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PAPER 2

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary Four _____

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38 QUESTIONS

1 hour 15 minutes

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Sections A-C	/ 24
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INSTRUCTIONS:

Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all the questions.

This paper consists of 11 printed pages excluding the cover page.

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Section A – Grammar MCQ (8 x 1 mark)

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

1. The horse, like buffaloes _____ four legs.
(1) has
(2) had
(3) have
(4) is having

2. Joseph's drawing is better than _____
(1) he
(2) her
(3) your
(4) mine

3. One of my classmates _____ a trophy on stage when I sneezed.
(1) receive
(2) received
(3) was receiving
(4) were receiving

4. The only way to the secretroom is _____ this passageway.
(1) at
(2) over
(3) against
(4) through

5. Kelly wanted to make some ice cream for her birthday party
_____ she went to the supermarket to get the ingredients.
(1) if
(2) so
(3) but
(4) otherwise

6. _____ of the girls knows how to knit a shawl. Can you teach them?
(1) Both
(2) Each
(3) Either
(4) Neither

7. The boy scouts _____ the tent when they found the campsite.

- (1) put up
- (2) put out
- (3) put into
- (4) put down

8. Mrs. Lee baked the cookies all by herself, _____ ?

- (1) didn't she
- (2) weren't she
- (3) couldn't she
- (4) wouldn't she

Section B – Vocabulary MCQ (6 x 1 mark)

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

9. Look! The honey bees are out of the _____!

- (1) aviary
- (2) apiary
- (3) arsenal
- (4) abattoir

10. Whenever a government official from overseas visits Singapore, there will always be a _____ of policemen guarding him or her.

- (1) staff
- (2) bevy
- (3) posse
- (4) troupe

11. "Could I borrow your binoculars? I would like to see the kangaroo feeding its _____," whispered Kate.

- (1) cub
- (2) calf
- (3) joey
- (4) fawn

12. Kevin's mother hates it whenever he invites his group of _____ friends over to the house as the neighbours would always complain about the noise they make.

- (1) busy
- (2) lousy
- (3) rebellious
- (4) boisterous.

13. The smoke from the fire _____ the fire alarm in the hall.

- (1) set
- (2) rang
- (3) sounded
- (4) triggered

14. This painting is _____. There is only one in the world.

- (1) irreversible
- (2) irrevocable
- (3) irretraceable
- (4) irreplaceable.

Section C – Comprehension MCQ (5 x 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Choose the correct answer and shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

Have you ever wondered why a rainbow always appears on a sunny day after the rain? Once, there was a prolonged period without rain. The rivers and lakes were dried up and many Red Indians were dying of thirst. A small, scaly snake saw how the people were suffering because of the drought and pitied them. It came out of its hiding place.

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"I'm a magic snake," it said. "Throw me up to the sky and I'll bring you rain!"

At first, no one believed it. "You're too small," replied the chief of Red Indians. "You'll fall and be killed."

"No, I won't!" it said. "I'll bring rain."

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Being desperate, the chief picked up the snake and threw it as high as he could into the sky. To their surprise, the snake lengthened its body and formed a large arch across the horizon. Then, its back curved upwards to scratch the ice from the sky. Its body also changed into many colours. Finally, the ice melted and rain came falling. The Red Indians were ecstatic!

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Since that day, it was believed that the snake, or rainbow as we know it, would appear in the sky whenever there is rain on a sunny day.

Adapted from <http://www.colours-of-the-rainbow.com/legends.html>

15. Why was there a drought?
- (1) it had not rained for a long time
 - (2) The rivers and lakes had dried up.
 - (3) A magic snake caused the drought.
 - (4) The Red Indians had no water to drink.
16. Why did the chief think that the snake could not help them?
The snake _____
- (1) could talk
 - (2) could not fly
 - (3) was very tiny
 - (4) did not know magic
17. The word "it" in line 11 refers to the _____
- (1) sky
 - (2) rain
 - (3) chief
 - (4) snake
18. How did the snake cause the rain to fall?
It _____.
- (1) took away the drought
 - (2) scraped the ice in the sky
 - (3) poured water from its back
 - (4) told the chief to throw it into the sky
19. Based on the passage, which of the following statements is **not true**?
- (1) The snake successfully brought rain to the Red Indians:
 - (2) Out of pity for the Red Indians, the snake helped bring rain.
 - (3) The rainbow we see in the sky has been proven to be a snake.
 - (4) The snake is believed to represent a rainbow today as its body changed into many colours when it brought rain.

