



## 2022 PRIMARY 4 END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION

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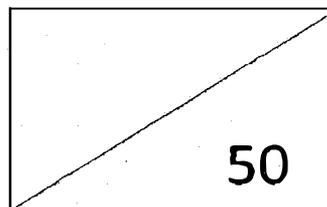
### ENGLISH LANGUAGE

#### PAPER 2

#### (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

##### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

- Write your name, class and register number.
- Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
- Follow all instructions carefully.
- Answer all questions.
- For questions 1 to 16, shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.
- For questions 17 to 40, 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. \_\_\_\_\_ chocolate chips over the vanilla ice cream to add flavour to it.
  - (1) Spill
  - (2) Drop
  - (3) Topple
  - (4) Sprinkle
  
2. The ambulance arrived to take the \_\_\_\_\_ of the accident to the hospital.
  - (1) victims
  - (2) witnesses
  - (3) onlookers
  - (4) attendants
  
3. I felt happy after watching the movie as the ending was very \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) abrupt
  - (2) satisfying
  - (3) complicated
  - (4) disappointing

4. As he could not \_\_\_\_\_ his mistake on his artwork, he had to start painting all over again.

(1) undo

(2) unfold

(3) unstop

(4) unwind

5. The students put up posters in the canteen to raise \_\_\_\_\_ of good hygiene practices.

(1) alertness

(2) awareness

(3) carefulness

(4) production

6. We had a \_\_\_\_\_ escape when the landslide happened.  
No one was hurt.

(1) scary

(2) sudden

(3) dangerous

(4) miraculous

## Section B (10 x 1m)

### Grammar

For each question from 7 to 16, 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. The canteen is open \_\_\_\_\_ school hours.

(1) at

(2) on...

(3) for

(4) during

8. While using the zebra crossing just now, I \_\_\_\_\_ shocked when a car screeched to a halt in front of me.

(1) is

(2) are

(3) was

(4) were

9. The boys \_\_\_\_\_ very proud of themselves when they received their awards from the principal.

(1) is

(2) are

(3) was

(4) were

10. "Watch carefully and learn. I \_\_\_\_\_ the cake now," Mum told Amy.

(1) decorate

(2) decorated

(3) am decorating

(4) have decorated

11. Yesterday, I \_\_\_\_\_ my dog at the beach before giving it a bath.

(1) walk

(2) walked

(3) was walking

(4) have walked

12. As I \_\_\_\_\_ my homework in the bedroom, I heard a noise under the bed.

(1) do

(2) will do

(3) was doing

(4) have done

13. \_\_\_\_\_ boy standing outside the classroom is looking for his sister.

(1) This

(2) That

(3) These

(4) Those

14. The audience left the hall \_\_\_\_\_ the performance was over.

(1) or

(2) but

(3) then

(4) since

15. There were \_\_\_\_\_ people in the long queue at the gift collection counter.

(1) a few

(2) much

(3) many

(4) some

16. Mother was very busy baking muffins for my birthday party, so she had \_\_\_\_\_ time to prepare lunch.

(1) no

(2) any

(3) few

(4) much

## Section C (8m)

### Comprehension

Read the passage below and answer questions 17 to 23 based on the passage.

It was six in the morning. I was crouching in the tall grass in the dark, metres away from a hideout belonging to Singapore's famous Bishan otters. As a reporter for the local newspaper, I was there to take photographs of the otters and then write an article about them. For the past half an hour, the area had been quiet. The silence was interrupted 5 only by the call of a bird and joggers.

The otter family was still asleep but would be up any minute now. Soon, I spotted the first otter. Then, I heard high-pitched squeaks as more otters awoke. They swam along the river, catching fish. One otter tried to snatch a fish from another. Others engaged in playfighting. 10 Meanwhile, an older otter taught the younger ones how to fish. When some otters got tired of treading water while chomping down fish, they carried the food to the riverbank to eat. The otters rested till late afternoon and fished again in the river before dark.

Although otters are native to Singapore, they were not seen 15 much before the 1990s. There are now ten otter families and they occupy mangroves, coasts, reservoirs, rivers and canals. The increase in the number of otters is due to the abundance of clean water and fish along our waterways.

*Adapted from The Straits Times*

17. In paragraph 1, state two things that the author had to do as part of his job.

i. \_\_\_\_\_ (1m)

ii. \_\_\_\_\_ (1m)

18. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

In paragraph 1, while waiting for the otters to appear, the author

\_\_\_\_\_ (1m)

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squatted in the grass

jogged along the river

listened to birds chirping in the trees

19. In paragraph 1, which word tells you that the otters' home is not easily seen by people? (1m)

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For Q20 - 22, read each sentence and tick ✓ "True" or "False". Refer to paragraph 2 to help you. The first example has been done for you. (3m)

Statement		True	False
Example	The author is a reporter.	✓	
20.	The otters swam and played together.		
21.	Young otters learnt to snatch fish from the older otters.		
22.	The otters ate in the water or on the riverbank.		

