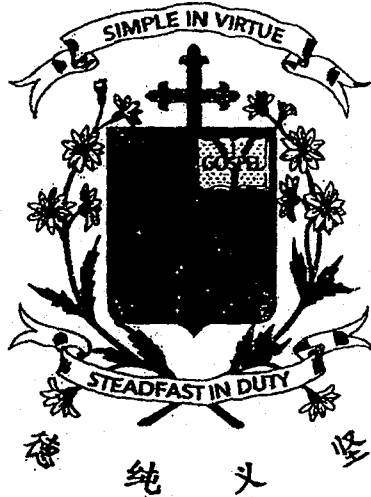


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CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)



Primary 4

Semestral Assessment 1

7 May 2018

English Language

Paper 2 Booklet A

Duration of Paper (Booklets A & B): 1 h 30 min

16 questions

16 marks

Instructions to Candidates:

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

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

This booklet consists of 7 printed pages.

Section A: Grammar MCQ (8 x 1mark)

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

1. Mrs Tan demanded angrily to know _____ had broken her vase.
 - (1) who
 - (2) which
 - (3) where
 - (4) whose

2. At assembly yesterday, Tim _____ praised by his teachers for his good deed.
 - (1) were
 - (2) was
 - (3) are
 - (4) is

3. John is very strong because he _____ carry the heavy box all by himself.
 - (1) can
 - (2) may
 - (3) must
 - (4) should

4. The ceiling fan hangs _____ our sofa.
 - (1) below
 - (2) under
 - (3) above
 - (4) between

5. Mother asked, "Do you know where _____ was taken?" as she pointed to the photograph in her hand.

- (1) this
- (2) that
- (3) these
- (4) those

6. Jason has only _____ coins left because he spent nearly all his money at the candy shop.

- (1) much
- (2) many
- (3) a few
- (4) a little

7. We _____ the television when the doorbell rang.

- (1) were watching
- (2) are watching
- (3) watched
- (4) watch

8. Both Ali and Ahmad _____ playing with their sister in the garden now.

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

Section B: Vocabulary MCQ (6 x 1 mark)

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

9. The teacher was worried about Jack's _____ absence from class.

- (1) usual
- (2) familiar
- (3) common
- (4) frequent

10. "You will need sugar and cream," said Mother as she added the _____ needed for making ice cream.

- (1) utensils
- (2) materials
- (3) equipment
- (4) ingredients

11. Filled with _____, Tom checked out the noise in the kitchen.

- (1) belief
- (2) curiosity
- (3) creativity
- (4) imagination

12. The conman has _____ the old man into giving him his hard-earned money.

- (1) judged
- (2) blamed
- (3) accused
- (4) deceived

13. Knowing that he would be punished for his mistake, Paul tried to _____ the truth.

- (1) blind
- (2) prevent
- (3) conceal
- (4) camouflage

14. Mary _____ some money every week so that she can save enough to buy a present for her mother.

- (1) puts up
- (2) puts out
- (3) puts down
- (4) puts aside

Section C: Visual Text Comprehension MCQ (2 x 1 mark)

Study the advertisement carefully and answer questions 15 and 16.

Century Bookstore at Best Mall Branch

Grand Opening Sale

Date: 12 May 2018 – 16 May 2018

Meet the Author

Saturday, 13 May 2018, 1pm

Join local author, Linda Tan, for a book-signing-and-storytelling session. Her adventure story, *Our Destiny*, shares the heartwarming bond between two best friends. The author hopes to create awareness of children with special needs through this story.



Promotion

- 20% discount on ALL books
- 30% discount on ALL stationery

Free Gift

Get a limited-edition Century Bookstore notebook with a minimum purchase of \$100 in a single receipt.

Limited to one per customer. While stocks last.



Century Membership Card

Stand a chance to win a cruise vacation and bring home attractive freebies when you sign up for a Century Card during the opening sale at Best Mall branch.

The first 100 to apply will receive a \$5-Century gift voucher.

Opening Hours

Mon to Fri: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Sat to Sun: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Visit us at Best Mall, 13 Bukit Panjung, Singapore 425644
Tel: 63453264 Email: centurybookstore@gmail.com.sg

