

SECOND SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2016
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY FOUR

Name: _____ () Date: 14 October 2016

Class: Primary 4 SY / C / G / SE / P

Parent's Signature: _____



LISTENING COMPREHENSION

14 questions

14 marks

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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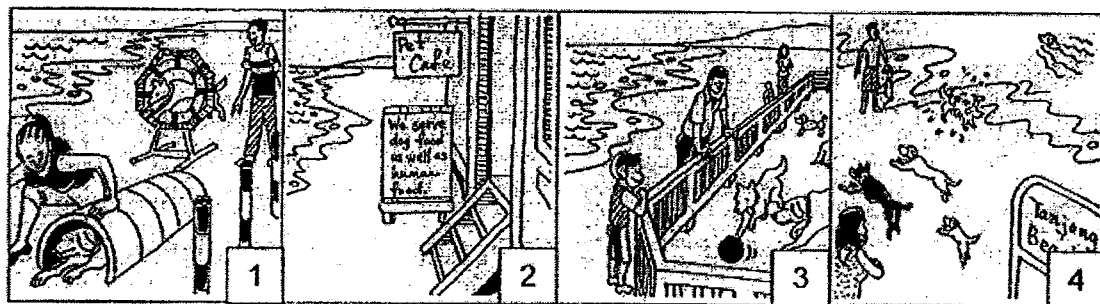
Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

SECTION A (6 marks)

Listen carefully to your teacher and choose the picture that matches the statement/s that she is going to read. Write the number 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the brackets provided. (2 marks)

