

# Anglo-Chinese School (Junior)



## SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1 - 2017 ENGLISH LANGUAGE PRIMARY 4

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

Class : P 4 . ( ) ;

Date : 12 May 2017

### 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.
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- 3 Answer all questions.

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**Part 1: Vocabulary (6 marks)**

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.

1. Benny saw a \_\_\_\_\_ of lions during a safari trip in Africa.  
  - (1) pod
  - (2) pack
  - (3) pride
  - (4) party
  
2. Before Kim went on stage to perform, her family wished her luck and told her to \_\_\_\_\_.  
  - (1) break a leg
  - (2) break her back
  - (3) go over her head
  - (4) bite her head off
  
3. After reading about the \_\_\_\_\_ story of an Olympic champion, I am motivated to work and train harder than ever.  
  - (1) exciting
  - (2) inspiring
  - (3) touching
  - (4) stunning
  
4. \_\_\_\_\_ those three boys, Ahmad is the most mischievous.  
  - (1) In
  - (2) Within
  - (3) Between
  - (4) Amongst
  
5. Wei Ming felt \_\_\_\_\_ that he managed to get to school on time even though he had woken up late.  
  - (1) relaxed
  - (2) relieved
  - (3) appalled
  - (4) aggravated
  
6. Hans is an admirable person; he always stays positive in the face of \_\_\_\_\_.  
  - (1) harm
  - (2) tragedy
  - (3) adversity
  - (4) exasperation

**Part 2: Grammar (8 marks)**

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.

7. The Soccer Club \_\_\_\_\_ holding a party later this evening as they want to celebrate their win at the finals.

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

8. I cannot buy my lunch from the canteen \_\_\_\_\_ I have lost my wallet.

- (1) but
- (2) when
- (3) because
- (4) although

9. The teacher told Tom to look \_\_\_\_\_ his notes in order to prepare for his examination.

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

10. Danny and \_\_\_\_\_ love camping at the peak of Bukit Timah Hill during the June holidays.

- (1) I
- (2) my
- (3) me
- (4) mine

11. You \_\_\_\_\_ have been studying for your test instead of playing computer games!

- (1) must
- (2) might
- (3) would
- (4) should

12. Mrs Tan knew \_\_\_\_\_ worksheet it belonged to just by looking at the handwriting.

- (1) who
- (2) what
- (3) whom
- (4) whose

13. Lily and her friends \_\_\_\_\_ to the beach when it suddenly began to rain heavily.

- (1) go
- (2) goes
- (3) was going
- (4) were going

14. Books like "Oliver Twist" and "Robin Hood" \_\_\_\_\_ some of the most beloved classic titles today.

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

**Part 3: Punctuation (1 mark)**

For question 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

15. Sally exclaimed, "There is a fly in my soup and it is still moving[     ]"

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

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**BOOKLET B**

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Booklet	Component	Possible Marks	Marks Obtained
A	-	<b>15</b>	
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	-	<b>35</b>

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**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	himself	C	their	E	him
B	they	D	themselves	F	them

Tim and Tom are good friends. (16) \_\_\_\_\_ have a lot of things in common. One of (17) \_\_\_\_\_ hobbies is assembling toy airplanes. Whenever Tom gets a new set, he will try his best to assemble it. Mostly he manages to do it (18) \_\_\_\_\_. If he finds it too difficult, he will call Tim. Together, they will try and fix the airplane (19) \_\_\_\_\_. If it is still not possible, they will call on Tom's father to help. He will gladly help them.

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**Grammar Cloze 2 (4 marks)**

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

Everyone should exercise regularly. It does not matter what age you are. Exercise (20) [ is / are ] important because it is one way of keeping healthy and fit. There (21) [ is / are ] many forms of exercise. You (22) [ has / have ] many choices such as running, swimming, playing soccer or working out at a gym. Your mind, not just your body, (23) [ benefit / benefits ] from regular exercise. It makes you feel happy and relaxed.

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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.

Sloths are omnivores. They may eat insects, small lizards and carrion. However,

(24)

their diet consists mostly of buds, tender shoots and leaves. It used to be tot that

(25)

sloths eat mostly cecropia leaves because they were often spotted in cecropia trees. It

(26)

turns out that they also lives in many other trees, but are not spotted there as easily as

in cecropia trees.

*Adapted from Animal Corner*



**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. Joel broke the vase. The store owner made him pay for the vase.

\_\_\_\_\_ since  
\_\_\_\_\_.

