

**SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL  
SECOND SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2020  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
PRIMARY FOUR**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 27 October 2020

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

**PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)**

**BOOKLET A**

**Total time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 15 minutes**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

1. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. Answer all questions.
4. Shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

**Section A: 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) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (6 marks)

1 After the interview with the police, the \_\_\_\_\_ were advised not to discuss the case with anyone as investigations were ongoing.

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

2 She was \_\_\_\_\_ the shelves for something interesting to read.

- (1) seeking
- (2) browsing
- (3) hounding
- (4) scavenging

3 Rabbits are \_\_\_\_\_ creatures as they enjoy hopping around at night and resting during the day.

- (1) nocturnal
- (2) famished
- (3) disciplined
- (4) herbivorous

4 John is a brave boy who enjoys all sorts of extreme sports, but he is \_\_\_\_\_ of spiders as he had been bitten by one before.

- (1) fond
- (2) proud
- (3) terrified
- (4) ashamed

5 "Oh, I have the winning number! Let's claim our prize!" smiled Mother \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) joyfully
- (2) honestly
- (3) solemnly
- (4) hesitantly

6 Father gathered the poles to set up a \_\_\_\_\_ for us to sleep in while the rest of us started on dinner.

- (1) fire
- (2) tent
- (3) nest
- (4) stove

#### Section B: Grammar

For each question from 7 to 16, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

7 Last year, I \_\_\_\_\_ in a contest after my parents encouraged me to do so.

- (1) participate
- (2) participated
- (3) was participating
- (4) have participated

8 Last night, we \_\_\_\_\_ all busy preparing and planning a party to celebrate our grandparents' wedding anniversary.

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

- 9 My rabbits \_\_\_\_\_ especially excited whenever someone walks into the room as they think it is dinner time.
- (1) is  
(2) are  
(3) was  
(4) were
- 10 "Be quiet! Amy \_\_\_\_\_ the piano now for her special guests in the hall," said Alan.
- (1) play  
(2) played  
(3) is playing  
(4) was playing
- 11 While we \_\_\_\_\_ Jane to clean her room, her doorbell rang.
- (1) help  
(2) will help  
(3) have helped  
(4) were helping
- 12 "Kindly move \_\_\_\_\_ chair to the other room," Alan asked his sister, pointing to the chair beside him.
- (1) this  
(2) that  
(3) these  
(4) those
- 13 I was unable to spot my mother while I was performing on the stage as there were \_\_\_\_\_ people in the audience.
- (1) few  
(2) much  
(3) many  
(4) some

14 There is \_\_\_\_\_ milk left. Shall we use the milk to bake some muffins?

- (1) few
- (2) little
- (3) much
- (4) a lot of

15 I bought him a watch \_\_\_\_\_ his birthday.

- (1) in
- (2) by
- (3) for
- (4) with

16 I removed my shoes \_\_\_\_\_ my feet were hurting from wearing them for too long.

- (1) or
- (2) but
- (3) then
- (4) because

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Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

	Marks Obtained	Highest Possible Marks
Booklet A		16
Booklet B		34
<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>50</b>

**PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)**

**BOOKLET B**

**Total time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 15 minutes**

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3. Answer all questions.
4. Write your answers in this booklet.

**Section C: Grammar Cloze**

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.** (4 marks)

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| (A) he  | (B) her   | (C) my   |
| (D) she | (E) their | (F) they |

In my family, every one of us has our little habits. Father likes to read the newspaper in the morning. Every morning, (17) \_\_\_\_\_ will bring the newspaper into the living room. After reading the newspaper, Father will leave it on the sofa before having his breakfast. (18) \_\_\_\_\_ brother will pick up the newspaper and scan through the sport pages for news of his favourite teams. My sister will always tell my brother to hurry as (19) \_\_\_\_\_ wants to read the entertainment section. My mother will curl up on her couch and drink (20) \_\_\_\_\_ cup of coffee. This is how we spend our mornings.