Q1

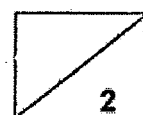


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Q2

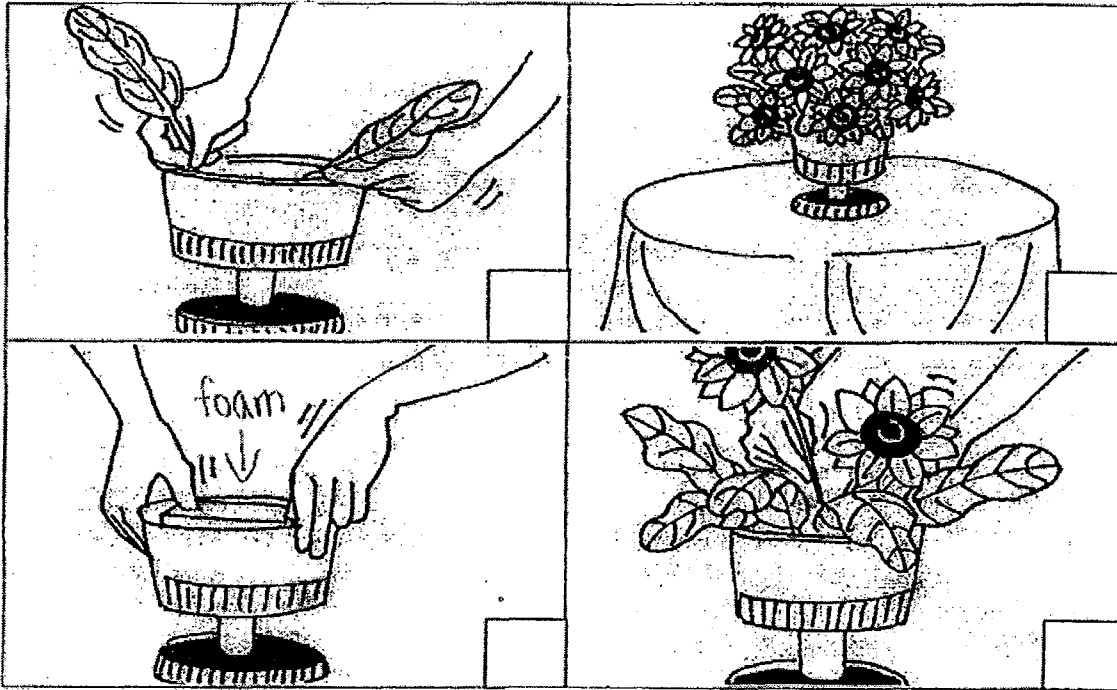


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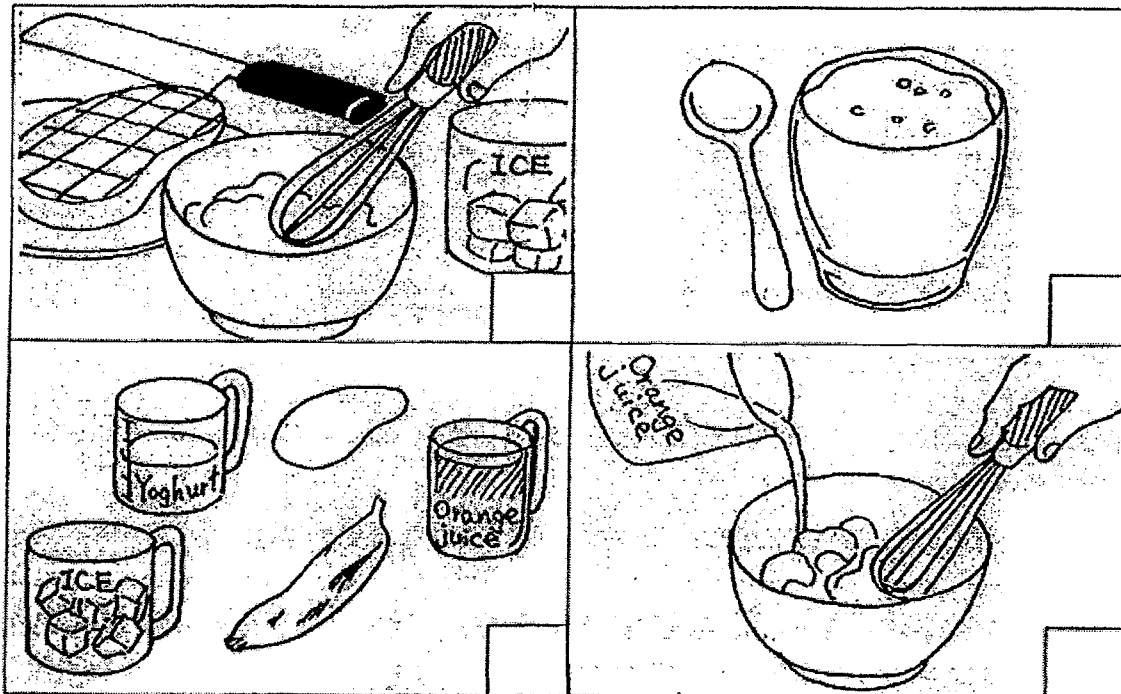


For question 3 and question 4, look at the set of pictures. Listen carefully to your teacher as she reads you a paragraph for each question. Then, choose the pictures that show the correct sequence of what she has read. Write the number 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the boxes provided. (4 marks)

Q3



Q4



SECTION B (5 marks)

Q5 to Q9 is a note-taking test.

As you listen, take down the missing information by filling in each blank numbered Q5 to Q9 with one word or a short phrase.

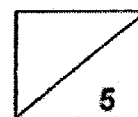
Q5 Name of Workshop: _____ Day Special Art and Craft Workshop

Q6 Place of Workshop: Jacob Ballas Children's _____

Q7 Type of materials to be used: _____ materials

Q8 Cost per child: \$ _____

Q9 Last day for registration: _____



SECTION C (5 marks)

Q10 to Q14 is a comprehension test.

Listen carefully to the passage and answer the questions that follow. For each question, choose the correct answer and write the number 1, 2 or 3 in the brackets provided.

Q10 What are baby marsupials called?

- (1) wallabies
- (2) koalas
- (3) joeys ()

Q11 Kangaroos are not _____.

- (1) marsupials
- (2) mammals
- (3) reptiles ()

Q12 Animals are classified by the food they eat. In which group do kangaroos belong?

- (1) Herbivores
- (2) Carnivores
- (3) Omnivores ()

Q13 Kangaroos are not found in _____.

- (1) America
- (2) Australia
- (3) New Guinea ()

Q14 The _____ Kangaroo is the largest mammal in Australia.

