

Section A: Grammar (8 marks)

For each question from 1 to 8, 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.

1 Mother instructed my sister and me to share the household chores between _____.

- (1) herself
- (2) myself
- (3) ourselves
- (4) themselves

2 While walking to school this morning, Ali _____ shocked to witness an accident.

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

3 The players _____ overjoyed when they heard they had won the game.

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

4 "Keep your voice down. Your grandfather _____ a nap now," said my mother.

- (1) took
- (2) takes
- (3) is taking
- (4) has taken

5 Last week, I _____ a concert with my friends after seeking my parents' permission.

- (1) attend
- (2) attended
- (3) was attending
- (4) have attended

6 While everyone _____ for recess, students on duty stayed behind to tidy up the classroom.

- (1) goes
- (2) will go
- (3) is going
- (4) had gone

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7 _____ participants here have been waiting for almost an hour for their turn to put up their performance.

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

8 Father was so busy with his work that he had _____ time to read the newspaper.

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

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Section B: Vocabulary (6 marks)

For each question from 9 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.

- 9 Many of my friends recommend the newly-opened noodle restaurant but I think that the soup is rather _____!
- (1) dull
 - (2) bland
 - (3) dreary
 - (4) inquisitive
- 10 I agree that this is an unpleasant situation to be in, but you have to _____ and make a decision quickly.
- (1) bite the bullet
 - (2) bite your nails
 - (3) bite the hand that feeds you
 - (4) bite off more than you can chew
- 11 If you had taken my _____ to book your flight early you would not have had any problems now trying to get a ticket to Bali for your sister's wedding.
- (1) advice
 - (2) approval
 - (3) motivation
 - (4) commendation

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- 12 Recently, I visited the museum in which paintings and artefacts were displayed. I was _____.
- (1) intuitive
 - (2) infected
 - (3) intrigued
 - (4) invested
- 13 Although Mei Li has a weak heart, she was fortunate enough to _____ the surgery.
- (1) pull off
 - (2) pull out
 - (3) pull away
 - (4) pull through
- 14 Please find somebody who will be able to _____ and make sense of this ambiguous message.
- (1) churn
 - (2) clarify
 - (3) compose
 - (4) complicate

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PAPER 2 (BOOKLET B)

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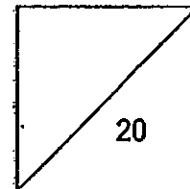
Answer all questions.

Write your answers in this booklet.

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Class: Primary 4. _____

Date: 7 October 2013



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Section C: Comprehension (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

David jumped when he heard a loud noise downstairs, above the sound of the howling wind. He stopped reading and went to the top of the stairs.

"Dad, is that you?" he called. David waited but there came no answer.

"The wind must have blown open the front door again," David mumbled to himself, as he headed downstairs. He probably had not closed it tight enough when he was calling his dog in. 5

Suddenly, the lights went out! David was startled. It was pitch-dark and David had to grope his way around towards the front door. Just before he reached it, the light from a flash of lightning silhouetted a hulking figure just outside. David stood there, frozen in fright. A few seconds later, there was another flash of lightning. This time, the figure was aggressively trying to break down the door as he waved something desperately in the air. David's scream was drowned out by a long roll of thunder. 10

David ran for the stairs in the darkness, stumbling on the first step and cracking his knee. He cried out as he limped up the stairs and hobbled into the living room. His heart was pounding and he knew he definitely needed to find a way to escape. Just then, he heard something — thump, thump — thump — the heavy tread of someone coming up the stairway. As David felt around the room, in search of the telephone, he wished with all his heart that this nightmare would come to an end soon. 15

Adapted from Murder Comes to Life by Richard Brightfield

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15 Which two-word phrase from lines 1 – 6 tells you that there was probably a storm outside? [1m]

16 David concluded that the loud noise downstairs was caused by _____. [1m]

(1) himself

(2) the dog

(3) his father

(4) the thunder

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For Q17-19, read each statement and tick (✓) either "True" or "False".

Refer to lines 1-¹³6 to help you. The first example has been done for you. [3m]

	Statement	True	False
Example	David was sleeping before he heard the loud noise above the sound of the howling wind.		✓
Q17	David jumped when he heard the sound of the howling wind.		
Q18	David's screams could not be heard in the storm.		
Q19	David saw the shadow of a figure before the lights went off.		

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20 Tick (✓) one of the boxes.

David groped his way around suggests that _____ [1m]

	he was tired and sleepy
	he could not see where he was going
	the lightning was too blinding

21 Which word has the same idea as to **behave violently**? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

This time, the figure was aggressively trying to break down the door as he waved
(A)

something desperately in air.
(B)

For Q22-23, tick (✓) whether the statements describe David or the intruder. Refer to paragraph 5 to help you. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

	Statement	David	Intruder
Example	His heart was pounding.	✓	
Q22	He limped up the stairs.		
Q23	He walked up the stairs with heavy steps.		

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24 Put the following statements in the right sequence, according to the flow in the story. Write 1, 2 and 3 on the lines provided. [1m]

_____ David looked for the telephone.

_____ David injured his knee.

_____ David decided he needed to find a way to escape.

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Section D: Grammar Cloze (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 EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.**

(A) my	(B) he	(C) him
(D) our	(E) us	(F) we

My father does a lot of things with me. I often go for evening walks with

_____ around our neighbourhood. We look at all kinds of plants

(25)

and insects on _____ walks. My father is very knowledgeable as

(26)

_____ knows a lot about insects and plants that

(27)

_____ observe. He tells me about them and sometimes, we look up

(28)

more information on rare species in the library.

