

Anglo-Chinese School (Junior)



SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1 (2022)

PRIMARY 4

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2

Booklet A

Monday

9 May 2022

1 hr 15 min

Name : _____ () Class : P 4 . ()

16 Questions

16 Marks

INSTRUCTIONS TO PUPILS

- 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)

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

1. The elastic band _____ when the box attached to it was too heavy.

- (1) popped
- (2) cracked
- (3) snapped
- (4) shattered

2. A crowd of curious _____ soon gathered to see the otters crossing the road.

- (1) onlookers
- (2) audiences
- (3) spectators
- (4) competitors

3. The new gym student was _____. He bent down and could not touch his toes.

- (1) as soft as cotton
- (2) as stiff as a board
- (3) as gentle as a dove
- (4) as graceful as a swan

4. The teacher told the boys that they would be _____ after school as they had broken the school rules.

- (1) caught
- (2) hidden
- (3) detained
- (4) locked up

5. An accident occurred along Adam Road where a taxi and van _____.

- (1) clashed
- (2) collided
- (3) collapsed
- (4) competed

6. Ronald left home early, but until now, he has not _____ yet.

- (1) turned in
- (2) turned up
- (3) turned away
- (4) turned down

Part 2: Grammar (10 marks)

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

7. The weather is too hot these few weeks. There is not _____ rain at all.

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

8. Nguyen's parents are living in Vietnam so Nguyen _____ to them once a week.

- (1) write
- (2) writes
- (3) is written
- (4) has written

9. The teacher is looking for _____ students to help her move the canteen benches.

- (1) less
- (2) some
- (3) much
- (4) a little

10. Ali and Ming Jie were watching television when a bird flew _____ the house and stayed on top of the kitchen cabinet.

- (1) in
- (2) into
- (3) over
- (4) above

11. James _____ some insects for his science experiment last week.

- (1) catch
- (2) caught
- (3) catches
- (4) is catching

12. You _____ in the same class as me this year.

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

13. Yesterday, Raju _____ the children fly kites in the park when he heard a loud noise.

- (1) watch
- (2) watched
- (3) watching
- (4) was watching

14. The plane arrived late _____ it was delayed by terrible weather.

- (1) or
- (2) so
- (3) as
- (4) but

15. _____ boys over there need to come over to collect their jerseys.

- (1) This
- (2) That
- (3) These
- (4) Those

16. "Let's go, John. Everyone _____ leaving the room now," urged Tim.

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

END OF BOOKLET A

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Parent's Signature

BOOKLET B

Total Time For Booklets 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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Booklet	Component	Possible Marks	Marks Obtained
A	-	16	
B	Grammar Cloze 1	4	
	Grammar Cloze 2	4	
	Editing for Spelling & Grammar	4	
	Synthesis and Transformation	4	
	Comprehension Passage 1	10	
	Comprehension Passage 2	8	
	Total	34	

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Part 4: Grammar Cloze 1 (4 marks)

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 A WORD ONCE ONLY.

A	her	B	my	C	we
D	its	E	they	F	you

I was cleaning my room. By mid-afternoon, three bulging garbage bags leaned against (17) _____ door. As I grabbed the first bag and dragged it down the stairs, a photograph fell out.

The face staring up at me was Anna's. (18) _____ had been friends in Primary Three and probably would have been friends forever if (19) _____ father had not been transferred to Japan.

"(20) _____ are going to be missed," Anna told me at the airport the day she left. I remembered tears streaming down both our cheeks. I hope that we will meet again someday soon.

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Part 5: Grammar Cloze 2 (4 marks)

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

The legend of the Loch Ness Monster was born when a sighting made local news on 2 May 1933. A newspaper related an account of a local couple who (21) [claim / claimed] to have seen "an enormous animal rolling and plunging on the lake's surface".

Amateur investigators (22) [has / have] kept a constant vigil. In the 1960s, several British universities launched sonar expeditions to the lake. Nothing conclusive (23) [is / was] found, but the sonar operators detected large, moving underwater objects in each expedition.

Perhaps, with modern technology, we may (24) [get / gets] a clear picture of the Loch Ness Monster. Investigators say that its findings will provide further insight into what lies beneath. However, many unanswered questions remain about the Loch Ness Monster.

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Part 6: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (4 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 the word in each box.

A lighthouse is a tall building that has a light near the top. Lighthouses are

built on the coast of an ocean or lake. It protects ships from crashing into the

(25)

shore by sending the light on towards the sea. The light usually turns in a circle

(26)

so that ships can see the **flehshing** lights. The light is usually covered by a lens

that enables it to travel a far distance.

One of the most famous lighthouses was the *Lighthouse of Alexandria*. It

(27)

was on an **iland** near the coast called *Pharos*. In fact the word, lighthouse, comes

(28)

for the name, *Pharos*.

Almost all lighthouses are automatic now.

Part 7: 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).

29. Tom went to bed. Tom was really tired.

so

30. We have to finish our homework. Then, we can go to the playground.

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Part 8: Comprehension 1 (10 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 31 to 38.