- (1) Red
- (2) Eastern Grey
- (3) Western Grey ()

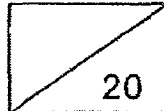


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PAPER 1

Time : 50 minutes

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Duration : 50 minutes

GUIDED WRITING

Write a composition of at least 120 words about an accident.

The pictures, not arranged in sequence, are provided to help you think about this topic. Your composition should be based on one, two or all of these pictures.

Consider the following points when you plan your composition:

- What caused the accident?
- What was this person's reaction when it happened?
- How did this person feel?
- What happened in the end?

You may use the points in any order and include other relevant points as well.

Helping Words:

- landed with a crash
- shocked
- regained my composure
- scalded
- engrossed in



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PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET A

14 questions

14 marks

Total time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 15 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Section A: 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 correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (6 marks)

1. During the Christmas _____, shopping malls are usually decorated with Christmas trees and lights.

- (1) feast
- (2) affair
- (3) season
- (4) moment

2. My grandfather is very wise. He always gives me _____ advice.

- (1) bad
- (2) good
- (3) funny
- (4) suspicious

3. The princess stood _____ by the side of her parents. She felt rather shy and uncomfortable in front of the crowd.

- (1) defiantly
- (2) brazenly
- (3) demurely
- (4) impatiently

4. Sue was cycling on the road when she fell off and landed painfully on the _____. She sustained several scrapes and bruises.

- (1) corridor
- (2) hallway
- (3) shortcut
- (4) pavement

5. Mr Yee _____ showed off the medal he had received for his heroic act.

- (1) sadly
- (2) proudly
- (3) dejectedly
- (4) unhappily

6. My younger brother _____ loudly that he did not want to go to bed till the movie was over.

- (1) jeered
- (2) howled
- (3) cheered
- (4) whispered

Section B: 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 correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

7. Amy, one of the twins in my class, took a photo of _____ in a clown costume at the party.

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

8. The pride of lions _____ taking a nap last night when the hyenas tried to steal their kill.

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

9. Old Mr Chan likes to walk to the coffee shop and _____ chess with his friends.

- (1) play
- (2) plays
- (3) is playing
- (4) was playing

10. I _____ at the new house. Please remember to bring the brooms later.

- (1) unpacks
- (2) unpacked
- (3) is unpacking
- (4) am unpacking

11. My aunt was so hungry that she _____ three sandwiches for breakfast this morning.

- (1) eat
- (2) ate
- (3) eats
- (4) eaten

12. We are carrying _____ books to our classroom now. We must hold them carefully and ensure that we do not drop them on the floor.

- (1) this
- (2) that
- (3) these
- (4) those

13. Tony needs _____ bars of chocolate to bake his chocolate cake.

- (1) any
- (2) every
- (3) many
- (4) much

14. These strawberry pancakes are so delicious that they can be eaten with just _____ honey.

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

END OF BOOKLET A

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	Marks Obtained	Highest Possible Marks
Booklet A		14
Booklet B		36
Sub-total		50

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET B

32 questions

36 marks

Total time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 15 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Write your answers in this booklet.

Section C: Grammar Cloze

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 ONCE ONLY. (4 marks)

- | | | |
|----------|--------|---------|
| (A) her | (B) it | (C) my |
| (D) they | (E) us | (F) you |

An apple a day keeps the doctor away. Have (15) _____ ever heard of this saying? This saying which has stayed with (16) _____ for many years is believed to have come from an ancient Roman proverb. The Romans believed that the apple had magical powers to cure illnesses. (17) _____ were right in their belief as apples are filled with vitamin C, copper and iron. While (18) _____ will certainly take more than an apple to be healthy, it is the first step in the right direction.

Read the passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets. (4 marks)

Marbles, my pet rabbit, is very lovable. Every morning, he (19) [hop / hops] to the gate and waits to be let out. After I (20) [open / opens] the gate, he will run around my feet. Marbles (21) [is / are] very active in the early morning and late evening. His favourite vegetable is corn. He (22) [choose / chooses] to eat it before any other vegetable. After eating, Marbles will flop onto his side and take a nap.