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Section E: Grammar Cloze (2 marks)

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

My family is closely-knit. Everyone in the family [enjoy / enjoys] doing
(29)

things together. My siblings and I [look / looks] forward to the weekends as our
(30)

parents do not work on those days. Going to the library on Saturday mornings

[is / are] our favourite pastime. Time spent reading in the library always
(31)

[pass / passes] so quickly that we are often reluctant to go home. Nevertheless,
(32)

we eagerly await our visit the following week.

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Section F: Synthesis (2 marks)

For each of the questions 26 and 27, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

- 33 John is not playing in the next rugby match. Peter is not playing in the next rugby match too.

Neither John _____

- 34 My mother does not like to exercise. She likes to shop instead.

My mother prefers _____

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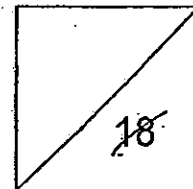
Answer all questions.

Write your answers in this booklet.

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Section G: Vocabulary Cloze (8 marks)

Read the passage carefully. Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

It was the end of another school day. The _____ at Oaks
(35)

Elementary School were packing their bags, looking _____ to going
(36)

home. However, that was soon about to change as the tornado warnings blared.

Terrified young girls and boys huddled together in the hallways as teachers

dived over them to protect them _____ falling debris. "It was
(37)

frightening," a student recounted. "I didn't want to fly away in the tornado." This was

the worst tornado the school in Oklahoma had ever _____
(38)

By the time it was gone, so was the school. In its place was a huge pile of

rubble, trapping teachers and children. Before _____ the first few
(39)

rescue teams arrived at the scene to begin the treacherous work of searching for

_____. All the rest of the community could do was to wait and hope for
(40)

the best.

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Section H : Comprehension (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 41 to 47.

Rhonda might not be smart enough to pass the test, but she was clever enough to get away with cheating on it. As Rhonda passed by Sunil on the way to her desk, she winked and let fall a tiny slip of paper. It drifted down like a feather and settled lightly upon Sunil's desk. The test answers! Sunil peeked over at the 'pencil woman' but she had not noticed, she was too busy grading Rhonda's test now, making check mark after check mark and nodding her head. So the answers were indeed the right ones and here they sat on his desk! 5

Sunil had no idea how hard the test would be. No matter that he had resisted, no matter that he had chosen this seat precisely to avoid this situation, here he was, staring at a slip of paper that contained the key to his hopes. All he had to do was turn it over and look at the answers. The other children were too busy sniffing and biting their fingernails to notice and if he hurried, he might even copy the answers down before the 'pencil woman' looked up again. She had finished grading Rhonda's paper and was concentrating on the next script. Sunil stared a long moment at the paper, sorely tempted. 10 15

Then, he reached out and flicked it from his desk and onto the floor. What good would those opportunities do him if he was not qualified to be given them? And where was the pleasure in cheating? If he could not pass fairly, he did not want to pass. He thought this – and mostly believed it – and felt his spirits boosted by the decision. But even so, a few seconds passed before he 20

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could tear his eyes from the paper on the floor. "All right," he told himself, returning to the test, "get a move on, Sunil, and don't look back. There's no time to waste!"

25

Adapted from *The Mysterious Benedict Society* by Trenton Lee Stewart

41 Who is the 'pencil woman'?

[1m]

42 What are two pieces of evidence to show that the answers given to Sunil were correct?

[2m]

43 Write 1, 2 and 3 on the lines. Put the sentences in the right sequence, according to the flow in the story.

[1m]

_____ Sunil checked that he was not being watched.

_____ Rhonda passed his desk.

_____ She dropped the paper on his desk.

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- 44 Which word from **paragraph two** has the same meaning as "extremely"? [1m]

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- 45 State whether each sentence below is **True** or **False**. Give a reason for your answer.

Sentence	True / False	Reason
i) Sunil had purposely chosen his seat so that he could easily cheat.		
ii) Sunil expected the test to be difficult.		

- 46 What does "this" in line 21 refer to? [2m]

- 47 How do we know that Sunil felt good about the decision? [1m]



ANSWER SHEET

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SUBJECT : PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH

TERM : SA2

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

BOOKLET B

Q15 Howling wind

Q16

	Statement	True	False
Example	David was sleeping before he heard the loud noise above the sound of the howling wind		
Q17	David jumped when he heard the sound of the howling wind		✓
Q18	David's screams could not be heard in the storm	✓	
Q19	David saw the shadow of a figure before the lights went off.		✓

Q20

	He was tired and sleepy
✓	He could not see where he was going
	The lighting was too blinding

Q21

This time, the figure was aggressively trying to break down the door as he waved



something desperately in the air.

B

Statement			
Example	His heart was pounding		
Q22	He limped up the stairs	✓	
Q23	He walked up the stairs with heavy steps		✓

Q24

3

1

2

Q25

C

Q26

D

Q27

B

Q28

F

Q29

Enjoys

Q30
Look
Q31
Is

Q32
Passes

Q33
Neither John nor Peter is playing in the next rugby match.

Q34
My mother prefers to shop rather than to exercise.

BOOKLET C

Q35
Students

Q36
Forward

Q37
From

Q38
Experienced

Q39
Long

Q40
Survivors

Q41
She is a teacher

Q42
The 'pencil woman' was making check marks after check marks and nodding her head.

Q43
3
1
2

Q44
Sorely

Q45

Sentence	True/False	Reason
i) Sunil had purposely chosen his seat so that he could easily cheat	False	He had chosen his seat precisely to avoid this situation
ii) Sunil expected the test to be difficult	False	Sunil had no idea how hard the test would be.

Q46

It refers to the idea that if he could not pass fairly, he would rather fail.

Q47

He felt his spirits boosted by the decision.