

**PEI CHUN PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
**SEMESTRAL EXAMINATION 1, 2009**  
**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**  
**PAPER 2: LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION**  
**PRIMARY 4**

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| Component                                   | Marks obtained | Maximum marks<br>for each component |
|---|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Paper 1 (Writing)                           |                | 20                                  |
| Paper 2 (Language Use and<br>Comprehension) |                | 48                                  |
| Paper 3 (Listening<br>Comprehension)        |                | 16                                  |
| Paper 4 (Oral Communication)                |                | 16                                  |
| Total marks for all components              |                | 100                                 |

**Section A: Vocabulary (6 x 1 mark)**

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

1. After/being attacked by the wild boar, the injured hunter \_\_\_\_\_ into the hut.  

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| <input checked="" type="radio"/> scampered | <input checked="" type="radio"/> staggered |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> scurried  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> swaggered |

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2. Despite the shop owner's warning, Alex was still \_\_\_\_\_ with his brother and they almost broke the expensive vases that were on display.  

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| <input checked="" type="radio"/> aping          | <input checked="" type="radio"/> ducking      |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> horsing around | <input checked="" type="radio"/> wolfing down |

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3. The school players were \_\_\_\_\_ after securing victory in the national volleyball championship.  

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| <input checked="" type="radio"/> elated  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> embarrassed  |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> enraged | <input checked="" type="radio"/> enthusiastic |

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4. After monitoring the \_\_\_\_\_ for three days, the doctors deduced that she was suffering from dengue fever.  

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| <input checked="" type="radio"/> passenger | <input checked="" type="radio"/> patient    |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> patron    | <input checked="" type="radio"/> pedestrian |

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5. "That is such a hilarious performance!" \_\_\_\_\_ Lisa after watching the amusing musical.  

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| <input checked="" type="radio"/> bellowed | <input checked="" type="radio"/> chuckled |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> groaned  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> whined   |

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6. The man performed the duties \_\_\_\_\_ on behalf of his supervisor despite a long and tiring day at work.  

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| <input checked="" type="radio"/> callously  | <input checked="" type="radio"/> reluctantly |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> vigorously | <input checked="" type="radio"/> willingly   |

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**Section B: Grammar (6 x 1 mark)**

7. The bouquet of flowers which the sisters presented to the guest of honour \_\_\_\_\_ ordered from the florist last week.
- (1) was (2) were  
 (3) is (4) are ( )
8. Hassan and his brother \_\_\_\_\_ to the market to buy groceries yesterday.
- ~~(X)~~ go ~~(X)~~ went  
~~(X)~~ have gone ~~(X)~~ were going ( )
9. Mohammad and Ahmad have not gone to school \_\_\_\_\_ their return from Canada the previous month.
- ~~(X)~~ as ~~(X)~~ before  
~~(X)~~ since ~~(X)~~ while ( )
10. Please walk quietly. The pupils \_\_\_\_\_ for the examination in the school hall.
- ~~(X)~~ sit ~~(X)~~ sat  
~~(X)~~ has sat ~~(X)~~ are sitting ( )
11. When Mrs Kumar asked Raju to \_\_\_\_\_ the responsibility of the class monitor, he readily agreed.
- ~~(X)~~ take down ~~(X)~~ take off  
~~(X)~~ take on ~~(X)~~ take out ( )
12. The cabinet is stocked up with \_\_\_\_\_ rice and canned food to last the family for a year.
- ~~(X)~~ a lot of ~~(X)~~ few  
~~(X)~~ many ~~(X)~~ some ( )

**Section C: Grammar Cloze (8 x 1 mark)**

Read the passages carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank.

**Passage 1**

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

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|---------|----------|----------|
| (A) him | (C) our  | (E) they |
| (B) me  | (D) them | (F) we   |

One hot and blazing afternoon, my sister and I were walking home from school. When we reached (13) \_\_\_\_\_ block, we spotted two suspicious-looking men loitering at the void deck. One of (14) \_\_\_\_\_ was carrying a tool box while the other had a huge bag with him.

"Tom, should we call the police?" my sister asked (15) \_\_\_\_\_ nervously.

There was no public phone booth around and we did not have any mobile phones with us. We decided to hide behind a pillar to observe the two men and see what (16) \_\_\_\_\_ were up to.