28. You must train hard. You want to win the race.

If \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**Comprehension 1 (10 marks)**

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

The Coliseum is an ancient stadium in the centre of Rome. It is the largest of its kind. It is very old. They started building it in the year A.D. 70. It took ten years to build. It is still around today.

In ancient Rome, men fought one another in the Coliseum. They fought against lions, tigers, and bears. As many as 80,000 Romans would crowd into the Coliseum to watch. These gruesome events went on until A.D. 523. 5

The Coliseum had been damaged many times over the years. It was struck by lightning in the year A.D. 217. This started a fire. Much of the Coliseum was made of stone. But the fire damaged the upper levels because they were made of wood. This damage took many years to repair. It was not finished until the year A.D. 240. 10

The worst damage happened in 1349. A mighty earthquake shook Rome and the Coliseum. The south side of the building collapsed. Pieces of the arena were all over the ground. Many people took the fallen stones. Others took stones from the seating areas. They used them to repair houses and churches. 15

Today the Coliseum is one of Rome's most popular attractions. Tourists from all over the world come to Italy to see it.

*Adapted from The Coliseum*

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**WRITE YOUR ANSWERS IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.**

29 What caused the Coliseum to be packed with Roman spectators? [2m]

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30 In paragraph three, why did the Coliseum have to be repaired? [2m]

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31 How did the Romans repair their houses and churches after the earthquake in 1349? [2m]

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32 In paragraph three, which word has the same meaning as 'completed'. [2m]

33 According to the passage, what is the Coliseum known for today? [2m]

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**Comprehension 2 (10 marks)**

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

Harry and Anne lived a mile from town, but they went to school every day. It was a pleasant walk down the lane and through the meadow by the pond. They were creative and pretended that they were travellers exploring a new country and would scatter leaves on the road so that they might find their way back again.

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When the ice was thick and firm, they walked across the pond. But their mother did not like to have them do this unless someone was with them. "Don't go across the pond today, children," she said as she kissed them and bade them goodbye one morning, "it is beginning to thaw."

"All right, Mother," said Harry, not very good-naturedly because he was very fond of running and sliding on the ice. When they came to the pond, the ice looked hard and safe. "There," said he to his sister. "I knew it hadn't thawed. Mother is always afraid we will drown. Come along; we will have a good time sliding. The school bell will not ring for an hour."

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"But you promised mother," said Anne.

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"No, I didn't. I only said 'All right,' and it is all right."

"I didn't say anything, so I can do as I like," said Anne.

So they stepped on the ice, and started to go across the pond. They had not gone far before the ice gave way, and they fell into the water. A man who was at work near the shore heard the screams of the children and plunged into the water to save them. Harry managed to get to the shore without any help, but poor Anne was nearly drowned before the man could reach her. Since then, Harry remembered the lesson learned that day.

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*Adapted from Harry and Anne*

For Q34, which **two characteristics**, from paragraphs 1 to 4, best describes Harry and Anne. Tick ✓ your two chosen answers. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

Characteristics described	in passage	Harry and Anne
Example	cheerful	
34	shy	
	playful	
	imaginative	
	cooperative	

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

When the ice was thick and firm they walked across the pond.  
 (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
Example	Harry and Anne did not enjoy walking to school by the pond.		✓
36	Their mother frowned upon them walking across the frozen pond.		
37	Harry did not enjoy sliding across the frozen pond.		
38	Anne got to the shore without any help.		

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]

\_\_\_\_\_ Harry and Anne did not heed their mother's words.

\_\_\_\_\_ Harry and Anne fell into the pond.

\_\_\_\_\_ Harry's and Anne's mother warned them not to go across the pond.

40 Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

From the last sentence, we know that Harry had learnt to the importance of being \_\_\_\_\_. [1m]

	creative
	obedient
	adventurous

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Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
3	1	2	4	2	3	1	3	3	1
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
4	4	4	2	4	B	C	A	D	is
Q21	Q22	Q23							
are	have	benefits							

- 24) thought    25) ate            26) live  
27) The store owner made Joel pay for the vase since he broke it.  
28) If you want to win the race, you must train hard.  
29) Men fought one another in the coliseum. They fought against lions, tigers and bears.  
30) It was struck by lightning in AD 217. This started a fire and damaged the upper levels because they were made of wood. / A lightning caused a fire which damaged the upper levels. These were made of wood.  
31) People took the fallen stones from the coliseum, others took stones from the seating areas.  
32) finished  
33) It is known for Rome's most popular attractions.  
It is known as a popular tourist attraction.  
34) playful, imaginative  
35) B  
36) True  
37) False  
38) False  
39) 2, 3, 1  
40) obedient

