

SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL
SECOND SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2014
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY FOUR

Name: _____

Date: _____

Class: Primary 4

PAPER 2.(LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET A

14 questions

14 marks

Total time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 15 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Section A : 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 correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (6 marks)

1. The starting gun went off, signalling the start of the race. The competitors, who were eager to win the competition, _____ towards the finishing line.
 - 1) fled
 - 2) ambled
 - 3) strolled
 - 4) sprinted

2. The dancers put up a _____ performance at the concert yesterday. My parents and I enjoyed the show tremendously.
 - 1) fortunate
 - 2) prosperous
 - 3) spectacular
 - 4) scrumptious

3. Maureen's children are very busy. They can only visit her _____.
 - 1) normally
 - 2) frequently
 - 3) repeatedly
 - 4) occasionally

4. The _____ on the train were treated to an entertaining performance by a group of musicians.
 - 1) motorists
 - 2) customers
 - 3) commuters
 - 4) pedestrians

5. The people in this village are living in _____. They do not have enough money to buy food and basic necessities.
 - 1) filth
 - 2) poverty
 - 3) sickness
 - 4) prosperity

6. "Mummy, I want my dress to be shorter. Could you take me to the tailor to _____ it?" said Mary.

- (1) fix
- (2) alter
- (3) convert
- (4) exchange

Section B : Grammar

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. (8 marks)

7. The young couple living next door is painting the house by _____.
- 1) myself
 - 2) himself
 - 3) ourselves
 - 4) themselves
8. I _____ shocked when I saw a man, covered in blood, running towards me.
- 1) is
 - 2) are
 - 3) was
 - 4) were
9. While I _____ in the room, the telephone rang.
- 1) play
 - 2) will play
 - 3) was playing
 - 4) have played
10. "Please look carefully. The facilitators _____ the instructions on the whiteboard ~~now~~," said the class monitor.
- 1) wrote
 - 2) writes
 - 3) are writing
 - 4) have written
11. Last month, my father _____ me to the museum to view the art exhibits.
- 1) take
 - 2) took
 - 3) has taken
 - 4) was taking

12. _____ girls over there are waiting patiently for their parents.
- (1) This
 - (2) That
 - (3) These
 - (4) Those
13. Paul accidentally added too _____ cubes of sugar into his cup of coffee and it was too sweet.
- 1) few
 - 2) little
 - 3) many
 - 4) much
14. My sister fainted from exhaustion. She has not been able to get _____ rest lately.
- 1) few
 - 2) little
 - 3) many
 - 4) much

END OF BOOKLET A

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Duration : 50 minutes



Parent's Signature

Composition

Write a composition of **at least 120 words** about an act of bravery.

The pictures, not arranged in sequence, are provided to help you think about this topic. Your composition should be based on one, two or all of these pictures.

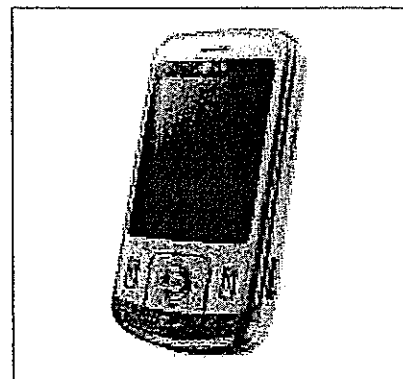
Consider the following points when you plan your composition:

- What were you doing at the food centre?
- What did you see?
- What did you do to help?
- What happened in the end?

You may use the points in any order and include other relevant points as well.

Helping Words:

- food centre
- from the corner of my eye
- people from all walks of life
- took to his heels
- police officer
- beamed with pride



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	Marks Obtained	Highest Possible Marks
Booklet A		14
Booklet B		36
Sub-total		50

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET B

32 questions

36 marks

Total time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 15 minutes

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Write your answers in this booklet.

Section C: Grammar Cloze

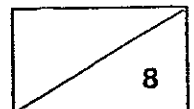
Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. **USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.**
(4 marks)

(A) her	(B) him	(C) it
(D) our	(E) them	(F) we

Last week, Kelly and I went to Lavender Hawker Centre to have our lunch. While (15)_____ were walking to the table with our food, a bee suddenly flew towards us. Kelly yelled and tried to run away from (16)_____. Her tray slipped from (17)_____ hand and landed on the floor. An old couple witnessed the incident and offered to buy Kelly another bowl of noodles. We thanked (18)_____ profusely but declined the offer. We were touched by their kindness.

