



# Rulang Primary School

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
PAPER 2 BOOKLET A  
LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION  
2017

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Marks : \_\_\_\_\_ / 14

Class : Primary 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Setter : Mr Loo Chee Choon

14 Questions

Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1 Hour 15 Minutes

### Instructions to Pupils:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all the instructions carefully.
3. Answer all the questions.
4. This question booklet consists of 4 printed pages, including the cover page.



**Section A: Vocabulary MCQ (8 marks)**

For each question from 1 to 8, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. The flame on the candle \_\_\_\_\_ as the wind blew in through the window.
  - (1) flitted
  - (2) flexed
  - (3) flickered
  - (4) flattened
  
2. *The Greek islands* are a favourite \_\_\_\_\_ for people who enjoy the sun and the sea.
  - (1) scene
  - (2) venue
  - (3) situation
  - (4) destination
  
3. "Dear \_\_\_\_\_ guests! The awards ceremony will begin now," the host announced.
  - (1) deserving
  - (2) delectable
  - (3) demanding
  - (4) distinguished
  
4. *The patient* was \_\_\_\_\_ after two weeks of hospitalisation.
  - (1) dismissed
  - (2) terminated
  - (3) retrenched
  - (4) discharged
  
5. The kidnappers demanded a hefty sum of money before releasing the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) fugitives
  - (2) refugees
  - (3) hostages
  - (4) prisoners



6. **The waitress \_\_\_\_\_ the patrons in the restaurant to their seats.**
- (1) steered
  - (2) ushered
  - (3) displayed
  - (4) navigated
7. **Joseph \_\_\_\_\_ down the stairs after *stubbing his toe against the door* a while ago.**
- (1) strolled
  - (2) hobbled
  - (3) bounded
  - (4) wandered
8. **Alex was \_\_\_\_\_ when *he did not emerge amongst the top four winners* in the competition after months of training.**
- (1) elated
  - (2) frantic
  - (3) delighted
  - (4) disappointed

**Section B: Grammar MCQ (8 marks)**

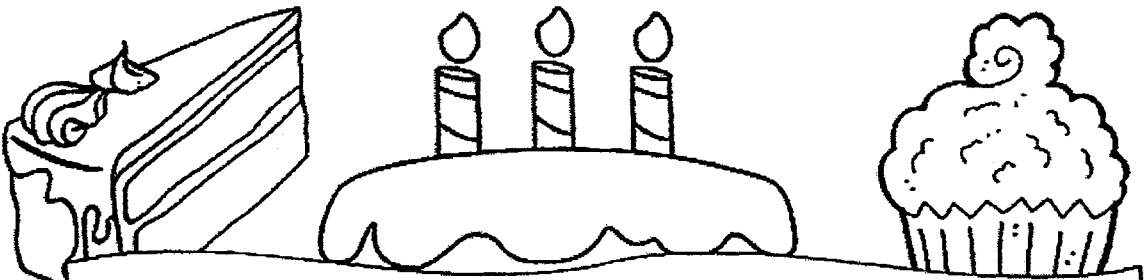
For each question from 9 to 16, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

9. **Jonathan could not complete his homework \_\_\_\_\_ *he had been unwell*.**
- (1) as
  - (2) but
  - (3) and
  - (4) while
10. **The big house up the hill \_\_\_\_\_ to my grandfather.**
- (1) belong
  - (2) belongs
  - (3) belonged
  - (4) has belonged
11. **I must take care of the *rollerblades* \_\_\_\_\_ I have borrowed from Siti.**
- (1) who
  - (2) which
  - (3) whom
  - (4) whose

12. **Everyone \_\_\_\_\_ to play his part in keeping the environment clean.**
- (1) has
  - (2) have
  - (3) is having
  - (4) are having
13. **There was not \_\_\_\_\_ sugar left after baking the cake.**
- (1) few
  - (2) less
  - (3) many
  - (4) much
14. **Both Lina and Susan \_\_\_\_\_ members of the Class Committee *this year*.**
- (1) is
  - (2) are
  - (3) was
  - (4) were
15. **We have to take \_\_\_\_\_ notes during our Science lessons.**
- (1) up
  - (2) on
  - (3) away
  - (4) down
16. **Mrs Chin reminded her pupils to \_\_\_\_\_ their work before handing it in.**
- (1) check
  - (2) checks
  - (3) checked
  - (4) checking

**Section C: Visual Text Comprehension (5 marks)**

Study the following brochure carefully. For each question from 17 to 21, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.