Just then, a neighbourhood policeman walked past and we quickly informed him what we had witnessed. After a while, we realised that the men were actually the lift technicians and were there to repair the faulty lift!

**Passage 2**

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

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| (A) by | (C) into    | (E) to   |
| (B) in | (D) through | (F) with |

An engine failure was believed to have caused the air crash at Bazoo Island in February. The pilot, John, was fortunate to survive the crash (17) \_\_\_\_\_ two broken legs and bruises.

John was rescued by the villagers after his aircraft plunged (18) \_\_\_\_\_ the dense forest. He was taken to a nearby hospital.

John, a very experienced stunt pilot, had taken part in many air shows. He was having his first test <sup>flight of</sup> ~~run~~ of the aircraft (19) \_\_\_\_\_ preparation for the air show in April before the crash.

Air safety inspectors were investigating the cause of the accident. John, though most disappointed (20) \_\_\_\_\_ the accident, realised he was fortunate to be alive after the crash.

"I guess luck was on my side," he said.

**Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (8 x 1 mark)**

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct answer 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 ONCE ONLY.

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| <del>(A)</del> afford | <del>(B)</del> bullets  | <del>(C)</del> die    | <del>(K)</del> recognised |
| <del>(D)</del> alive  | <del>(E)</del> contain  | <del>(H)</del> fire   | <del>(L)</del> survive    |
| <del>(N)</del> broke  | <del>(F)</del> darkness | <del>(J)</del> listen | <del>(M)</del> tears      |

There were two childhood buddies who went through school and college and even joined the army together. War (21) \_\_\_\_\_ out and they were fighting in the same unit. One night, they were ambushed. There was continuous firing throughout the night. (22) \_\_\_\_\_ were flying all over and out of the darkness came a voice, "Harry, please come and help me."

Harry immediately (23) \_\_\_\_\_ the voice of his buddy, Bill. He asked the captain if he could go. The captain said, "No, I am already short-handed and I cannot (24) \_\_\_\_\_ to lose one more person."

Again and again, the voice came. Harry could not (25) \_\_\_\_\_ himself any longer and told the captain, "Captain, this is my childhood buddy and I have to go and help." Harry crawled through the (26) \_\_\_\_\_ and found that Bill was dead.

Now, the captain got angry and shouted at Harry, "Didn't I tell you he was not going to (27) \_\_\_\_\_? You could have been killed!"

Harry replied, "Captain, I did the right thing. When I <sup>reached</sup> ~~reach~~ Bill, he was still (28) \_\_\_\_\_ and his last words were, 'Harry, I knew you would come.'\* Harry did not regret risking his life to see his buddy for the last time.

**Section E: Comprehension MCO (5 x 2 marks)**

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

Can you imagine having hiccups continuously? The longest attack of hiccups ever known lasted for sixty-eight years. This record was held by Charles Osborne and was documented in the Guinness Book of World Records. Despite that, Osborne could still lead a normal life. The attack of hiccups started in 1922 and stopped a year before his death. He lived to ninety-eight.

At the beginning of this year, Jennifer, a fifteen-year-old girl from Florida, had a similar 5  
 Although it did not last as long as Osborne's, Jennifer's case caught worldwide attention. Hopeful that someone could come up with a workable solution, Jennifer accepted a television interview. Viewers were urged to submit their hiccup cures. None of the home remedies – sugar, guzzling water, lemon or prescribed medicine – worked for her. She was still thankful to all those who had offered help. After being tormented for five weeks, surprisingly, 10  
 Jennifer woke up one morning to discover that her hiccups were gone. She believed it was the combination of treatments she had received that cured her.

Generally, a bout of hiccups would stop by itself after a while without any intervention. People have come up with some of their own home remedies, which they claim can stop the hiccups, but these claims are without grounds. Medication is sometimes needed in rare, severe 15  
 and persistent cases.

