

CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL
SECOND SEMESTRAL EXAMINATION 2007
ENGLISH PAPER I

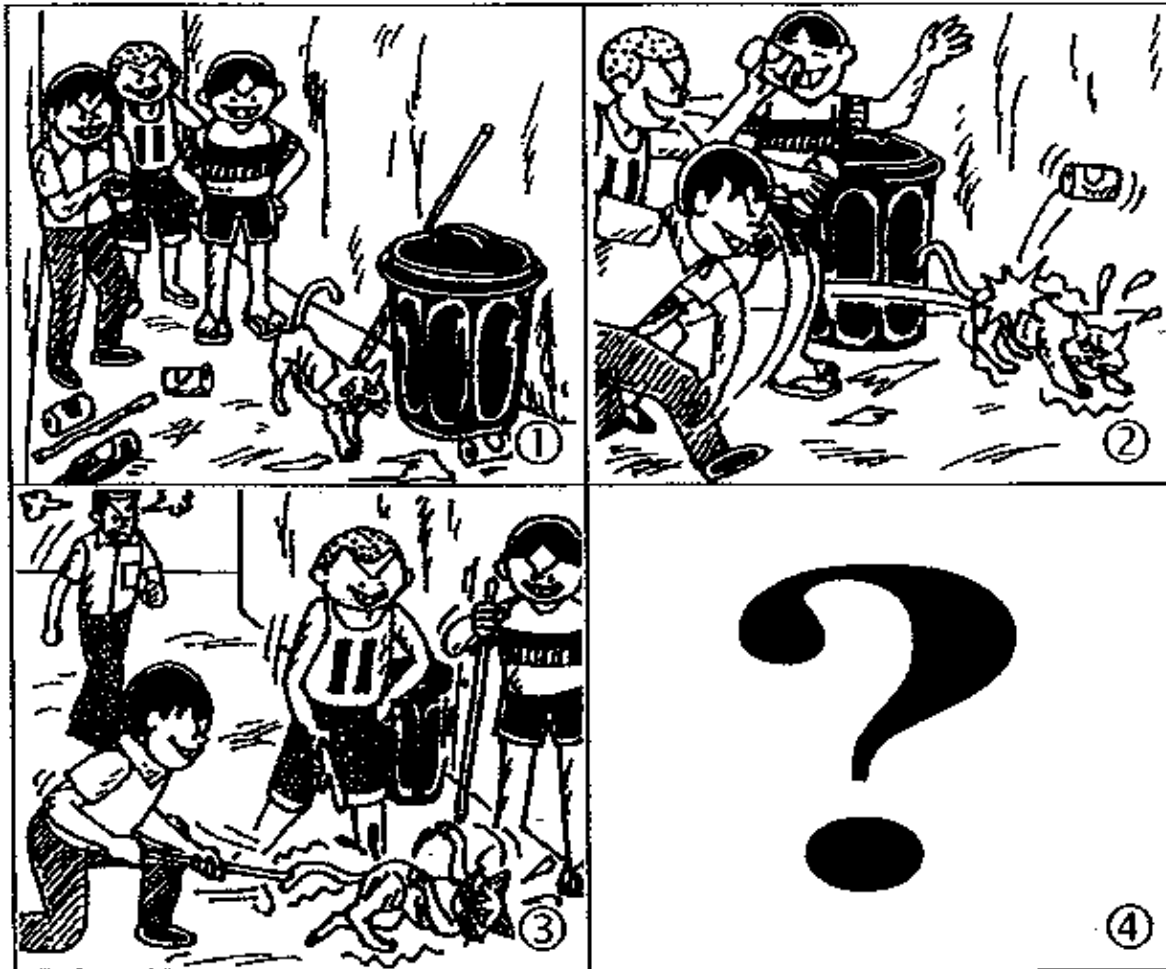
Name: _____
Date: _____

Class: Pr 4 _____
Duration: 50 minutes
Marks: _____ /20

Choose only one question

Question 1

Write a story of at least 120 words based on the pictures below. Give the story your own ending. You may use the words and phrases in the box. You are encouraged to include other relevant points to make your composition interesting.



Helping Words:

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|--------|-------------|----------|-----------------|---------|
| alley | mischievous | tin-cans | escape | injured |
| sticks | furious | cruelty | disgraceful act | vet |

Question 2

Last weekend, you were shopping at a bookshop and you have decided to purchase one of the books. When you were about to make payment, you realized that your purse is missing.

Write a composition of **at least 120 words** based on the above situation. Give the story your own ending.

Make use of the following points in your composition. You may re-order the points. You may also include other relevant points to make your composition interesting.

- tearful
- explained to the cashier
- helpless
- information booth
- announcement
- recovered
- ?

