



**ROSYTH SCHOOL  
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT TWO 2014  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
PAPER 2  
PRIMARY 4**

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Class: Pr 4- \_\_\_\_\_

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**BOOKLET A**

Instructions to Pupils:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Read the questions and follow all instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 19 questions (Questions 1 to 19).
4. Answer all questions and shade your options on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

This booklet consists of 8 pages altogether (including this page).

**Section A: Grammar (8 marks)**

For questions 1 to 8, choose the most suitable answer and shade the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS given. (8 x 1 mark)

1. Have all of you asked \_\_\_\_\_ why you keep getting the answer wrong?

- (1) myself
- (2) yourself
- (3) yourselves
- (4) themselves

2. While studying last night, Grace and her sister \_\_\_\_\_ shocked by the sudden clap of thunder.

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

3. Julie \_\_\_\_\_ out of her skin when she heard the boy give a sudden ~~how~~.

- (1) jump
- (2) jumps
- (3) jumped
- (4) had jumped

4. "You must pay attention to the instructor now! She \_\_\_\_\_ how to secure the safety belt properly," said Mr Teh.

- (1) explains
- (2) explained
- (3) is explaining
- (4) has explained

5. The factory could not produce \_\_\_\_\_ sugar this year due to the poor harvest of sugar cane plants.

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

6. During the thunderstorm yesterday, accidents still \_\_\_\_\_ although motorists were careful on the slippery roads.

- (1) occur
- (2) occurred
- (3) was occurring
- (4) have occurred

7. \_\_\_\_\_ members of the audience standing here have paid for the most expensive concert tickets.

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

8. We changed our minds about visiting the new restaurant when we saw \_\_\_\_\_ people in the long queue.

- (1) less
- (2) little
- (3) some
- (4) many

**Section B: Vocabulary (6 marks)**

For questions 9 to 14, choose the most suitable answer and shade the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS given. (6 x 1 mark)

9. When the villagers saw the ferocious tiger, they were \_\_\_\_\_ and trembled with fear.
- (1) calm
  - (2) excited
  - (3) terrified
  - (4) disappointed
10. The glasses \_\_\_\_\_ against one another as we arranged them on the tray.
- (1) rustled
  - (2) clinked
  - (3) buzzed
  - (4) clanged
11. No one was injured in the recent volcanic \_\_\_\_\_ that struck the village as everyone had been evacuated earlier.
- (1) wave
  - (2) eruption
  - (3) outburst
  - (4) lightning
12. To bake a cheesecake, I first had to \_\_\_\_\_ some biscuits into fine crumbs.
- (1) poke
  - (2) scoop
  - (3) pound
  - (4) dissolve

13. After a friendly match, the \_\_\_\_\_ from the two teams shook hands with one another to show good sportsmanship.

- (1) medallists
- (2) spectators
- (3) opponents
- (4) contingents

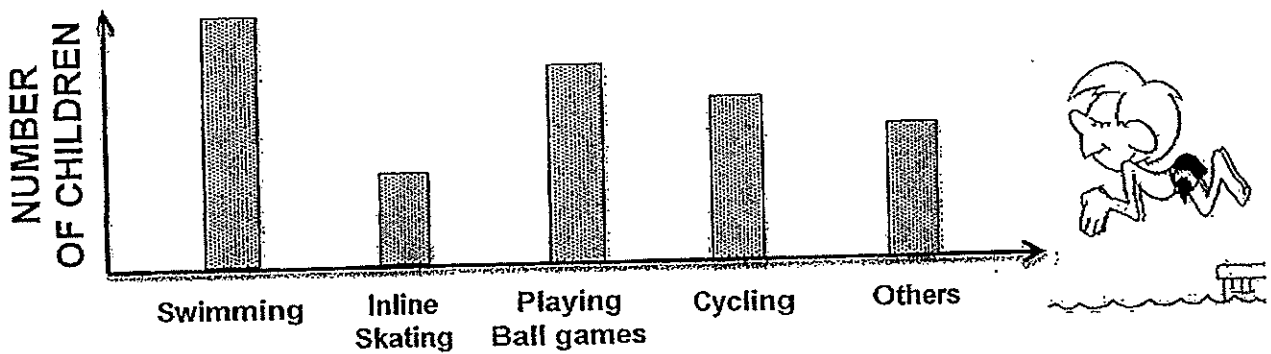
14. I completed the revision paper in less than half an hour. I found it to be a/an \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) dead duck
- (2) piece of cake
- (3) arm and a leg
- (4) dog with two tails

