY 4

Name : _____ ()

Class : P 4 . ()

Date : 5 May 2016

BOOKLET A

15 Questions

15 Marks

Total Time For Booklet A and B : 1 hour 15 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- 1 Do not open the booklet until you are told to do so.
- 2 Follow all instructions carefully.
- 3 Answer all questions.

This paper consists of 4 printed pages (inclusive of cover page)

Part 1: Vocabulary (6 marks)

Choose the most suitable option and shade the correct oval in the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. You need to walk up a _____ of stairs before reaching the secret chamber.
 - (1) flight
 - (2) swarm
 - (3) colony
 - (4) bundle

2. You cannot _____ anymore. You must choose whose side you're on.
 - (1) shoot a dead duck
 - (2) run on the dot
 - (3) sit on the fence
 - (4) look at the eleventh hour

3. Louise often hears the baby _____ softly after finishing the milk.
 - (1) clinking
 - (2) gurgling
 - (3) shouting
 - (4) exclaiming

4. I am too close to my goals to give _____ now.
 - (1) on
 - (2) up
 - (3) out
 - (4) away

5. Seth _____ over his shoulder in order to see if his little cousin was following him.
 - (1) gazed
 - (2) stared
 - (3) glared
 - (4) glanced

6. Peter is a very _____ person; he is always attentive to the needs of others.

- (1) pitiful
- (2) harmful
- (3) careless
- (4) thoughtful

Part 2: Grammar (8 marks)

Choose the most suitable option and shade the correct oval in the Optical Answer Sheet.

7. Several visitors _____ responsible for littering the beach last Sunday.

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

8. Jack did not finish his homework _____ he had a lot of time to complete it last night.

- (1) since
- (2) unless
- (3) because
- (4) although

9. You cannot have the best of both worlds. You must choose _____ the two.

- (1) among
- (2) beside
- (3) amongst
- (4) between

10. This book belongs to me. It is _____.

- (1) his
- (2) hers
- (3) mine
- (4) yours

11. I prefer watching a basketball match _____ a handball match.

- (1) to
- (2) than
- (3) over
- (4) from

12. I _____ wake up early because I cannot be late for school again.

- (1) can
- (2) may
- (3) must
- (4) could

13. _____ did the teacher choose as the new Class Captain?

- (1) Why
- (2) Who
- (3) Which
- (4) Whose

14. I found out that the coffee that I had ordered _____ served to the lady at the table about five minutes ago.

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

Part 3: Punctuation (1 mark)

Choose the most suitable option and shade the correct oval in the Optical Answer Sheet.

15. John asked Alfred, "Does Mary know about the receipt that was hidden in the bundle []"

- (1) [,] comma
- (2) [.] full-stop
- (3) [?] question mark
- (4) [!] exclamation mark

END OF BOOKLET A

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BOOKLET B

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Booklet	Component	Possible Marks	Marks Obtained
A		15	
B	Grammar Cloze 1	4	
	Grammar Cloze 2	4	
	Editing for Spelling & Grammar	3	
	Synthesis and Transformation	4	
	Comprehension 1	10	
	Comprehension 2	10	
	Total	35	

This paper consists of 10 printed pages (inclusive of cover page)

Grammar Cloze 1 (4 marks)

There are 4 blanks, numbered 16 to 19, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to F) in the blank.

A	he	C	they	E	themselves
B	their	D	them	F	that

Thieves In Rome broke into an expensive clothing store and nearly got away with (16) _____ criminal act.

The thieves broke in around 4 a. m. and were busy helping (17) _____ to expensive clothing and leather handbags. The police were soon alerted and arrived to arrest them.

The thieves quickly stood in front of some mannequins and remained still. The police thought (18) _____ were mannequins and ignored them. Only a slight movement by one of (19) _____ gave the game away and they were arrested!

Adapted from *Funny True Weird Stories Around The World*

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Grammar Cloze 2 (4 marks)

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

An elderly American man arrived in France without a passport. A French official
(20) [look / looked] sternly at him and said, "Surely you know that you need to have
(21) [our/ your] passport ready for inspection!" the official demanded.

The old man said that he had not needed a passport the last time he came. The
official claimed that it (22) [is / was] impossible for anyone to visit France without a
passport.

The old man replied, "When I (23) [come / came] ashore in 1944 on the beach at
Normandy on D-Day, no Frenchman asked to see my passport!"

Adapted from Jokes Passport

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Editing for Spelling and Grammar (3 marks)

Read the passage carefully. The words with spelling errors are in **bold** and the words with grammatical errors are underlined. Write the correct spelling or form of word in each box.

(24)

My mum came into my room one afternoon. She looked **angstous** about something.

I asked, "What's wrong?"

Mum replied, "I cannot find my car keys."

(25)

I helped her to searched for the keys. We looked from top to bottom, leaving no stone unturned. We could not find it. In the end, we found the keys in the car,

(26)

in the **egneesion** where she had left them.

Synthesis & Transformation (4 marks)

For each of the questions below, 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 given sentence(s).

27. James plays badminton well. James has never won any competitions.

_____ although

28. Tom had written a very good essay. He won an international award.

As _____

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Comprehension 1 (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Three soldiers were walking home after a war. Before them, lay a village where they hoped to find food and shelter.

The villagers had seen the soldiers coming from afar. "Soldiers are always hungry," they said to themselves. Quickly they hid all their food.

When the three soldiers asked, the villagers replied, "We have none to spare. It has been a poor harvest and we barely have enough for ourselves." 5

The soldiers had a quick discussion. The soldiers said that it was indeed a sad thing that the villagers had so little food. Hence, out of kindness, they would show the villagers how to make stone soup.