Name : _____ ()

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Primary 4

Second Semestral Assessment – 2007

English Language

27th September 2007

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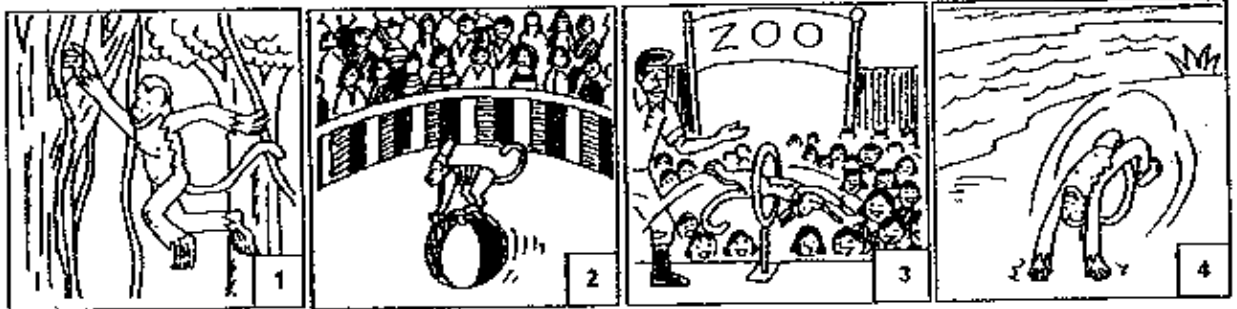
Duration of Paper: 1 hr 30 min

Do not open the booklet until you are told to do so
Follow all instructions carefully.

Section A – Picture Matching (4 x 1 mark)

Look at the set of pictures. Listen carefully to your teacher and choose the picture that describes what has been read. Then choose the correct answer, (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

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(4)



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Section B – Vocabulary MCQ (7 x 1 mark)

Choose the correct answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

5. That little boy is so clumsy! He is like a _____, always knocking things down.

- (1) bull in a china shop (2) fish out of water
(3) snake in the grass (4) wolf in sheep's clothing ()

6. We visited the philatelic museum to view old and rare _____ from all over the world.

- (1) paintings (2) photographs
(3) stamps (4) stickers ()

7. The waiter was very _____ in his service. He did not keep us waiting at all.

- (1) competent (2) early
(3) serious (4) prompt ()

8. The _____ gathered at the church punctually for the afternoon service.

- (1) audience (2) witnesses
(3) spectators (4) congregation ()

9. Yesterday, the jury found Mr Kenneth Jones innocent of all charges and had since _____ him.

- (1) acquitted *set free* (2) conferred
(3) liberated (4) released ()

10. It was nice of Lena to buy me a _____ of fruit when she visited me in the hospital.

- (1) basket (2) bale
(3) bouquet (4) bundle ()

11. My father always buys his daily newspaper from the _____ in my neighbourhood.

- (1) newscaster (2) newsreader
(3) newsroom (4) newsstand ()

Section C – Grammar MCQ (8 x 1 mark)

Choose the correct answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

12. I do not have _____ money. I can only buy either one of the two pens.
(1) less (2) more
(3) much (4) some ()
13. Uncle Patrick _____ us to the swimming pool last Sunday. We had a great time there.
(1) take (2) took
(3) had taken (4) has taken ()
14. Mabel, as well as her cousins, _____ netball every day.
(1) play (2) plays
(3) are playing (4) is playing ()
15. Kenny used to be an irresponsible boy _____ he has since turned over a new leaf.
(1) as (2) so
(3) and (4) but ()
16. One of my father's antique vases dropped _____ the shelf and shattered into pieces.
(1) off (2) out
(3) into (4) along ()
17. Neither the pupils nor their teacher _____ in class this morning.
(1) is (2) are
(3) was (4) were ()
18. _____ you mind accompanying me to the hospital?
(1) Could (2) Might
(3) Should (4) Would ()
19. These are my classmates. Some of _____ have been with me since Primary One.
(1) who (2) whom
(3) which (4) whose ()

Section D – Graphic Stimulus (5 x 1 mark)

Study the advertisement carefully and answer the questions that follow.

JULY SISTERS TRAVEL
AND TOURS PTE LTD

WEST COAST AMERICA TOUR
9 DAYS 8 NIGHTS
a promotional rate of \$2888++ !!!

First 100 customers who sign up will receive a mystery gift!

Early bird discount of \$50 if you sign up before 31st July!

