



## PRIMARY 4 MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2017

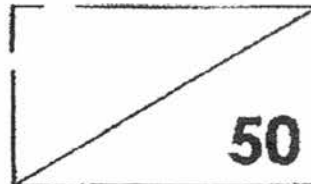
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Class: Primary 4 (    )

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### ENGLISH LANGUAGE

#### PAPER 2

#### (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

##### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES :

1. Write your name, class and register number.
2. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.
5. For questions 1 to 14, shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet(OAS) provided.
6. For questions 15 to 39, write your answers in this booklet.

**Section A (6 x 1m)**

**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 answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

1. A Jewellery shop in the shopping centre was broken \_\_\_\_\_ by two burglars.  
(1) up  
(2) off  
(3) into  
(4) down
  
2. The loud music \_\_\_\_\_ the baby, who was asleep, and he woke up crying.  
(1) startled  
(2) amazed  
(3) confused  
(4) distracted
  
3. The old man \_\_\_\_\_ along the road with the aid of his walking stick.  
(1) hurried  
(2) strutted  
(3) hobbled  
(4) swaggered

4. There was an eye-catching \_\_\_\_\_ in front of the department store about the Great Singapore Sale.

(1) map

(2) menu

(3) poster

(4) directory

5. The \_\_\_\_\_ made sure that the concertgoers had a memorable experience.

(1) owners

(2) organisers

(3) candidates

(4) participants

6. Wendy could not find any \_\_\_\_\_ in the kitchen so she went to the supermarket to buy some disposable forks and spoons.

(1) tools

(2) cutlery

(3) apparatus

(4) equipment

**Section B (8 x 1m)**

**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 answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

7. All but Betty \_\_\_\_\_ invited to attend the birthday party last week.

(1) is

(2) are

(3) was

(4) were

8. We are very hungry. There must be a restaurant \_\_\_\_\_ around here.

(1) nowhere

(2) anywhere

(3) somewhere

(4) everywhere

9. Sally \_\_\_\_\_ painting. She goes to the community club every Sunday to learn how to paint.
- (1) loves
  - (2) loved
  - (3) has loved
  - (4) had loved
10. The patient took her medicine twice a day when she \_\_\_\_\_ a fever.
- (1) has
  - (2) had
  - (3) have
  - (4) having
11. The pupils \_\_\_\_\_ soccer in the field when it started to rain.
- (1) play
  - (2) plays
  - (3) are playing
  - (4) were playing

12. My father \_\_\_\_\_ not drive his car to work as it had been sent for repair.

(1) can

(2) may

(3) might

(4) could

13. Tom has a passion \_\_\_\_\_ art. He likes to draw.

(1) for

(2) with

(3) about

(4) through

14. Mrs Lee had prepared too \_\_\_\_\_ food so she gave some away.

(1) few

(2) little

(3) many

(4) much

## Section C (10 m)

### Comprehension

Read the passage below and answer questions 15 to 22 based on the passage.

Tina had to squint occasionally to see the whiteboard clearly. Before long, she was struggling to see, but kept her problem to herself. Instead, she asked her teacher for a seat nearer to the front.

At home, Tina sat very near to the television. Her caring mother noticed that she was squinting and became worried. Tomorrow we will go to the optician " she said firmly. Tina protested, but her mother had already made up her mind. 5

Three days later, Tina's new spectacles were ready for collection. Tina frowned all the way home. She had been instructed to wear her glasses all the time. "Everyone will think I'm a nerd," she grumbled. 10

In class, Tina kept the spectacles in her pocket. She avoided her friends and felt miserable. Suddenly, she heard Devi cry out, "My left earring is gone! My mother gave them to me for my birthday!"

Tina and her friends ran over to Devi. They searched high and low for the earring. Seeing how anxious Devi was, Tina put on her spectacles. Everything around her became crystal clear. Then, she saw a glimmer of silver. 15

"I've found it!" Tina shouted and handed the earring to Devi.

"Thanks, Tina," said Devi gratefully. "I never thought we'd find it." She paused and added, "Hey, I didn't know you wore spectacles. They look great!" 20

Tina smiled shyly. As they returned to their seats, two more girls complimented Tina. "Maybe wearing spectacles isn't so bad after all," she thought.

Adapted from 'It's All Clear' by Jean Lowler

15. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events took place in the story. (1m)

	Tina's mother took Tina to the optician.
	Devi and her classmates looked for the earring.
	Tina's classmates praised Tina when she wore her spectacles.

16. In paragraphs 1 and 2, what three things did Tina do to help her see more clearly?

i. \_\_\_\_\_ (1m)

ii. \_\_\_\_\_ (1m)

iii. \_\_\_\_\_ (1m)

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

Her caring mother noticed that she was squinting and  
(A)  
became worried.  
(B)



18. Tick ✓ the most suitable answer.

Tina was a \_\_\_\_\_ girl. (1m)

<input type="checkbox"/>	daring
<input type="checkbox"/>	confident
<input type="checkbox"/>	thoughtful

For Q19-21, read each sentence and tick ✓ "True" or "False".  
The first example has been done for you.