## Curious Bakers Club

**Only \$50 per session!**  
**Hurry! Limited places!**  
**Registration closes on**  
**25 May 2017**

**Junior Baking Sessions**  
For children aged 6 to 8  
Time: 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.  
Date: 10, 11, 17 and 18 June 2017  
Venue: Splash Community Club  
(Limited to 20 participants for every session)

During the two-hour session, your child will learn to bake delicious cakes and pastries from our master chef bakers who are owners of renowned cafes and restaurants! Your child can enjoy his delicious bakes and take some home to share! Come be your child's assistant for the day! Every registered child is entitled to one accompanying parent. However, parent's participation is not compulsory.

**10 and 17 June 2017**  
Lemon Cheesecake and Apple Crumble Pie by Chef Eric Tay

**11 and 18 June 2017**  
Almond Flakes Croissant and Chocolate Mousse Cupcake by Chef Anisha Rizwan

**Come and join us now!**

Don't miss this chance to learn from the masters themselves!  
Head to **Splash Community Club Office** to find out more and register at the counter.  
**Splash Community Club, 41 Waterway Road, Singapore 987123**  
You can also register online at [www.splashcommunity.com](http://www.splashcommunity.com)

17. The baking sessions are for \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) children and their parents
  - (2) children under six years of age
  - (3) children aged six to eight years
  - (4) children aged eight years and above
18. In the activity, children will \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) learn to run a restaurant
  - (2) learn to bake cakes and pastries
  - (3) watch their parents bake for them
  - (4) sell the cakes they bake to their family
19. Which of the following is true?
- (1) Parents must accompany their children for this activity.
  - (2) The master chefs earn a living by teaching young children.
  - (3) There can only be a maximum of 20 participants for each session.
  - (4) Children with no baking experience are not allowed to join the activity.
20. You can sign up for this programme \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) at any cafe
  - (2) at the Curious Bakers Club
  - (3) at the Splash Community Club Office
  - (4) online at Curious Bakers Club's website
21. Participants will learn to bake \_\_\_\_\_ during the *last session*.
- (1) apple crumble pies from Chef Eric Tay
  - (2) lemon cheesecakes from Chef Anisha Rizwan
  - (3) chocolate mousse cupcakes from Chef Eric Tay
  - (4) almond flakes croissants from Chef Anisha Rizwan



**Section D: Comprehension (10 marks)**

Read the following text carefully and answer questions 22 to 28.

Mrs Winter closed the door and turned to look at Tommy who was on his knees hugging his dog. "This can't go on," she said. "He chewed up Andy's cat's dishes. Then it was the supplies in Mr Bailey's shed and now this! He keeps getting out of the yard. If we put him on the chain, he barks all night. He scratched the entire back door *when we put him at the porch* for the night. I have done everything to help you keep him, but he's just impossible. To make matters worse, your neighbours don't like him!"

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"They just hate him! Mum, Charlie didn't mean to do all those things!" Tommy shouted. *He turned and ran out the back door, Charlie at his heels. He sat on the edge of the brick planter that bordered Mrs Winter's garden wall.* "Charlie, you've got to stop. *She* will send you away," Tommy said desperately. *He hugged the scruffy dog and buried his face in Charlie's fur.*

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"Maybe Charlie didn't do it. Dad says you shouldn't convict someone without hard evidence and Dad's the best lawyer there is," Tommy thought out loud.