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

My parents and I help out at an old folks' home every week. It (19) [is / are] a stone's throw away from our house. It (20) [has / have] fifty residents altogether. We (21) [sing / sings] songs with them in the morning. One of the residents likes to listen to Michael Jackson's songs and he always (22) [tell / tells] us to sing them for him. We love bringing joy to the elderly.



Section D: Vocabulary Cloze

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given and fill in the blanks. (4 marks)

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY

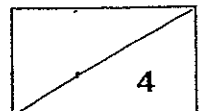
around	collect	deliver	position	route	way
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Pigeons are famous for their navigational abilities. They are so good at finding their way that people have used them to (23)_____ messages for thousands of years, during peace and war.

People used to think that pigeons depended on the sun's (24)_____ to guide them. William Tan, a biologist, decided to test this theory by driving local pigeons up to 160 km from the university and letting them go. He watched with binoculars to see which (25)_____ they flew. Even on cloudy days, when the sun was hidden, the pigeons flew in the right direction.

Tan suspected that pigeons find their way using the invisible magnetic force that surrounds our planet. To test his idea, Tan attached small magnets to pigeons' heads to interrupt the magnetic field (26)_____ them. Just as he expected, this confused the birds and many of them got lost.

Adapted from: Flying Toward Home by Mara Grunbaum



Section E: Sentence Combining

Combine each pair of the sentences to make one sentence using the word(s) given. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the sentences given. (4 marks)

27. Peggy told her brother, "Complete your homework after dinner!"

Peggy told _____

28. You do not want to talk to me. I will not bother you.

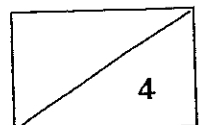
Since _____

29. Danny does not want potato chips. He does not want sweets either.

_____ neither

30. John heard the good news. He cheered excitedly.

_____ when



Section F: Comprehension 1

Read the passage below carefully and answer questions 31 to 39.

(10 marks)

Once upon a time, there lived a princess named Vanita. She wanted to be beautiful and youthful forever. One day, she looked in the mirror and sighed at her reflection. "I look so much older than before. What should I do?" she cried helplessly.

She went to seek help from the palace doctor and begged him for a solution. However, he claimed that he was unable to help her. She pleaded with tears in her eyes and threatened to kill herself if he refused to help. Finally, he relented. He passed her a bottle of beauty potion but warned her that there would be a price to pay. He warned her that her father's lifespan would be shortened by one year for each mouthful she took. She was so obsessed with her appearance that she disregarded his words of caution. 5 10

Vanita took two mouthfuls every day and she felt more youthful than before. As time went by, her father became more feeble and frail. Her doctor told her to stop taking the beauty potion but she turned a deaf ear to his advice.

A few months later, her father passed away. She knelt beside him and sobbed uncontrollably. She was filled with regret but nothing could bring her father back. 15

From then on, Vanita never looked in the mirror again.

31. Tick ✓ your chosen answer. Based on the passage, which of the following sentences best describes Vanita? (1m)

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<input type="checkbox"/>

- She was self-loving and conceited.
She listened to advice given to her.
She was a loving and thoughtful daughter.

32. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order of events that occurred in the passage. (1m)

- _____ Vanita sought help from the doctor
_____ Vanita's father became weaker.
_____ Vanita drank the beauty potion.

33. List 2 ways to show how Vanita convinced the doctor to help her.

- i. _____ (1m)
ii. _____ (1m)

34. Which word has the same meaning as 'preoccupied'? Circle either (A) or (B). (1m)

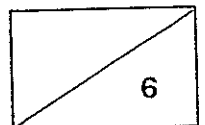
She was so obsessed with her appearance that she disregarded his words of caution.