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

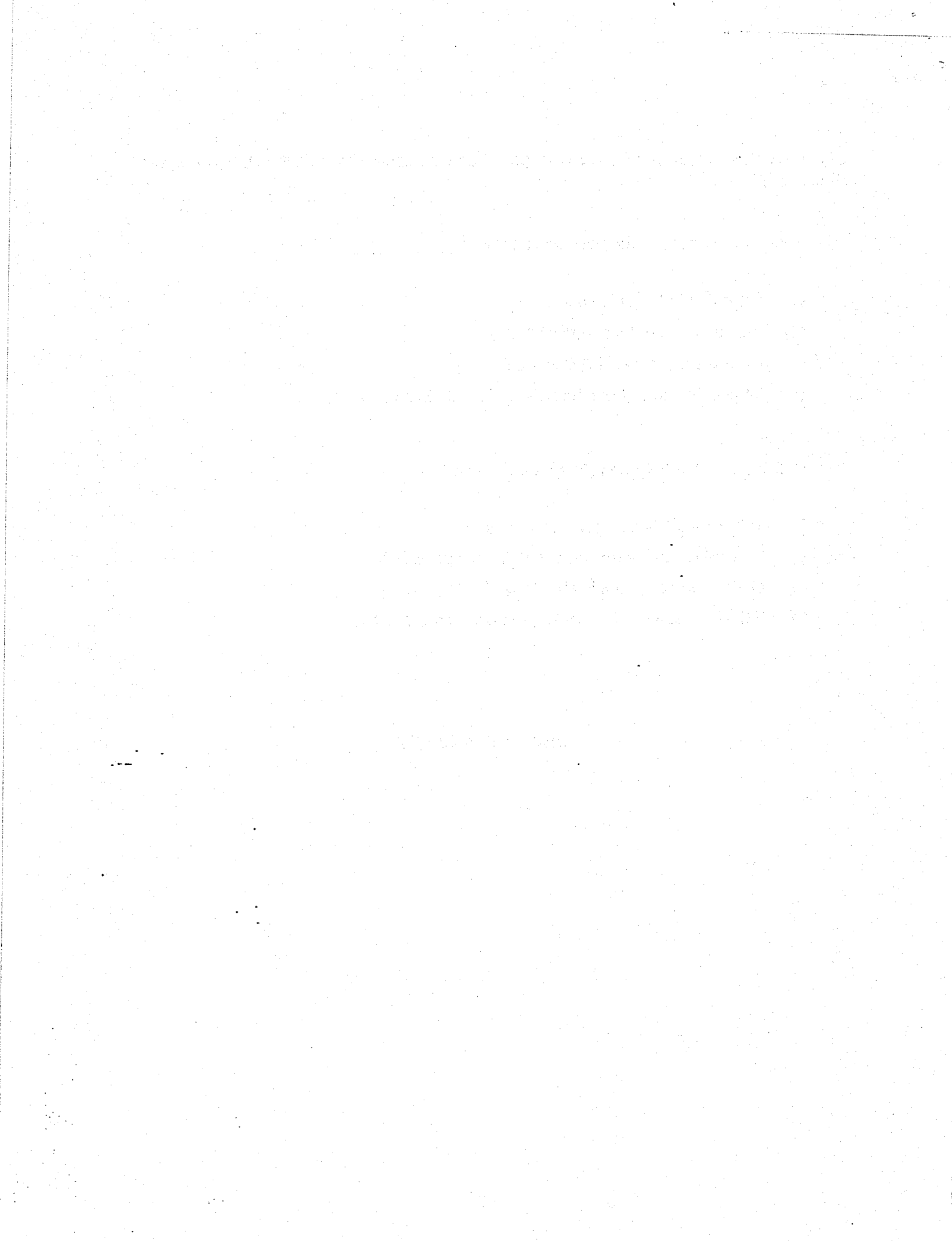
15. The main purpose of the advertisement is to _____.

- (1) promote Linda Tan's book
- (2) encourage people to read widely
- (3) get more people to visit Best Mall
- (4) let people know about the sale at Century Bookstore

16. Which one of the following statements is true?

- (1) There is a 30% discount on all books.
- (2) You will receive a free notebook if you spend \$90.
- (3) Linda Tan will be signing books and telling a story.
- (4) You will receive a \$5-voucher if you spend over \$100.

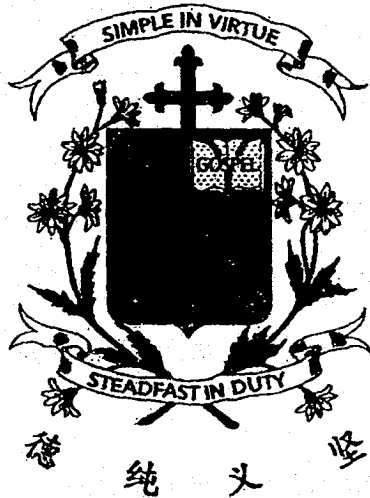
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Primary 4

Semestral Assessment 1

7 May 2018

English Language

Paper 2 Booklet B

Duration of Paper (Booklets A & B): 1 h 30 min

31 questions
34 marks

Instructions to Candidates:

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Answer all questions.

Booklet A	16
Booklet B	34
Total	50

Parent's Signature: _____

This booklet consists of 11 printed pages and 1 blank page.

Section D: Grammar Cloze [1] (4 x 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the most suitable answer from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. Use each word / phrase only once.