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His best friend, Kyle, who was peering over the back brick wall that separated their yards, said, "*Mrs Dowling saw him this time. She caught him red-handed.*"

Adapted from "Circumstantial Evidence" by Joyce Anne Laird

22.	Which word in paragraph 2 has the same meaning as "surrounded"? [2m]
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23. Look at the table below. What do you think the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. The first one has been done for you. [2m]

Word from the passage	What the word refers to
"They" (Line 8)	Tommy's neighbours
"She" (Line 11)	
"him" (Line 17)	

24. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

Which of the following characteristics describe Tommy? (You may tick more than one characteristic.) [2m]

<input type="checkbox"/>	loving
<input type="checkbox"/>	selfish
<input type="checkbox"/>	persistent

25. Write 2, 3 or 4 in the boxes below to show the chain of events. The first event has been numbered for you. [1m]

	Tommy realised that he might not be able to keep Charlie.
	Charlie followed Tommy out of the house.
	Tommy sat on a brick planter in the garden.
1	Mrs Winter complained about Charlie.

26. For the following questions, tick (✓) to indicate whether the statements are true or false. An example has been done for you. [3m]

	Statement	True	False
<i>Example</i>	<i>Tommy had a dog</i>		
(a)	The Winter family had a porch and a garden.		
(b)	Charlie was caught red-handed by the neighbours every time he was up to mischief.		
(c)	Tommy did not like the idea of sending his dog away.		

**Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (8 marks)**

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to M) in each blank. The letter "I" has been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

USE EACH WORD ONLY ONCE

(A) ambition	(D) dress	(G) made	(K) symbol
(B) armour	(E) hero	(H) performed	(L) vision
(C) chosen	(F) heroine	(J) sarcastic	(M) write

"This is Joan of Arc," said Mr Fritz. "She was a (27) \_\_\_\_\_ and a legend in her time. We are going to learn about her today." Then Mr Fritz began to tell them a story and this was what he said:

Joan of Arc was a peasant from Lorraine, a village in France. One day, she had a (28) \_\_\_\_\_ that she was to lead the warriors into battle. She could not read or (29) \_\_\_\_\_ because she had never been to school, and she had never fought a battle before. However, somehow, she was (30) \_\_\_\_\_ to be the leader.

At the age of seventeen, Joan of Arc, with her (31) \_\_\_\_\_ shining in the sun, rode on a white war-horse and led all the warriors into battle. She held a banner in her hand. It flew proudly in the wind, a (32) \_\_\_\_\_ for all to see.

"Some heroine," said Max in a (33) \_\_\_\_\_ tone. "She was holding the flag and the warriors were the ones doing all the fighting."

"Not so," said Mr Fritz. "Joan of Arc could fight as well as any man. She even had a special sword."

This young girl from Lorraine had (34) \_\_\_\_\_ a miracle and saved her country from the enemy.

**Section F: Grammar Cloze (8 marks)**

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

(A)

**USE EACH WORD ONLY ONCE**

(A) her	(C) you	(E) it
(B) we	(D) they	(F) herself

Bella has a talent for dancing. She enjoys dancing and attends several dance classes by (35)\_\_\_\_\_ every week. Her parents take (36)\_\_\_\_\_ to many auditions and competitions. Bella's friends encourage her too. (37)\_\_\_\_\_ are always rooting for her. In fact, her friends have prepared a huge colourful banner for her next competition. (38)\_\_\_\_\_ says, 'You're the best, Bella!'.

(B)

**USE EACH WORD ONLY ONCE**

(A) had read	(C) reads	(E) have read
(B) read	(D) reading	(F) will be reading

I always tell my children that reading is a form of learning as well as a form of enjoyment. One (39)\_\_\_\_\_ to gain knowledge and information. It is also important to continue (40)\_\_\_\_\_ even as an adult. I (41)\_\_\_\_\_ many storybooks since young and I am still reading. Even famous authors read other authors' books too. As an old saying goes, "If you (42)\_\_\_\_\_ it will take you around the world." You do not need to travel around the world to learn. You only need to read.

**Section G: Comprehension Cloze (5 marks)**

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

Fabian pushed open the back door. It groaned and squealed on its hinges,

(43)\_\_\_\_\_ me cringe. After a glance over my

(44)\_\_\_\_\_ at the bright, warm daylight outside, I followed Fabian

reluctantly into the dark house. I could not (45)\_\_\_\_\_ a thing and

there was only a thin white strip on the floor from the sunlight coming in through the

*slightly ajar door. Fabian then closed the door.*

"Now what?" I whispered, my heart beating fast. I reached out my hand to

make (46)\_\_\_\_\_ Fabian was there.