(A)

(B)

35. Write one word from paragraph 2 that has a similar meaning as 'gave in'. (1m)

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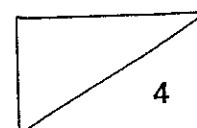
For Q36-38, read each statement and Tick ✓ "True" or "False". The first example has been done for you. (3 M)

	Statement	True	False
Example	Vanita is the daughter of the king.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
36.	Vanita went to see the doctor to get a cure for her deafness.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
37.	Vanita's lifespan would be reduced after taking the beauty potion.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
38.	The doctor tried to stop Vanita from taking the beauty potion.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

39. Why did Vanita not want to look in the mirror ever again? (1m)

- (1) She was satisfied with her appearance.
- (2) She did not want to repeat the same mistake.
- (3) She became very ugly after her father's death.
- (4) She did not need to look in the mirror anymore.

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Section H: Comprehension 2 (Short Response)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 40 to 47.

(10 marks)

For nine hours every day, Mr Sing faithfully stands at his little stall selling kacang puteh*. His small pushcart is full of plastic bottles filled with all sorts of nuts. His one-dollar snacks are sold in white paper cones.

Mr Sing's day begins at 11.30 a.m. When he gets tired, he pulls out his plastic stool to sit on. His stall does not have a signboard so many people simply pass by without a second glance. Mr Sing has been peddling kacang puteh for about 15 years. 5

Before popcorn invaded cinemas, people picked up cones of kacang puteh from sellers like Mr Sing to munch through a movie. At that time, kacang puteh sellers, dressed in their white shirts and sarongs, would roam the streets. The sellers carried their kacang puteh in bags that were neatly arranged in a wooden box. They would call out to customers to buy their kacang puteh. They sold the kacang puteh in cones made of newspaper or torn pages from magazines. 10

Tougher times are ahead for Mr Sing whose business has dwindled in recent years. He used to make about \$700 to \$800 a month but he makes only about \$200 monthly now. Kacang puteh is no longer appealing to the younger generation who prefers popcorn to the traditional snack. 15

*Kacang puteh are roasted, salted or sweetened nuts eaten as snacks.

Adapted from <http://blogofsorts.wordpress.com/2009/02/19/kacang-puteh-anyone/>

40. What is Mr Sing's occupation? (1m)

41. Why do passers-by fail to notice Mr Sing's kacang puteh stall? (1m)

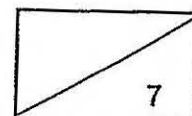
42. List two things that kacang puteh sellers of the past did to sell their kacang puteh on the streets. (2m)

(i) _____

(ii) _____

For questions 43-44, read each statement and Tick ✓ "True" or "False". The first example has been done for you. (3m)

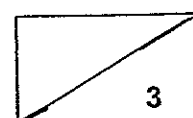
	Statement	True	False
Example	Mr Sing's kacang puteh snacks cost one dollar.	✓	
43.	Mr Sing ^{sells} sold his kacang puteh in cones made of newspaper or torn pages from magazines.		
44.	Mr Sing has been a kacang puteh seller for 15 years.		
45.	Mr Sing currently makes about \$700 to \$800 a month from selling kacang puteh.		



46. Write one word from paragraph 4 that has a similar meaning as 'worsened'? (1m)

47. Why is kacang puteh no longer popular with the younger generation? (2m)

END OF BOOKLET B



Exam Paper 2014 Answer Sheet

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1) 4	6) 2	11) 2	16) C	21) sing	26) around
2) 3	7) 4	12) 4	17) A	22) tells	
3) 4	8) 3	13) 3	18) E	23) deliver	
4) 3	9) 3	14) 4	19) is	24) position	
5) 2	10) 3	15) F	20) has	25) way	

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28. Since you do not want to talk to me, I will not bother you.
29. Danny wants neither potato chips nor sweets.
30. John cheered excitedly when he heard the good news.
31. She was self-loving and conceited.
32. 1, 3, 2
33. i. She pleaded with tears in her eyes.
ii. She threatened to kill herself if he refused to help her.
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35. relented
36. False
37. False
38. True
39. 2
40. He is a kacang puteh seller.
41. His stall does not have a signboard so many people simply pass by without a second glance.
42. i. The sellers carried their kacang puteh in bags that were neatly arranged in a wooden box.
ii. Kacang puteh sellers would call out to their customers to buy.
43. False
44. True
45. False
46. dwindled
47. The younger generation prefers popcorn to the traditional snack.