Why do we hiccup? This question has baffled many people for years. Although we are still unable to pinpoint a specific reason, it would be self-deceiving to say that the countless independent cases are only coincidental. Some situations, such as eating too quickly or laughing too vigorously, can result in the development of hiccups. 20

29. Why did Charles Osborne have his name recorded in the Guinness Book of World Records?
- (1) He was the oldest person to experience hiccups.
  - (2) His hiccups lasted for sixty-eight years.
  - (3) His hiccups started in 1922.
  - (4) He lived to ninety-eight. ( )
30. Why did Jennifer accept a television interview?
- (1) She wanted to catch worldwide attention.
  - (2) She wanted to try all kinds of home remedies.
  - (3) She wanted to solve the problem of her hiccups.
  - (4) She had a similar experience as Charles Osborne. ( )
31. According to Jennifer, how were her hiccups cured?
- (1) The viewers of the television programme gave her the correct home remedies.
  - (2) She used sugar, guzzling water, lemon and prescribed medicine.
  - (3) She had received a combination of treatments.
  - (4) She was tormented for five weeks. ( )
32. The word from the passage that means "without stopping" is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) generally
  - (2) vigorously
  - (3) surprisingly
  - (4) continuously ( )
33. Which of the following statements is true?
- (1) Eating too quickly or laughing too vigorously will definitely cause hiccups.
  - (2) Hiccups would normally stop by itself after a while without any intervention.
  - (3) Jennifer had beaten Charles Osborne's record of experiencing the longest attack of hiccups.
  - (4) Jennifer accepted a television interview after she knew that the viewers had the solution to stop her hiccups. ( )

**Section F: Comprehension OE (5 x 2 marks)**

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Oliver Twist was born into a life of hardship and misfortune. He was an orphan as his mother died during childbirth and his father subsequently went missing. He worked in a workhouse for nine years with little food and few comforts.

After six months, Oliver upset the supervisors of the workhouse when he requested another portion of food on behalf of another boy. They thought he was ungrateful and they were 5  
furious with him. They sent Oliver to work for Mr Sowerberry.

Oliver's life did not change for the better. In fact, he was abused by Noah, who also worked for Mr Sowerberry. One day, Noah (intentionally) provoked Oliver by insulting his late mother. Oliver was agitated and attacked Noah. When questioned, Noah made it sound as though 10  
Oliver was at fault. Fearing that he would be punished, Oliver fled to London on the same night.

During his journey to London, Oliver met Jack Dawkins who then provided him with a free meal, <sup>he</sup> Jack also told Oliver of a gentleman in London who would assist him to settle in.

Grateful for the help, Oliver went with Jack to the gentleman's home. The gentleman was none other than Fagin, a criminal who trained Jack, and a group of child criminals in pick-pocketing. However, Oliver was unaware of their unlawful occupations. 15

One day, Oliver went on a pick-pocketing expedition with Jack and another boy named Charlie. Oliver was in fact unaware of their intentions until the robbery actually took place. Oliver did not participate but was caught and accused of stealing. He was eventually freed from accusation and put under the custody of an old gentleman named Mr Brownlow. For once, Oliver was happy as Mr Brownlow treated him well. 20



Answer in complete sentences.

34. What did Oliver do which upset the supervisors at the workhouse?

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35. Which sentence from the passage tells you that Noah wanted to get Oliver into trouble by not telling the truth?

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36. How did Jack Dawkins help Oliver in London?

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37. Oliver was in fact unaware of their intentions until the robbery actually took place (line 17). Who do you think the word "their" refers to?

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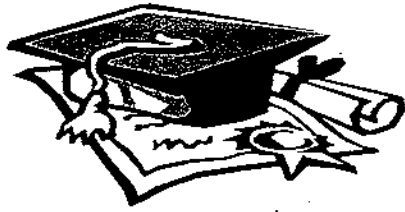
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38. Write down a word from the passage which has a similar meaning to each of the following:

- (a) purposely : \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) finally : \_\_\_\_\_

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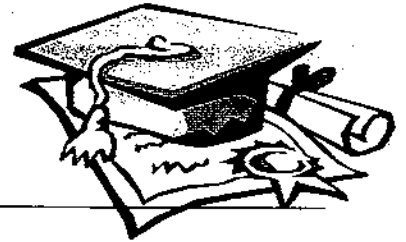


# ANSWER SHEET

## EXAM PAPER 2009

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**34) Oliver upset the supervisors of the workhouse when he requested another portion of food on behalf of another boy.**

**35) The sentence is "When questioned, Noah made it sound as though Oliver was at fault."**

**36) Jack Dawkins provided him with a free meal and also told Oliver of a gentlemen in London who would assist him to settle in.**

**37) I think the word "their" refers to Jack and another boy named Charlie.**

**38) a) intentionally.**  
**b) eventually.**