(A) talk	(C) talked	(E) had talked
(B) talks	(D) talking	(F) have talked

Although it was the last period of the day, all the pupils in my class were listening attentively. Mr Kumar, our English teacher, was (17) _____ seriously to us about the importance of checking our work to avoid making careless mistakes.

Quite a number of pupils had not been checking their work carefully before handing it in. So, Mr Kumar wanted to emphasise the need to check our work again. It was not the first time that Mr Kumar (18) _____ about this matter. In fact, he (19) _____ about it just three days before.

Then, he got all of us to (20) _____ among ourselves and think of ways to make sure we remember to check our work. Being a patient teacher, Mr Kumar told us that he was confident that we would get into the habit of checking our work carefully in time to come.



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Section E: Grammar Cloze [2] (4 x 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the most suitable answer from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to E) in each blank. Use each word only once.

(A) increase	(C) increased	(E) increasingly
(B) increases	(D) increasing	

Today, global warming is happening at a rapid rate. Due to global warming, the temperature on earth is (21) _____. Scientists have discovered that it is caused by greenhouse gases.

Before modern inventions, human activity actually did not produce many greenhouse gases. However, with modern inventions such as cars and planes, there is a sharp (22) _____ in greenhouse gases.

In order to power up more towns and cities, we started burning fossil fuels such as coal and oil for energy. Therefore, the amount of greenhouse gases has (23) _____. These greenhouse gases trap heat, making our earth warmer and warmer.

(24) _____, people are doing their part to reduce greenhouses gases by turning off the lights when not in use.

You can play your part in saving the earth too. After all, Earth is the only planet we call home.



Section F: Synthesis and Transformation (2 X 1 mark)

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).

25. Lisa should use a map. She does not know the way to the park.

If

26. Roy works hard in order to complete his project on time.

so that



Section G: Comprehension Cloze (4 x 1 mark)

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

Listen carefully and you will hear different kinds of sounds. Our world (27) _____ full of sounds – dogs barking, birds chirping, bees humming. Animals use sounds for different reasons.

The rattlesnake makes a rattling sound to warn predators. The rattle on the tail of a rattlesnake is made up of scales. These scales are (28) _____ a stack of upside-down teacups. When the snake shakes its tail, the 'cups' rattle against each (29) _____, making the rattling sound.

Like the rattlesnake, most animals use sounds to send messages. A dog may bark to get your attention or tell you to (30) _____ your distance. A male frog makes loud croaking sounds to attract female frogs. Other than using sounds to send messages, some animals, such as dolphins and bats, use sound to help them "see" in the water or in the dark. The sounds they make bounce back and tell them what is ahead.

All these sounds are actually vibrations. Touch your throat and feel the vibrations from within when you talk today.

Adapted from 'Animal Sounds', The Magic School Bus Magazine



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Section H: Comprehension [1] (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 31 to 40.

In 1940, four boys discovered some amazing caves. They told their teacher about them. When the teacher saw the paintings in the caves, now known as the Lascaux caves, he realised that his pupils had discovered prehistoric works of art.

Since then, scientists have studied these caves, trying to figure out the meanings behind the paintings. The early humans who made these paintings were hunters. However, these 5 paintings do not include all animals hunted by these early humans. For example, there are no paintings of reindeer although these early humans ate a lot of reindeer meat. There is also an interesting hunting scene showing the only human painted in the caves.

Scientists also found paintings consisting of squares and rectangles. These images are still a mystery. Experts think they may be linked to religious practices. 10

The early humans dwelled in tents, where they carried out day-to-day activities such as eating and sleeping. They only went to the dark, damp Lascaux caves to paint. They were creative because they made their paintings come alive by using bumps in stones as the eye of a horse.

The Lascaux caves are protected as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. They are currently 15 closed because the paintings have been slightly damaged by human activities. Scientists are trying to save these intriguing paintings. Copies of these valuable paintings have been created by some talented artists and can be bought at some museums.

Adapted from 'Back in Time to Lascaux' by P. Bouchie

For question 31 and question 32, refer to paragraph 1.
 Decide who did the following actions. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.
 The first example has been done for you. [2m]

Actions		The Four Boys	The Teacher
Example	informed someone about the caves	✓	
31.	first to discover the paintings in the caves		
32.	realised that the paintings were actually prehistoric drawings		

For question 33 to question 36, refer to paragraph 2.
 Read each statement about the Lascaux caves and tick 'True' or 'False'.
 The first example has been done for you. [3m]

	Statements	True	False
Example	The early humans hated eating reindeer meat		✓
33.	Scientists are making an effort to understand what the paintings mean.		
34.	The early humans painted reindeer in the caves.		
35.	The prehistoric paintings in the caves were done by hunters.		
36.	There is only one painting of a human found in the caves.		