<p>"I'll never forget you," the old man said. A tear rolled down his leathery cheek. "I'm getting old. I can't take care of you anymore." With his head tilted to one side, Goldie watched his master.</p>	
<p>James was moving into an old-aged home. As pets were prohibited there, he had no choice but to give up his only companion. He blew his nose with a mighty blast. He limped over to Goldie and stroked its head.</p>	5
<p>"Don't worry, my friend. We'll find you a nice new home," James said. As an afterthought, he added, "With your good looks, we'll have no trouble at all." Goldie immediately wagged his tail happily and strutted up and down the kitchen floor.</p>	
<p>"Come here," James called to Goldie. He bent down and took out a ribbon from his pocket. He tied it around Goldie's neck. Goldie stood very still. A sense of dread took hold of him. He was alert and wary.</p>	10
<p>James opened the door and pulled Goldie behind him. Goldie pulled back, whimpering. "Don't make this harder than it already is. I promise you; you will be better with another family," James said.</p>	15
<p>While walking, they came across a beautifully-decorated house. Christmas songs could be heard from the open window. "This will be a nice home for you," James said, looking at the spacious garden. He bent down and unleashed the dog. He opened the gate slowly so that it would not creak. "Go on now," James told Goldie.</p>	20
<p>Goldie made his way to the front door and scratched it. James hid behind a tree. A little boy opened the door. He saw Goldie and threw his arms around him. "Mum, Dad, Santa got me exactly what I asked for!" he cried. Through teary eyes, the old man watched as the boy's mother tenderly carried Goldie into the house. Smiling, he wiped his eyes and muttered, "Farewell, Goldie, my friend!"</p>	25

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WRITE YOUR ANSWERS IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

31. Which sentence in paragraph 1 shows that the old man was upset that he could not take care of his dog anymore?

[1m]

32. Based on paragraph 2, why did James have to give Goldie up?

[2m]

33. In lines 4-6, which word has the same meaning as 'friend'?

[1m]

34. Why did Goldie wag its tail and strut up and down the kitchen?

[1m]

35. In lines 9-12, which six-word phrase tells you that Goldie knew something was wrong?

[1m]

36a. In **line 18**, how did James know that it was a nice home for Goldie?

[1m]

36b. What does 'it' in line 21 refer to?

[1m]

37. Why did the little boy think that Santa gave him the dog?

[1m]

38. Based on the last paragraph, how do we know that the boy's mother was an affectionate person?

[1m]

Part 9: Comprehension 2 (8 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 39 to 44.

Although tigers and lions are wild animals that belong to the cat family, they are quite different.

The most obvious difference is their appearance. Tigers have bold, black stripes across their bodies, whereas a lion has no stripes. Tigers also do not have manes like the male lions.

Tigers are longer than lions, more muscular, and are generally heavier in weight although lions are taller than tigers. Tigers have stronger legs. They are more active and agile as compared to lions. By nature, tigers are considered to be more aggressive. Male lions are even thought to be lazy as they will not do anything unless they really have to.

Lions generally like to live in big groups known as prides. In a pride, there will be one male lion who is head of the tribe, along with several other males and females. The female lions are the ones who hunt for food in the savannah. They would stalk a prey of their choice. When the prey is close enough, the lioness charges towards it and pounces on it. It would kill the prey and bring the carcass back to the pride.

On the other hand, tigers prefer to live and hunt alone. Tigers hunt for their prey in the jungle, and then eat their catch on their own.

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39. Which word has the same meaning as 'move quickly' in lines 7-8

[1m]

Circle either (A) or (B).

They are much more active and agile when compared to lions.

(A)

(B)

40. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to show the sequence of events in Paragraph 4.

[1m]

_____ The lioness stalks its prey.

_____ The lioness chases the prey.

_____ The lioness brings the carcass to the pride.

Which two words best describe a tiger? Tick (✓) only two most appropriate answers.

An example has been done for you.

[2m]

Words that best describe a tiger		Tick your <u>two</u> answers
Example	muscular	✓
41.	lazy	
	leader	
	sociable	
	aggressive	
	independent	

42. For (a) and (b), decide which animal has the physical characteristics. Tick (✓) your chosen answer. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

Physical characteristics described in paragraph 3		tiger	lion
Example	has stripes on their bodies.	✓	
a.	taller		
b.	more muscular		

For Q43 to Q44, read each statement and tick (✓) "True" or "False". Refer to the text to help you. An example has been done for you. [2m]

Statement		True	False
Example	Tiger prefers to hunt alone.	✓	
43	The lioness ensures that there is food for the pride.		
44	The male tiger prefers to live with the female tiger.		

End of Booklet B

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BOOKLET A

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

BOOKLET B

Q17	B	Q18	C	Q19	A	Q20	F
Q21	claimed	Q22	have	Q23	was	Q24	get
Q25	in	Q26	flashing	Q27	island	Q28	from

Q29	Tom was really tired so he went to bed.
Q30	Before we can go to the playground, we have to finish our homework.

Q31	A tear rolled down his leathery check.
Q32	James was moving into an old-aged home and pets were prohibited there.
Q33	companion
Q34	James praised Goldie for its good looks.
Q35	A sense of dread took hold.
Q36	James saw a spacious garden.
Q37	"It" refers to the front door.
Q38	It is because he wished for Christmas that he want a dog.
Q39	<u>agile</u> (B)
Q40	<u>1</u> <u>2</u> <u>3</u>
Q41	<u>aggressive</u> <u>independent</u>
Q42	a. lion b. tiger
Q43	True
Q44	False