The villagers were intrigued. Stone soup, what was that? The soldiers asked for a large iron pot which was quickly produced. Then the soldiers selected three large stones and placed them in the pot. They filled the pot with water and started boiling it. 10

When the water in the pot was boiling, the soldiers announced that the soup was almost ready but that it needed salt and pepper. Thoroughly curious, the villagers produced what they had requested. 15

If only we had a few carrots," one soldier sighed.

A woman quipped that she had a few carrots and returned with a large sack of carrots. The soldiers cut up the carrots before adding them in together with the salt and pepper. 20

The soldiers bemoaned loudly that if only they had cabbages or beef then the soup would taste that much better. Gradually the villagers produced the food and the soup was ready. All of them sat down to a sumptuous meal. The villagers gladly sheltered the soldiers for the night.

The next morning, the soldiers were given food in abundance to take with them as they left. The villagers gladly provided the food as they now knew how to make stone soup! 25

Adapted from Stone Soup

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WRITE YOUR ANSWERS IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

29 What were the soldiers hoping for when they were approaching the village? [2m]

30 How did the villagers show their unwillingness to help when they knew the soldiers were coming? [2m]

31 What excuse did the villagers give to the soldiers when they asked for food? [2m]

32 Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'full of curiosity'. [2m]

33 Why did the soldiers have to deceive the villagers into producing the food? [2m]

Comprehension 2 (10 marks)

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow it.

There once lived the most beautiful fish in the entire ocean. His scales were stunningly sparkling.

The other fish were amazed at his beauty and called him Rainbow Fish. "Rainbow Fish, come and play with us!" But Rainbow Fish would just glide past, proud and silent, letting his scales shimmer.

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One day, a little blue fish asked, "Rainbow Fish, please give me one of your shiny scales."

"You want one of my special scales? Who do you think you are?" cried the Rainbow Fish. "Get away from me!" Shocked, the little blue fish told all his friends what had happened. From then on, no one would have anything to do with Rainbow Fish.

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What good were the dazzling, shimmering scales with no one to admire them? Now he was the loneliest fish in the entire ocean.

One day he poured out his troubles to the starfish, "Why doesn't anybody like me?" "Why don't you try giving a glittering scale to each of the other fish?" asked the starfish. "Maybe I can try..." Rainbow Fish started to say.

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Carefully Rainbow Fish pulled out the smallest scale and gave it to a little fish that swam by. "Thank you very much!" the little fish bubbled playfully. A rather peculiar feeling came over Rainbow Fish.

It didn't take long before Rainbow Fish was happy and surrounded by the other fish. The more he gave away, the more delighted he became.

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Adapted from The Rainbow Fish

For Q34, which two characteristics, from paragraphs 1 to 4, best describes Rainbow Fish. Tick ✓ your chosen answer. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

Characteristics described in passage		Rainbow Fish
Example	Proud	✓
34	Selfish	
	Hardworking	
	Kind	
	Rude	

35 Which word has the same meaning as 'peculiar' in paragraph seven? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

It is rather odd that you can be so amazed at something so common
 (A) (B)

For Q36 to Q38, read each statement and tick ✓ "True" or "False". Refer to the passage to help you. The first example has been done for you. [3m]

	Statement	True	False	Reason
Example	Rainbow Fish was an ordinary fish.		✓	Rainbow Fish was not just an ordinary fish, but the most beautiful fish in the entire ocean.
36	Rainbow Fish was happy that he had no friends.			
37	Rainbow Fish heeded the starfish's advice.			
38	The more Rainbow Fish gave, the more frustrated he became.			

- 39 Based on the passage, arrange the following sentences in the correct sequence. Write 1, 2 and 3 to indicate the sequence in the blanks below. [3m]

_____ Rainbow Fish heeded the advice given by the starfish.

_____ Rainbow Fish gave away his scale to a little fish.

_____ Rainbow Fish shared his problems with the starfish.

- 40 Tick ☒ your chosen answer.

From the last sentence, we know that Rainbow Fish had understood _____. [1m]

<input type="checkbox"/>	the joy of giving.
<input type="checkbox"/>	the reason why he was so beautiful.
<input type="checkbox"/>	the meaning of being lonely.

END OF PAPER

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

- Q16. B
 Q17. E
 Q18. C
 Q19. D
 Q20. looked
 Q21. your
 Q22. was
 Q23. came
 Q24. anxious
 Q25. search
 Q26. ignition
 Q27. James has never won any competitions although he plays badminton well.
 Q28. As Tom had written a very good essay, he won an international award.
 Q29. The soldiers were hoping to find food and shelter when they were approaching the village.
 Q30. The villagers quickly hid their food when they saw the soldiers coming from afar.
 Q31. We have none to spare.
 Q32. intrigued
 Q33. The soldiers wanted to eat.
 Q34.

Characteristics described in passage		Rainbow Fish
Example	Proud	✓
34	Selfish	✓
	Hardworking	
	Kind	
	Rude	✓

- Q35. odd(A)
 Q36. (Tick FALSE) Reason: The rainbow fish poured out his troubles to the starfish of not having any friends.
 Q37. (Tick TRUE) After hearing the starfish's advice, the rainbow fish gave all the fishes his beautiful scales.
 Q38. (Tick FALSE) The more Rainbow fish gave, the more delighted he became.
 Q39. 2,3,1
 Q40. (Tick the joy of giving.)