Section D: Vocabulary Cloze

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given and fill in the blanks. (4 marks)

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

characters

colours

episodes

illustrated

sketches

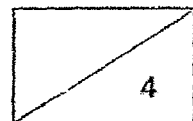
written

Quentin Blake is an illustrator. He is best known for the distinctive drawings that helped bring to life some of the most popular (23) _____ in children's literature.

Over many years, he worked with Roald Dahl on some of his most famous books and his beautiful (24) _____ captured the very essence of Willy Wonka, Matilda and the BFG. His own heavily illustrated and quirky books include Mister Magolia and Loveykins.

He has (25) _____ nearly 300 books with writers such as Joan Aiken and John Yeoman. Blake has also worked on more than 150 (26) _____ of the BBC children's show, Jackanory, providing the illustrations for the books narrated for the young audience. The story-telling series was a phenomenal success and was well-received by the audience.

Source: BBC



Section E: Sentence Combining

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. (4 marks)

27. "I cannot find my diamond ring," said Mrs Long.

Mrs Long said that _____

28. Janice dislikes swimming. Janice's sisters dislike swimming.

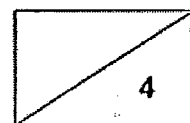
Neither _____

29. Wendy kept on working. She was not feeling well.

Although _____

30. James went to Sunnyvale School. He made many friends there.

_____ where



Section F: Comprehension 1 (Short Response)

Read the passage below carefully and answer questions 31 to 38.

(10 marks)

It was a harsh winter. The evening air was chilly and windy as Myami, her mother, the other women and children made their way home. It had been a long day working in the fields. Suddenly, there was a movement in the bushes and out hopped a snow white rabbit. It limped towards Myami and her mother and collapsed at their feet.

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Being a compassionate girl, Myami moved forward to carry the rabbit home. Her neighbour, Taka, saw the rabbit and wanted it for his dinner. Myami immediately grabbed the rabbit and ran home. Once they were home, she dressed its wounds and fed it some dinner. Myami and her mother then went to bed as the next day was another long working day.

10

The next morning, breakfast was already on the table when Myami and her mother woke up. They each thought that the other had prepared the meal. They ate their breakfast quickly and got ready to leave. Before they left, Myami checked on the rabbit which she named Usagi. Usagi was cleaning its wounds.

That evening, when Myami and her mother returned home, a hot dinner was waiting for them. Myami and her mother were puzzled but they were hungry and exhausted. After dinner, Myami checked on Usagi again and it was up and hopping. Myami let Usagi run free in the house before she went to bed.

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The meals continued appearing for Myami and her mother to enjoy. Taka who lived next to them could smell the aromatic wafts of the meals. He was curious and crept over one early morning to take a look. To his shock, he saw Usagi preparing breakfast! He gave a shout and it frightened Usagi. It ran off into the woods and was never seen again.

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31. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.
What was the weather like that winter evening? (1m)

<input type="checkbox"/>	windy and wet
<input type="checkbox"/>	cold and windy
<input type="checkbox"/>	wet and cold

32. List two pieces of evidence in Paragraph 1 that tells us that the rabbit was hurt.

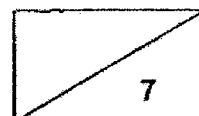
i. _____ (1m)

ii. _____ (1m)

33. How did Myami save Usagi from Taka? (2m)

For Questions 34–35, read each statement and tick (✓) "True" or "False". The first example has been done for you. (2m)

	Statement	True	False
Example	It was winter.	✓	
34.	Meals were prepared for Myami by her mother.		
35.	Usagi's wound healed one week after it was treated by Myami.		



36. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order of events that occurred in the passage. (1m)

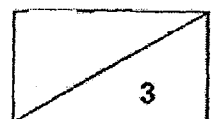
_____ Prepared meals started to appear.

_____ Usagi hopped out from the bushes.

_____ Usagi was shocked and ran away.

37. Which word in Paragraph 5 has the same meaning as "fragrant"? (1m)

38. Why do you think Usagi prepared meals for Myami and her mother? (1m)





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Section G: Comprehension 2 (Short Response)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 39 to 46.