"Now we go upstairs," he said. "But let's wait for a second *for our eyes to*

(47)\_\_\_\_\_ *to the dark*"

"I've brought a torch," I said.

Fabian took it away from me immediately.

**Section H: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (5 marks)**

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

Air travel is actually very safe. Every time you get on an airplane, the  
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chances of being involve in an accident is much lower compared to when you are  
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travelling in a car. So why do so many people **belive** that flying is dangerous? The  
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media is large to be blamed for this. An aircraft accident is usually splashed above  
the front page of the newspapers with news updates on it taking place weeks after  
(52)

the accident. Flying is a safe way to travel as **safety** checks are regularly done.

**Section I: Synthesis and Transformation of Sentences (3 marks)**

For each question, 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(s) of the given sentence(s).

53. Ellen does not like chocolates. She likes sweets.

\_\_\_\_\_ **prefers** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

54. The pupils will have a clean classroom. They do their class duty.

\_\_\_\_\_ **so that** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

55. Tom does not complete his homework on time. The examinations are around the corner.

**Even though** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Section J: Open-Ended Comprehension (10 marks)**

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Write your answers in complete sentences.

Helen Keller was born in Alabama, United States in 1880. She could not see or hear and had to rely on touch to discover the world. She suffered from meningitis when she was young and lost her eyesight and hearing after she had recovered. Her frustrations led to many behavioural problems.

Helen's parents were at their wits' end when Helen threw her temper tantrums where she could cry for hours. She also had horrible table manners. At dinner, she would push everything that she could touch on the table onto the floor. Helen's relatives felt that her parents should seek professional help. They heeded their relatives' advice and found a doctor who specialised in the deaf and blind. The doctor told them to contact Dr Alexander Graham Bell who worked with the deaf. Dr Bell believed that Helen could be taught and he introduced Anne Sullivan, a teacher whom he knew would understand what *Helen was going through, to them.*

Anne had vision problems herself but underwent operations to improve her eyesight. After the operations, Anne had trouble finding a job. When the offer came to teach Helen, Anne agreed even though she had no experience teaching the deaf and blind. Anne began by teaching Helen the fingerspelling method in which words are spelled on the palm of one's hand. Helen's behaviour improved but she did not truly understand fingerspelling until months later when Anne poured water onto one of Helen's hands and fingerspelled the word water on the palm of Helen's other hand. Helen finally understood what Anne was saying and from that point on, Helen quickly learnt hundreds of words.

Helen eventually went on to graduate from college with Anne by her side the entire time, after which they both lived and worked together for many years, helping people who were deaf and blind.

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56. What did Helen do *show her frustrations* at not being able to see or hear?

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57. How did Helen's parents get to know Dr Alexander Graham Bell?

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58. Why did Anne agree to teach Helen even though she had no experience teaching the deaf and blind?

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59. What was the turning point that made Helen finally learn to spell words?

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60. Which three-word phrase in the passage tells you that Anne was always with Helen?



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- 22) bordered    23) line 11 – Mrs Winter                      line 17 – Charlie  
 24) loving / persistent    25) 4, 2, 3, 1    26) a) True    b) False                      c) True  
 27) F    28) I    29) M    30) C    31) B    32) K    33) J  
 34) H    35) F    36) A    37) D    38) E    39) C    40) D  
 41) E    42) B  
 43) making    44) shoulder    45) see                      46) sure  
 47) adjust    48) involved    49) believe    50) largely  
 51) across    52) safety  
 53) Ellen prefers sweets to chocolates.  
 54) The pupils do their class duty so that they will have a clean classroom.  
 55) Even though the examination are around the corner, Tom does not complete his homework on time.  
 56) She threw temper tantrums where she could cry for hours and during dinner, she would push everything she could touch on the floor.  
 57) When Helen’s parents met the doctor who specialised in the deaf and blind, the doctor introduced them to Dr Alexander Graham Bell.  
 58) Anne suffered from vision problem herself so she understood what Helen was going through and she had trouble finding a job.  
 59) It was when Anne poured water onto one of Helen’s hands and fingerspelled the word water on the palm of Helen’s other hand, that Helen understood perfectly what Anne was saying from that point on.  
 60) by her side.