**Section C: Visual Text Comprehension (10 marks)**

Study the brochure carefully and then answer questions 15 to 19. Choose the most suitable answer and shade the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS given. (5 x 2 marks)

**Popular Physical Activities of Children during School Holidays**



**ACTIVITIES**

**Tips to promote healthy living for children 4 to 17 years of age:**

- Limit recreational screen time (including television, computers and handheld gaming devices) to no more than two hours a day
- Reduce the time spent indoors for extended durations
- Exercise regularly



**Advantages of Regular Exercise for Children**

- ❖ Strengthens heart and muscles
- ❖ Maintains a healthy weight and blood pressure
- ❖ Reduces the risk of developing heart disease and stroke when older
- ❖ Increases attentiveness

Children who exercise regularly will become healthy adults!



**What parents can do:**

- Plan physical activities for children on most days of the week
- Encourage the children to take part in physical activities for at least 30 minutes a day
- Help children learn about health and environmental benefits of walking or cycling instead of driving them around

15. Based on the bar graph, how many types of physical activity are specifically mentioned?

- (1) two
- (2) three
- (3) four
- (4) five

16. According to the brochure, one way to promote healthy living is by \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) exercising regularly
- (2) playing handheld games
- (3) spending more time indoors
- (4) watching television more than two hours per day

17. As indicated in the brochure, which one of the following is a benefit for children who exercise regularly?

- (1) Excessive weight gain
- (2) Increased inattentiveness
- (3) Strong heart and muscles
- (4) Higher risk of stroke with age

18. To encourage the children to take part in more physical activities, it is recommended that parents \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) exercise at least thirty minutes a day
- (2) drive their children from one place to another
- (3) teach the children about the positive effects of exercise
- (4) ensure their children have physical activities once a week

19. Which of the following statements is true?

- (1) Walking and cycling benefit only the environment.
- (2) Children should not do physical activities during the school holidays.
- (3) The brochure provides tips to promote healthy living for children aged 7 to 14.
- (4) Playing ball games is one of the more popular activities amongst the children.

END OF BOOKLET A



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**BOOKLET B**

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2. Read the questions and follow all instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 24 questions (Questions 20 to 43).

Component	Maximum	Marks Obtained
Grammar & Vocabulary	25	
Comprehension Cloze	5	
Comprehension MCQ & Open-ended	20	
Total	50	

This booklet consists of 7 pages altogether (including this page).

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## SECTION A

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. (4 marks)

(A) I	(B) we	(C) he
(D) she	(E) them	(F) their

"Good morning, boys and girls," Miss Lee greeted the pupils. Tyler and Aiden raised (20)\_\_\_\_\_ hands. Miss Lee looked at the two boys and asked (21)\_\_\_\_\_ what the matter was. "(22)\_\_\_\_\_ found a wallet at the canteen during recess!" the boys shouted.

"Where's the wallet?" (23)\_\_\_\_\_ asked the boys. Tyler explained to her that they had handed it over to a prefect who was on duty.

Read the passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets. (4 marks)

Everyone should exercise regularly. It (24) [ do / does ] not matter what age you are. Exercise (25) [ is / are ] important because it is one way of keeping healthy and fit. There are many forms of exercise. You (26) [ has / have ] many choices such as jogging, swimming, playing soccer or working out at a gym. Your mind, not just your body, (27) [ benefit / benefits ] from regular exercise. It makes you feel happy and relaxed.

**SECTION B**

Combine the sentences to make one sentence using the word(s) given. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the sentences given. (3 marks)

28. Jeff did not go to school yesterday. Kate did not go to school yesterday.

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

29. The hunters continue to hunt the animals. They will not survive.

\_\_\_\_\_ if  
\_\_\_\_\_

30. Siti is a hardworking student. Siti is careless in her work.

\_\_\_\_\_ but  
\_\_\_\_\_

Fill each blank with a suitable word. (5 marks)

Bob had asthma. One day, when he was alone at home, he suffered a very bad asthma attack. He collapsed in his room and injured his legs. However, nobody came to his (31)\_\_\_\_\_ even after an hour. He decided to write a note. He put it in a bottle and dropped it (32)\_\_\_\_\_ of his window. He hoped that someone would find it. He waited.