Itinerary:

5 November: Depart from Changi Airport at 4 a.m.
Transit at Japan Narita Airport

7 November: Arrive at Las Vegas Airport 12 noon
Lunch at Ritz Carlton Hotel
Visit to Las Vegas largest casino (No children allowed)

8 November: Visit Hoover Dam and Barstow Factory Outlet
Watch a live show at Stratosphere Hotel

9 November: Traditional Chinese breakfast at local hotel
Visit to Grand Canyon (Guaranteed spectacular viewing spot)

10 November: Travel to Los Angeles by coach
Dinner at Disney Hotel

11 November: Breakfast at hotel
Visit to Disneyland
Children (5-12 yrs old) can take part in a Disney character drawing contest. (Souvenirs included for every participant)

12 November: Breakfast at hotel
Visit to Universal Studios (Free cable car ride for a child with 2 adults)
Free and easy

13 November: Flight back to Singapore at 4p.m.

Call Alan Tam at 6987 6543 for more enquiries

Choose the correct answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

20. The West Coast America tour is promoted by _____
- (1) Alan Tam
 - (2) Narita Airport
 - (3) Ritz Carlton Hotel
 - (4) July Sisters Travel and Tours Pte Ltd ()
21. If you sign up for the West Coast America tour on 26th July, your tour fees will cost _____
- (1) \$2388++
 - (2) \$2838++
 - (3) \$2883++
 - (4) \$2888++ ()
22. Which of the following statements is true?
- (1) Participants will travel to Los Angeles by ferry.
 - (2) The return flight is expected to leave for Singapore at 4 a.m.
 - (3) Participants will enjoy a traditional Chinese breakfast on the second day.
 - (4) The forty-second person to sign up for the tour will receive a mystery gift. ()
23. Children going on this tour can participate in all the activities except for the visit to _____
- (1) the casino
 - (2) Factory outlet
 - (3) Universal studios
 - (4) the Grand Canyon ()
24. Besides the discount, what other incentives can customers enjoy if they sign up early?
- (1) A mystery gift
 - (2) A free breakfast
 - (3) A complimentary one-night stay at Disney Hotel
 - (4) A souvenir for participating in the drawing competition ()

Section E – Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Borneo is a treasure island of Asia. Not only is it the largest island in Asia, it is one of the few places in Southeast Asia where vast areas of forests still stand. These forests are believed to house the largest number of plant species in the world. It is estimated that there are 15,000 plant species in Borneo. This island is also home to hundreds of animal species that are found nowhere else in the world.

In the last ten years, 361 new plant and animal species have been discovered there. Scientists believe that this figure is only the tip of the iceberg as there are countless more unknown species waiting to be discovered.

Before scientists are able to unearth these unknown species, they would have been destroyed by the on-going human activities. People fell trees to clear lands to make way for buildings. Deforestation has also made poaching easier as poachers can enter the natural habitats of the animals to hunt for them.

A million years ago, orang utans could be found in many parts of Asia, ranging from Java, Laos to China. Today, it can only be found on the islands of Borneo and Sumatra. Threatened severely by habitat destruction and illegal animal trade, there are very few of these animals left in the wild.

Adapted from Treasure Island of Asia

Choose the correct answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

25. From the passage, we know that Borneo is _____.
- (1) an island of forests
 - (2) the largest island in Asia
 - (3) an island surrounded by icebergs ()
 - (4) the only island where orang utans can be found
26. Which word in the passage refers to the cutting down of trees?
- (1) fell
 - (2) unearth
 - (3) destroyed
 - (4) threatened ()
27. In the past, orang utans could be found in _____.
- (1) Southeast Asia
 - (2) Borneo and Sumatra
 - (3) Java, Laos and China
 - (4) the treasure island of Asia ()
28. Which one of the following activities does not affect the survival of wildlife in Borneo?
- (1) poaching
 - (2) deforestation
 - (3) illegal animal trade
 - (4) discovering new wildlife ()
29. Which one of the following statements is **true**?
- (1) There is a reduced number of wildlife in Borneo.
 - (2) Borneo has the largest number of animal species.
 - (3) Majority of plant species have already been discovered.
 - (4) All the animal species in Borneo can be found elsewhere in the world. ()

Section F – Vocabulary Cloze (6 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the most suitable word in the box and write its letter (A to K) in the blank. The letter 'I' has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY

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|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| (A) drag | (C) marks | (E) sleep | (G) study | (J) relax |
| (B) finish | (D) forward | (F) announce | (H) weekends | (K) completing |

I hate Mondays for many reasons. Mondays are usually the busiest day of the week. It (30) _____ the end of leisure and relaxation and makes way for the weekly load of work and toil. The (31) _____ are my favourite. They give me something to look (32) _____ to. The greatest enjoyment is that I could (33) _____ in and only wake up when I feel like doing so.