37. Refer to paragraph 3.
 Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

Some experts think the early humans painted squares and rectangles to _____. [1m]

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|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | make the caves more fascinating |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | practise their religion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | create a mystery |

For question 38 and question 39, refer to paragraphs 4 and 5.
 Tick (✓) where each activity was carried out.
 The first example has been done for you. [2m]

	Activities	Caves	Tents	Museums*
Example	going about daily activities		✓	
38.	selling copies of cave paintings			
39.	making life-like paintings			

40. Which word has the same meaning as 'precious'? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

Copies of these valuable paintings have been created by some talented artists and can be bought at some museums.

(A) (B)



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Section I: Comprehension [2] (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 41 to 47.

Smiling, I watched the joyous celebration of the harvest festival with my pet canary cupped in my hands. "Boom!" Frightened by a firecracker going off, my pet canary flapped its wings furiously. I lost my grip on it.

I spotted it winging its way across the sky. Groaning, I jostled my way through the crowd. As soon as I got past the crowd, I began to give chase, determined to get it back. 5
Soon, it led me out of the city gates and into the harvest fields. I continued running after it until my legs ached in protest. Exhausted, I sat down and leaned against a large oak tree, accepting the fact that my pet canary was gone forever.

"Young girl, get up!" a skinny boy shouted at me from afar but I ignored him. His shouting continued until his voice began to turn hoarse. Finally, I stood up. He rushed over 10
and anxiously checked the area.

"Why are you so angry? It's just earth," I asked, puzzled.

Gripping his hand tightly around his flute, he turned around and looked angrily at me.
"This is where I sit every day!" he yelled.

I wanted to ease the tense situation. "Can you play the flute for me?" I asked with a 15
smile. He hesitated before he finally lifted the instrument to his lips, and the sweetest sound spilt forth from it. It was magical, something more than just sound.

"You are good!" I exclaimed when the tune ended. Blushing, he gave a smile. "You think so?" As we continued talking, our friendship blossomed. I enjoyed talking to him so
much that I forgot all about my lost canary. 20

Adapted from 'Fate is a Fickle Thing' by Saw Jin Hui

For question 41, write 1, 2, or 3 in the brackets.

41. The author was watching the harvest festival _____ . [1m]

(1) in the city

(2) at the city gates

(3) in the harvest fields

(4) under a large oak tree.

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42. What frightened the author's pet canary away? [1m]

[Write your answer using a complete sentence / complete sentences.]

43. Why did the author chase her pet canary after it flew away? [1m]

[Write your answer using a complete sentence / complete sentences.]

44. These are some statements describing the events experienced by the author. Put them in order according to the flow in the story. Write 1, 2 and 3 on the lines. [1m]

_____ She knew she had lost her pet canary for good.

_____ She was too tired to run anymore.

_____ She felt frustrated as she made her way through the crowd.

45. State whether each sentence below is True or False. Give a reason for your answer. [2m]
 [Write your reasons using complete sentences.]

Sentence	True / False	Reason
(a) The author was afraid of the boy who was shouting at her.		<hr/> <hr/>
(b) The boy was reluctant to play his flute at first.		<hr/> <hr/>

46. What were the two things the author did to ease the tense situation (line 15)? [2m]

47. Which two of the following words best describe how the boy felt before and after playing the flute? Put a tick (✓) in the box beside each of your answers.

DO NOT TICK MORE THAN ONE BOX FOR EACH EVENT.

Before playing the flute

[Put one tick (✓)]

puzzled

hostile

exhausted

After playing the flute

[Put one tick (✓)]

anxious

hesitant

friendly

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ANSWER KEY

YEAR : 2018
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TERM : SA1

Booklet A

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8
1	2	1	3	1	3	1	2
Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16
4	4	2	4	3	4	4	3

Booklet B

Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24
D	C	E	A	D	A	C	E

Q25 If Lisa does not know the way to the park, she should use a map.

Q26 Roy works hard so that he can complete his project on time.

Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
is	like	other	keep

Q31 ✓ The Four Boys

Q32 ✓ The Teacher

Q33 ✓ True

Q34 ✓ False

Q35 ✓ True

Q36 ✓ True

Q37 ✓ practise their religion

Q38 ✓ Museums

Q39 ✓ Caves

Q40 (A)

Q41 (1)

Q42 The author's pet canary was frightened away by a firecracker going off.

Q43 The author was determined to get her pet canary back.

Q44 3 She knew she had lost her pet canary for good.

2 She was too tired to run anymore.

1 She felt frustrated as she made her way through the crowd.

Q45

Sentence	True / False	Reason
(a) The author was afraid of the boy who was shouting at her.	False	The author ignored the boy when he shouted at her.
(b) The boy was reluctant to play his flute at first.	True	The boy hesitated before playing the flute.

Q46 The author asked the boy to play the flute with a smile and distracted him to ensure that he would not get angry again.

Q47 hostile

friendly