(3m)

	Sentence	True	False
Example	Tina went to anoptician to get a pair of spectacles.	✓	
19.	Tina was miserable because Devi had lost her earring.		
20.	Devi lost her earring on her birthday.		
21.	At the end of the story, Tina was happy with her new look.		

22. Which three-word phrase in paragraph 5 tells you that Tina could see very well? (1m)

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**Section D (4 x 1m)**

**Grammar Cloze**

Read the passage carefully. There are 4 blanks, numbered 23 to 26, in the passage below. 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.

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|----------|--------|---------|
| (A) I    | (B) me | (C) our |
| (D) they | (E) we | (F) you |

Dear Sabrina,

It's difficult to find a true friend like you. I think (23) \_\_\_\_\_ am

very lucky to have you as a friend. Without you, life would be very boring.

I still remember the first day of school when (24) \_\_\_\_\_ were

young. During recess, (25) \_\_\_\_\_ and I would always play

together. It's been 15 years and (26) \_\_\_\_\_ friendship has

grown. I would like to thank you for being there for me.

Love,  
Dani

Adapted from <http://www.letters.org/friendship-letter/letter-to-a-friend.html>

## Section E (4 x 1m)

### Grammar Cloze

Read the passage carefully. There are 4 blanks, numbered 27 to 30, in the passage below. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

The giant panda is one of the rarest mammals. Only about one thousand pandas (27) [ survive / survives ] in the wild. A panda eats mostly bamboo shoots and leaves. Its teeth are very broad and flat. They (28) [ help / helps ] the panda to crush their food. Female pandas (29) [ raise / raises ] their cubs on their own. A cub (30) [ weigh / weighs ] only around 150g at birth. Pandas are shy creatures. Hence, they do not venture into areas where people live.

**Section F (4 x 2m)**

**Synthesis and Transformation**

For each of the questions 31 to 34, 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 meaning of the given sentence(s).

31. "We're going to the supermarket today," Mrs Ho told her son.

Mrs Ho told her son that \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

32. If we do not hurry, we will miss the start of the movie.

\_\_\_\_\_ unless

\_\_\_\_\_

33. David is my neighbour. He is the smartest boy in his class.

\_\_\_\_\_ who

\_\_\_\_\_

34. Peter does not know how to cycle. Jane also does not know how to cycle.

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

\_\_\_\_\_

**Section G (5 x 2m)**

**Comprehension Open**

Read the passage below and answer questions 35 to 39.

Perspiration dotted Ahmad's forehead as he waited anxiously under the light of a street lamp along the road for a vehicle to drive by. He was left stranded as his car had a punctured tyre.

To make matters worse, the dim moonlight cast eerie shadows on the road. Ahmad prayed silently for a good Samaritan to drive past the stretch of the road but he knew his chances were slim. With the opening of the new expressway, travelling time was reduced and this resulted in many drivers using the expressway instead. He regretted not heeding his wife's advice to use the expressway. Now, he had to pay the price for it.

Just as he was losing hope, Ahmad spotted the headlights of a car approaching. Relieved, he stepped into its path, waving his arms frantically. He just wanted to get home to his family who would be worried about him. Luckily, the car came to a halt. The driver wound down the window and smiled warmly.

"May I use your phone to call the tow truck?" Ahmad asked.

"I can help. I fix cars for a living," the driver replied.

Ahmad beamed and told the driver his plight. He knew that he had met a kind soul and would be able to return home in time for his son's birthday celebration.

**ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.**

35. Why was Ahmad stranded along the road?

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36. Give one reason why many drivers preferred using the new expressway.

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37. What did Ahmad do to attract the attention of the driver?

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38. What does the word 'It' in paragraph 2 refer to?

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39. How did the driver help Ahmad?

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End of Paper

EXAM PAPER 2017 (P4)

SCHOOL : Tao Nan

SUBJECT : English

TERM : SA1

ORDER CALL :

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
3	1	3	3	2	2	4	3	1	2
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
4	4	1	4						
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30

15)1 , 2 , 3

16)i)She had to squint occasionally to see more clearly.

ii)She sat very near to the television.

iii)Tina asked her teacher for a seat nearer to the front.

17)B

18)thoughtful

19)False

20)False

21)True

22)became crystal clear

23)A

24)E

25)F

26)C

27)survive

28)help

29)raise

30)weighs

31)Mrs Ho told her son that they were going to the supermarket that day.

32)We will miss the start of the movie unless we hungry

33)David who is the smartest boy in his class is my neighbour.

34)Neither Peter nor Jane knows how to cycle.

35)His car had a punctured tyre.

36)The travelling time was reduced.

37)He stopped into the car's path and waved his arms frantically.

38)It refers to Ahmad not heeding his wife's a drive to use the expressway.

39)The driver fixed Ahmad's punctured tyre.