23. Which word has the same meaning as 'large amount'?  
Circle either (A) or (B). (1m)

<b>(A)</b>	<b>(B)</b>
The <u>increase</u> in the number of otters is due to the <u>abundance</u> of clean water and fish along our waterways.	

**Section D (4 x 1m)**

**Grammar Cloze**

Read the passage carefully. There are 4 blanks, numbered 24 to 27, 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) he	(B) his	(C) I
(D) it	(E) them	(F) us

It was the school holidays. Dad and I went on a hiking trip. I was thrilled as (24) \_\_\_\_\_ had never gone hiking before. Dad gave me (25) \_\_\_\_\_ compass which he had been using for years. He taught me how to use (26) \_\_\_\_\_ properly.

After hiking for hours, we were exhausted. When we reached home, Mum prepared dinner for (27) \_\_\_\_\_. What a memorable day it was!

## Section E (4 x 1m)

### Grammar Cloze

Read the passage carefully. There are 4 questions, numbered 28 to 31, in the passage below. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

Crayons are made of wax and colouring. Coloured powder **(28)** [ is / are ] mixed with hot liquid wax and poured into moulds. After the mixture cools, hard crayons are formed. Then, a machine **(29)** [ puts / put ] labels on the crayons. The crayons are then sorted by colour and packed into boxes. Each box **(30)** [ has / have ] crayons in eight different colours. Young children **(31)** [ uses / use ] crayons for drawing and colouring. They are attractive and easy to carry around.

*Adapted from Readworks.org*

**Section F (4 x 2m)**

**Synthesis and Transformation**

For each of the questions 32 to 35, 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).

32. "Who painted the wall?" Mrs Tan asked the workers.

Mrs Tan asked the workers \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

33. The children were excited. They did not listen to the instructions.

Due to their \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

34. I stirred the chicken soup. I added salt first.

Having \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

35. Mr Bala has not been to China. I have not been there too.

Neither \_\_\_\_\_ nor

\_\_\_\_\_

## Section G (5 x 2m)

### Comprehension Open

Read the passage below and answer questions 36 to 40.

When I was ten years old, Mother found a dog by the roadside that had been hit by a car. She immediately took him to a vet as one of his back legs was badly injured. His leg took some time to heal. Since Mother could not find the dog's owner, we kept him and named him Chip. Chip and Mother were inseparable. He was Mother's shadow and followed her everywhere. Whenever she left the house, he would whine pitifully. 5

One day, on our way to my grandparents' house for dinner, Mother stopped at a minimart. "Mary, let's buy some fruits for Grandma and Grandpa and a snack for Chip," Mother told me as she got out of the car. I tagged along to seize the opportunity <sup>to</sup> buy an ice cream for myself. Soon, 10 we were on the road again.

Half an hour passed when Mother asked suddenly, "Where's Chip?" Chip was a quiet dog, so nobody realised that he was not in the backseat. None of us remembered seeing him get out of the car at the minimart.

It was dark by then and raining very heavily. Worried sick, Mother 15 decided to drive back to the minimart. When she stopped in front of the store, she gasped. There sat Chip, soaking wet, with water dripping off his long ears. Mother rushed out of the car and practically flew towards our pet.

"What a faithful dog you have!" the minimart owner exclaimed when she saw us hugging and patting Chip. "He must have been waiting for you 20 to return and has not moved from this spot despite the rain."

That night, Mother rewarded Chip with as many treats as he could eat. "I'm so glad that you are safe and sound!" she said cheerfully.

Adapted from *The Definition of Faithful is 'Dog'*

**ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.**

36. What had happened to Chip before Mother first found him?

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37. Which sentence shows Chip's displeasure when he had to be apart from Mother?

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38. Why did the author decide to get out of the car at the minimart?

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39. What made the minimart owner think that Chip was a faithful dog?

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40. Do you think Mother was a responsible pet owner? Give one reason from lines 12 to 21 why you think so.

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~ End of Paper ~



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Q1	4	Q2	1	Q3	2	Q4	1	Q5	2
Q6	4	Q7	4	Q8	3	Q9	4	Q10	3
Q11	2	Q12	3	Q13	2	Q14	4	Q15	3
Q16	1								

Q17	i. The author had to take photographs of the otters. ii. The author had to write an article about the otters.	
Q18	squatted in the grass	
Q19	hideout	
Q20	True	
Q21	False	
Q22	True	
Q23	abundance	

Q24	C	Q25	B	Q26	D	Q27	F
Q28	is	Q29	puts	Q30	has	Q31	use

Q32	Mrs Tan asked the workers who had painted the wall.
Q33	Due to their excitement, the children did not listen to the instructions.
Q34	Having added salt, I stirred the chicken soup.
Q35	Neither Mr Bala nor I have been to China.

Q36	Chip had been hit by a car.
Q37	Whenever she left the house, he would whine pitifully.
Q38	The author tagged along to seize the opportunity to buy an ice cream.
Q39	Chip had not moved from that spot despite of the rain.
Q40	Yes, she was. She drove back to the minimart to look for Chip.

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