The bottle was found by Rover, an intelligent dog. Rover picked up the bottle in its mouth and took it home to its owner, Kate. Kate knew Bob needed help after she had read the note. She immediately rushed to Bob's home. She also called for an ambulance (33)\_\_\_\_\_ arrived and took Bob to the hospital.

A few days later, Kate (34)\_\_\_\_\_ a letter from Bob. Kate smiled when she read the letter. It read, "I will always be (35)\_\_\_\_\_ to you and Rover. I will never forget what your amazing dog did to save my life."

*Adapted from <http://www.allaboutanimals.org.uk/PK-SuperSheepdog.asp>*

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

The giant panda is one of the world's most loved animals. It is easily identified by its black and white fur. A newborn panda cub is blind, hairless and tiny. Completely helpless, the cub cannot move much on its own for nearly three months. The mother is very protective and careful in caring for her cub during this time.

Pandas are among the most endangered animals in the world. There are only about 1600 of them living in the wild. One of the main reasons pandas have become endangered is that their habitat is being destroyed. In order to develop the land, humans destroy the areas pandas live in. Due to this, pandas are being forced to live in smaller areas in the wild which are not as suitable.

Destroying their habitat also leads to food shortages. Though they may be fed food like carrots in zoos, nearly the entire diet of pandas in the wild consists of bamboo. Pandas eat between ten and twenty kilograms of bamboo a day. They feed on several types that bloom at different times of the year. If one type of bamboo is destroyed, pandas may have nothing to eat, increasing the risk of starvation. Hence, pandas may occasionally hunt small rodents and eat fish when available.

People are making efforts to save the pandas. Wildlife reserves have been set up in parts of China to make sure they have a home. Care is taken to help them survive in the wild. Scientists also study how pandas breed to help increase their numbers.

*Adapted from: <http://www.animalfactguide.com/animal-facts/giant-panda/>*

36. What makes it easy to spot a giant panda? [1m]

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37. Tick [✓] your chosen answer.

A newborn panda cub is helpless because it \_\_\_\_\_, [1m]

<input type="checkbox"/>	is only looked after by its mother
<input type="checkbox"/>	is unable to move much on its own
<input type="checkbox"/>	looks different from an adult panda

38. Which word has the same meaning as "cautious"? Circle (A) or (B) [1m]

The mother is very <u>protective</u> and <u>careful</u> in tending to her cub during this time. (A)                      (B)
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39. Why do humans destroy the pandas' habitat? [1m]

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40. Name three other types of food mentioned in the passage that pandas eat other than bamboo.

(i) \_\_\_\_\_ [1m]

(ii) \_\_\_\_\_ [1m]

(iii) \_\_\_\_\_ [1m]

For Questions 41, 42 and 43, read each statement and tick [✓] "True" or "False". The first example has been done for you. [3m]

	Statement	True	False
Example	Bamboo is the main source of food for pandas.	✓	
41.	Pandas feed on only a single type of bamboo.		
42.	Pandas may starve when their habitat is destroyed.		
43.	Scientists are studying how pandas can eat more bamboo.		

~ End of Booklet B ~





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**Booklet A:**

<b>Q1</b>	<b>Q2</b>	<b>Q3</b>	<b>Q4</b>	<b>Q5</b>	<b>Q6</b>	<b>Q7</b>	<b>Q8</b>	<b>Q9</b>	<b>Q10</b>
3	4	3	3	3	2	3	4	3	2
<b>Q11</b>	<b>Q12</b>	<b>Q13</b>	<b>Q14</b>	<b>Q15</b>	<b>Q16</b>	<b>Q17</b>	<b>Q18</b>	<b>Q19</b>	
2	3	3	2	3	1	3	3	4	

**Booklet B:**

**Section A**

Q20) F

Q21) E

Q22) B

Q23) D

Q24) does

Q25) is

Q26) have

Q27) benefits

**Section B**

Q28) Neither Jeff nor Kate went to school yesterday.

Q29) The animals will not survive if the hunters continue to hunt them.

Q30) Siti is a hardworking student but she is careless in her work.

Q31) rescue

Q32) out

Q33) that

Q34) received

Q35) grateful

Q36) The giant panda is identified by its black and white fur.

Q37)

	Is only looked after by its mother
✓	Is unable to move much on its own
	Looks different from an adult panda

Q38) B

Q39) Humans need to develop land so they destroy the pandas' habitat.

Q40) (i) Fish

(ii) Carrots

(iii) Small rodents

Q41-43)

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