Read the passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets. (4 marks)

Our cat, Tom, is about ten years old and we adopted it four years ago. We (21) [ think / thinks ] that it is the most adorable cat ever. Tom usually (22) [ wait / waits ] outside the kitchen whenever Mother is cooking. He seems to be waiting for his little treats. It makes us (23) [ smile / smiles ] whenever we see our precious pet staring longingly at the food that Mother is cooking. We (24) [ has / have ] no regrets adopting it.

**Section D: Vocabulary Cloze**

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given and fill in the blanks.  
**USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.** (4 marks)

bottom      hungry      reach      thirsty      top      towards

There had been no rain for weeks. Everywhere was dry and most of the animals stayed indoors to stay cool. A (25) \_\_\_\_\_ crow was looking for water everywhere but it could not find any.

Suddenly, the crow saw a large jug at a distance. It flew quickly (26) \_\_\_\_\_ it. Fortunately for the crow, there was a little water in the jug. However, the water in the jug was well out of the crow's (27) \_\_\_\_\_.

The clever crow had an idea. It started to pick up the small stones that were lying around and started to drop them into the jug one by one. The water level gradually rose to the (28) \_\_\_\_\_ of the jug. The crow was finally able to get what it wanted.

**Section E: Sentence Combining**

For each of the questions from 29 to 32, combine the sentences to make one sentence using the word(s) given. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the sentences given.  
(4 marks)

- 29 Mrs Lee was feeling unwell. She took her children to the swimming complex.

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- 30 It was raining heavily. The football match was cancelled.

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- 31 The pop star drove out of her house. Her fans cheered and waved.

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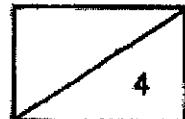
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- 32 "Who takes a bus to school?" Nancy asked.

Nancy asked

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**Section F: Comprehension (Passage A)**

Read the passage below carefully and answer questions 33 to 39.

(8 marks)

Long ago, a young man was taking a walk with his grandfather when they saw a pair of old and tattered shoes lying by the side of a road. The young man suggested to his grandfather to hide the shoes and play a trick on the owner of the shoes.

His grandfather rebuked his grandson, "We should never be amused at the expense of others." He added, "Instead, let's put a gold coin in each shoe, hide and watch how the discovery affects the owner." 5

Soon, the owner of the shoes appeared and trudged to the shoes. He slipped his foot into a shoe. Feeling something hard, he stooped down to check.

Astonishment and wonder lit up on his face. He looked around but saw no one. 10 As he put the coin away into his pocket, his other foot came into contact with the other coin. Overcome by his feelings, he fell to his knees, looked up to the skies and uttered a fervent prayer of thanks. He had a sick wife and hungry children and the coins were certainly a timely find.

The grandfather turned to his grandson whose eyes were filled with tears and said, "Isn't that better than playing your intended trick?" 15

"Thanks for teaching me something so beautiful," the young man said.

*Teacher-created*

- 33 Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order of events that occurred in passage. [1m]

\_\_\_\_\_ The owner of the shoes found the coins.

\_\_\_\_\_ The owner left his shoes by the road.

\_\_\_\_\_ The owner returned to his shoes.

- 34 Which word has the same meaning as "scolded"? Circle (A) or (B). [1m]

His grandfather rebuked his grandson, "We should never be amused at the  
(A) (B)

expense of others."

For Q35-37, tick (✓) whether the statements describe the grandfather or the grandson. The first example has been done for you. [3m]

	Statement	Grandfather	Grandson
Example	He suggested putting a coin in each shoe.	✓	
35	He did not think that it was right to tease others.		
36	He wanted to play a trick.		
37	He learnt a lesson.		

- 38 List two words that showed that the owner was surprised to find the coins in his shoe in paragraph 3.

i. \_\_\_\_\_ [1m]

ii. \_\_\_\_\_ [1m]

- 39 Tick (✓) two adjectives that best describe the owner of the shoes in the passage. [1m]

grateful

arrogant

suspicious

wealthy

tired



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**Section G: Comprehension (Passage B)**

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 40 to 47.

(10 marks)

It was a hot and humid day when Motalib and I arrived in Dhaka, India. The busy streets were filled with scooter-taxis, crowded buses and people.