(10 marks)

My wife and I were in Bombay when we received some very bad news – my wife's sister had suddenly passed away. The next day, we headed for Goa to make our way home.

At the railway station, we learnt that the next train to Goa had no reserved seats left. I still bought two general compartment tickets, knowing full well that the ten-hour overnight trip in an overcrowded coach would not be an easy one for us as I was seventy-two and my wife, sixty-three. I approached the stationmaster, hoping for some help but to no avail.

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"Why is she looking so upset?" asked a man in his late forties, pointing at my wife.

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Thakur, an extremely friendly timber merchant, listened as I explained my predicament to him. He assured me that he would help after he had sent his daughter off. She was heading to Lucknow. Standing nearby were his son and daughter. Thakur called out to his son to run home to fetch some tea.

Soon, we were chatting like old friends with Thakur and his daughter. We even exchanged telephone numbers. Thakur's son returned with some glasses and a thermos flask of ginger tea. Thakur sent his daughter off and promised to return soon.

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Once again, we were left alone until Thakur returned with dinner for us. Dinner was wrapped in foil. We were anxious but Thakur told us to stay calm. At 8 pm, our train pulled into the station. He made enquiries with the stationmaster and a few porters.

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One of the porters took us to a sleepover compartment. Just then, Thakur called out to me as he spoke to another porter from an air-conditioned compartment. Then, Thakur quickly helped us with our luggage and guided us to our seats. He also gave us water. We thanked him and bade him farewell as the train pulled away.

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Five years on, we are still in contact with Thakur.

Adapted from Readers Digest June 2016

39. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

(1m)

The author's _____ had passed away.

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sister

cousin

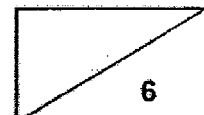
sister-in-law

40. Why would travelling in the general compartment be hard for the author and his wife? (2m)

41. Which word in Paragraph 4 has the same meaning as "difficult situation"? (1m)

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42. How did Thakur express his friendliness to the author and his wife? (2m)



43. Which word has the same meaning as "nervous"? Circle (A) or (B). (1m)

Once again, we were left alone until Thakur returned with dinner for us.
Dinner was wrapped in foil. We were anxious but Thakur told us to stay calm.
(A) (B)

44. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order of events that occurred in the passage. (1m)

_____ Thakur's daughter left for Lucknow.
_____ The author and his wife bought two tickets.
_____ The author and his wife were in Bombay.

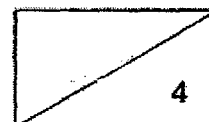
45. From Lines 11 to 21, which two-word phrase tells you that Thakur went around to ask for information? (1m)

46. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

The author and his wife ended up riding in the _____ compartment at the end of the day. (1m)

<input type="checkbox"/>	general
<input type="checkbox"/>	reserved
<input type="checkbox"/>	air-conditioned

END OF BOOKLET B



ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2016 (P4)

SCHOOL : SCGS

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

TERM : SA2

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
3	2	3	4	2	2	2	3	1	4
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18		
2	3	3	2	F	E	D	B		

- 19)hops 20)open 21)is 22)chooses 23)characters
- 24)sketches 25)illustrated 26)episodes
- 27)Mrs Long said that she could not find her diamond ring.
- 28)Neither Janice nor her sisters like swimming.
- 29)Although Wendy was not feeling well, she kept on working.
- 30)James went to Sunnyvale School where he made many friends.
- 31)cold and windy
- 32)i)The rabbit limped towards Myami X and her mother.
- ii)The rabbit collapsed at their feet.
- 33)Myami grabbed Usagi and ran home.

34)False 35)False 36)2, 1, 3 37)aromatic

38)Usagi prepared meals for Myami and her mother because Myami and her mother gave Usagi a home to live and also healed it.

39)sister-in-law

40)It was a long ride in an overcrowded compartment.

41)predicament

42)He provided them with dinner and listened to their predicament.

43)A

44)3,2,1,

45)made enquiries

46)air-conditioned