I have not met a single person who relishes the thought of Mondays. I usually (34) _____ myself out of bed grudgingly and dashed about my usual routine of rushing to school and (35) _____ my homework. Mondays also mark the end of television time after dinner. Mother would usually hurry me off to study, with me complaining silently behind her back. How I wish that every day could be a Saturday!



Section G – Comprehension Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

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

It was a hot, scorching day. Everyone in school was feeling restless with the unbearable (36)_____. When Julie saw her best friend, she called out to her. "Lindy, would you like to (37)_____ me for an ice cream?"

"I would love to, but I'm on a diet to (38)_____ some weight," replied Lindy apologetically. "I'm sure just one scoop of ice cream doesn't (39)_____." "Thank you, but I have to (40)_____ and not give in to temptation so easily," Lindy said. "I am (41)_____ in the National Gymnastics Competition next month. This competition requires me to stay trim and fit. That is why I need to (42)_____ what I eat and train hard for the coming competition.

"Alright, I'd better not tempt you (43)_____. Otherwise, you might ask me for a brownie to go with the ice cream!" Julie teased playfully.

Section H – Comprehension (5 x 2 mark)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Write your answers in complete sentences.

Juliana smiled as she flipped through the pages of her travel photo album. The photographs brought back many happy memories she shared with her classmates during university days whenever they went on a vacation. She particularly relished the memories of her graduation trip to London as it was her first time to Europe. She recalled that she had saved long and hard for this trip, eating only homemade sandwiches instead of splurging on fast food meals.

Juliana had been travelling widely since young. Her businessman father would bring her along on his business trips if they coincided with her school holidays. Juliana always anticipated the arrival of school holidays eagerly as she could travel with her father and enrich her photo collection.

Of all the continents, she was most familiar with Australia as she had been there most often. Juliana could even walk along the streets of the major cities of Australia without a map. Her favourite city in Australia was Adelaide. She felt that it was more laidback compared with its counterparts like Melbourne and Sydney.

The country that Juliana wanted to visit most was China. She had heard about its rich culture and long history but had yet to witness the grandeur of the Forbidden Palace. Juliana also read up on this country as she had hoped to visit it one day. She was also learning Mandarin in the hope of communicating better with the locals when she could eventually go there.

Answer the following questions. Write your answers in complete sentences.

44. Why did Juliana especially enjoy the trip to London?

45. How did Juliana save enough money for her trip to London?

46. Who took Juliana travelling often when she was young?

47. Which sentence in the passage tells us that Juliana could get around easily in Australia?

48. How did Juliana prepare herself for her visit to China?

Section I – Synthesis and Dictation (12 marks)

For each of the questions from 49 to 54, combine the sentence to make one sentence using the word given. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the sentences given.

49. Sally loves to dance. She also loves to sing.

_____ and

50. Mary fell down the stairs. She was crying.

_____ so

51. Lindy was late for school. Mrs Tan did not scold her.

_____ but

52. Iris did not go to the theatre. Irene did not go to the theatre.

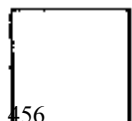
Both _____

53. Miss Yeo went to the bookshop. She bought a book.

_____ to

54. Karen cannot play with her neighbours. She is ill.

_____ because



Dictation

Q55. Take down the passage in full as you listen to it being read out.

I am so excited. My school team will be competing in the National Competition next week.

—End of Paper—



ANSWER SHEET

CHIJ PRIMARY SCHOOL - PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH 2007
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)

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|------|-------|-------------------|-------------|
| 1. 3 | 30) C | 36) weather | 42) watch |
| 2. 3 | 31) H | 37) offer | 43) anymore |
| 3. 4 | 32) D | 38) lose | |
| 4. 1 | 33) E | 39) hurt | |
| 5. 1 | 34) A | 40) resist | |
| 6. 3 | 35) K | 41) participating | |

7. 4
8. 4 44) She enjoyed it as it was her first time there.

9. 1
10. 1
11. 4 45) She ate homemade sandwiches instead of fast food.

12. 2
13. 2
14. 2 46) Juliana took her travelling when she was young.

15. 1
16. 1
17. 2 47) The sentence is: Juliana could even walk along the streets of the major cities of Australia without a map.

18. 4
19. 2
20. 4
21. 2 48) She read up on china and learned Mandarin to prepare herself for her visit to china.

22. 4
23. 1
24. 1 49) Sally loves to sing and dance.

25. 2
26. 1
27. 3 50) Mary fell down the stairs so she was crying.

28. 4
29. 1 51) Lindy was late for school but Mrs Tan did not scold her.

52)Both Iris and Irene did not go to the theatre.

53)Miss Yeo went to the bookshop to buy a book.

54)Karen cannot play with her neighbours because she is ill.

55)We came in third in the National Competition last year and we hope to achieve the same success this year. My coach has said that we will be able to win the title.