Motalib's eyes were drawn to the street children dressed in rags. A skinny boy about five years old was carrying a baby and begging for money. Seventeen years ago, Motalib himself had been a street beggar. As his memories came back to him vividly, Motalib turned away from me but I could see that he had tears in his eyes.

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I met Motalib four years ago. He was a cheerful, warm and generous person. Even though he loved his Dutch parents who adopted him when he was six, he wanted to know if his birth parents were still alive. Motalib had left his birth parents without a word as he wanted to escape his life as a street beggar.

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When Mr Ali, a man from an orphanage, approached Motalib while he was begging for money on the streets, Motalib lied that he was an orphan and went with Mr Ali. As an orphan, Motalib would have a good chance to be adopted by a rich Western family, and eventually, a Dutch couple adopted him. However, Motalib never stopped thinking about his birth parents.

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Motalib could only remember his mother's name, Rockea. As a result, we met many 'Rockea' who claimed to have lost their son. Finding Motalib's family was becoming an impossible task.

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On our last day, a young man knocked on our hotel room door and introduced himself as Ladar, Motalib's younger brother. Ladar bore a striking likeness to Motalib. Ladar then related a story about Rockea to us. When Motalib heard the story, he hugged Ladar tearfully. I knew that our search was finally over.

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*Adapted from Reader's Digest*

40 How do we know that the streets of Dhaka were busy? [1m]

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41 Why did Motalib turn away from the author? [1m]

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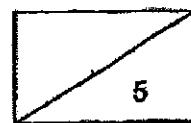
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42 Why did Motalib lie that he was an orphan to the man from the orphanage?  
Provide two reasons. [2m]

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43 Which word in paragraph 2 has the same meaning as "clearly"? [1m]



For Q44-46, read each statement and tick () "True" or "False". The first example has been done for you. [3m]

	Statement	True	False
Example	Dhaka is in India	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
44	Motalib enjoyed being a street beggar.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
45	Motalib was an orphan.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
46	It was easy to find Motalib's family.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

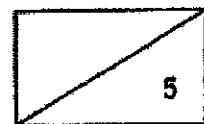
47 How did the author know that Motalib has finally found his family?

List two points that show that.

i. \_\_\_\_\_ [1m]

ii. \_\_\_\_\_ [1m]

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

**SECTION C**

Q17)	A
Q18)	C
Q19)	D
Q20)	B
Q21)	think
Q22)	waits
Q23)	smile
Q24)	have

**SECTION D**

Q25)	Q26)	Q27)	Q28)
thirsty	towards	reach	top

**SECTION E**

Q29)	Mrs Lee took her children to the swimming complex although she was feeling unwell.
Q30)	It was raining heavily so the football match was cancelled.
Q31)	As the pop star drove out of her house, her fans cheered and waved.
Q32)	Nancy asked who took a bus to school

**SECTION F**

<b>Q33)</b>	3 1 2
<b>Q34)</b>	<b>Rebuked</b>
<b>Q35)</b>	<b>Grandfather</b>
<b>Q36)</b>	<b>Grandson</b>
<b>Q37)</b>	<b>Grandson</b>
<b>Q38)</b>	(i) <b>Astonishment</b> (ii) <b>Wonder</b>
<b>Q39)</b>	<b>Grateful</b> <b>Tired</b>
<b>Q40)</b>	<b>Generous</b>

**SECTION G**

<b>Q40)</b>	<b>The streets of Dhaka were filled with scooter – taxis, crowded buses and people</b>
<b>Q41)</b>	<b>Motalib did not want the author to see him cry</b>
<b>Q42)</b>	<b>Motalib wanted to escape his life as a street beggar and had a good chance of being adopted by a rich western family.</b>
<b>Q43)</b>	<b>Vividly</b>
<b>Q44)</b>	<b>False</b>
<b>Q45)</b>	<b>False</b>
<b>Q46)</b>	<b>False</b>
<b>Q47)</b>	(i) <b>When Motalib heard the story of Rockea, he hugged Ladar tearfully.</b> (ii) <b>Ladar bore a striking likeness to Motalib.</b>