Section D – Grammar Cloze (4 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the most suitable 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) it | (B) our | (C) their |
| (D) them | (E) they | (F) we |

There are many endangered species in the world and we must protect the few areas left where these species are living. We must remember to leave some of the old forested areas as (20) _____ are, so that these endangered species can live in freedom.

In a survey done in Singapore in 2001, (21) _____ was found that many Traditional Chinese Medicine shops may have been selling bear bile illegally. Bile helps bears to digest their food. There are two ways of removing bile from (22) _____. One is to kill bears in the wild. Another is to keep them in tiny cages for many years and remove the bile through a hole in (23) _____ abdomens. Both are cruel and lead to bears becoming endangered.

Adapted from the article "Special Mission: Protecting endangered species" What's Up March 2008

Section E – Grammar Cloze (4 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the most suitable word from the words given in the brackets and WRITE your answer in each blank.

Thamboo roasted a piece of lamb with some potatoes. He put them on a plate on the table. He did not (24) _____ (feel/felt) hungry and decided to jog round the lake to work up an appetite. He (25) _____ (leaves/left) his house, locked the door and hid his key under the door mat outside his house.

On reaching the park, he saw an old oak tree and looked curiously at it. Then, he (26) _____ (hears/heard) a ruffling noise among the branches. He looked up the tree and saw a little squirrel climbing up the tree with a nut in its mouth. It was having trouble reaching a hole in the tree trunk. Thamboo climbed up the tree and helped to (27) _____ (place/placed) the squirrel into the hole. When he reached the ground, he was hungry so he went home and had his dinner.

Section F – Comprehension Cloze (4 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Fill in the blanks with the most suitable word of your own.

30 January 2012

Dear Diary,

I became interested in tennis after watching the men's final match of the Australian Open between Novak Djokovic and Rafael Nadal. It was a fascinating (28)_____. The players ran all over the court, hitting the ball. I decided to take (29)_____ tennis and my mother agreed to sign me up for lessons. When I first began, I was not very good at the game. Trying to excel in it seemed hopeless. After some time, I gradually (30)_____ in my performance. Before long, I was enjoying the game. I have learnt good sportsmanship skills and I have (31)_____ more confident after taking up tennis. It is indeed a rewarding leisure activity.

Love,

Adam

Section G – Sentence Synthesis and Transformation (2 x 2 marks)

For each of the items, rewrite the given sentence using the word/s provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the given one.

32. Grant loves playing softball. David also loves playing softball.

Both _____

33. Sarah decided not to trek at Bukom Hill because it was raining heavily.

Upon seeing _____

Section H – Comprehension – Open-ended (5 x 2 marks)

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

In 1904, Theodor Seuss Geisel was born in Springfield, in the United States. He had a happy childhood. His mother would often chant childhood rhymes to soothe him to sleep. Theodor credited his mother for the desire to create rhymes with rhythm.

After returning from his studies in England, Theodor found a job in advertising. Theodor eventually grew frustrated with it. Soon, he began writing and illustrating his first children's book. He showed it to 27 publishers who all turned him down. Undaunted by the rejection, he got a friend who was a publisher to publish it for him in 1937. This was the first time he used his pen name, Dr. Seuss. He continued to write many books.

In 1954, a report was published about illiteracy among school children because the books available were boring. Theodor's friend who had published his first book challenged Theodor to write and illustrate a book that was fun to read. He also had to ensure that the book included a list of 225 important vocabulary words. Nine months later, Theodor published '*The Cat in the Hat*', which was an instant success. Dr. Seuss became the best-selling children's author of all time.

Adapted from <http://www.drseussart.com/biography.html> and

<http://www.catinthehat.org/history.htm>

34. In which country was Theodor bom?

35. Explain why Theodor liked to create rhymes.

36. What does the word *it* in line 6 refer to?

37. Which 4 word phrase in the passage tells us that Theodor did not give up when his first book was turned down?

38. Give two reasons why Theodor's book 'The Cat in the Hat' was successful.

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ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2012

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Paper 1

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- 20 E
21 A
22 D
23 C
24 feel
25 left
26 heard
27 place
28 match
29 up
30 improved
31 become
32 Both David and Grant love to play softball.
33 Upon seeing the rain, Sarah decided not to trek at Bukom Hill.
34 He was born in Springfield, United States.
35 His mother would often chant childhood rhymes to soothe him to sleep
36 It referred to his job in advertising.
37 Undaunted by the rejection.
38 It was fun to read and had a list of 255 vocabulary words.

