



**HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL  
2015 SEMESTRAL EXAMINATION ONE  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
PRIMARY FOUR**

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CLASS: Primary 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Duration of Paper: 1h 15min

Part I	14
Part II	36
TOTAL	50

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**PART I**

**SECTION A: Vocabulary (6 x 1 mark)**

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

1. Even though it was her first attempt at cooking, Janice managed to prepare a \_\_\_\_\_ plate of fried rice. Now I am craving for more!

- (1) slimy
- (2) frothy
- (3) tasteless
- (4) delicious

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2. The little boy walked \_\_\_\_\_ across the living room to everyone's delight.

- (1) messily
- (2) steadily
- (3) hungrily
- (4) grumpily

(      )

3. The football team was \_\_\_\_\_ by the tricks their opponents played in order to win the game at all costs.

- (1) rejected
- (2) delighted
- (3) disgusted
- (4) contented

( )

4. The \_\_\_\_\_ attended to the jogger who had suddenly fainted due to the hot weather.

- (1) patient
- (2) paramedic
- (3) pharmacist
- (4) paediatrician

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5. Mr Yeo took his wife to an expensive restaurant to \_\_\_\_\_ their first wedding anniversary.

- (1) cultivate
- (2) celebrate
- (3) congratulate
- (4) commemorate

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6. The poor servant had to \_\_\_\_\_ with the princess's unreasonable demands.

- (1) put up
- (2) put on
- (3) put off
- (4) put down

( )

**SECTION B: Grammar (8 x 1 mark)**

Choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided. Then shade your answers on the OAS provided.

7. The famous ice cream shop \_\_\_\_\_ just around the corner. I visit the shop with my parents every Tuesday.

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

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8. "Our neighbour, Amy, \_\_\_\_\_ a bicycle last week," said Julia.

- (1) buy
- (2) buys
- (3) bought
- (4) buying

(     )

9. Dennis and his cousin \_\_\_\_\_ a workshop about gardening at the community centre now.

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

(     )

10. While Mei Jing was distracting her father, her mother and brother \_\_\_\_\_ the candles for the birthday cake.

- (1) Is lighting
- (2) are lighting
- (3) was lighting
- (4) were lighting

(     )

11. My sister and I spent the entire morning putting up decorations in the living room by \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) myself
- (2) herself
- (3) ourselves
- (4) themselves

( )

12. "Look at \_\_\_\_\_ sunflowers in the shop across the street. They are so beautiful!" Sarah exclaimed.

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

( )

13. As the sky grew darker, \_\_\_\_\_ men were seen loitering around the duck pond.

- (1) any
- (2) few
- (3) much
- (4) several

( )

14. "Please hurry," James told the taxi driver, "there is not \_\_\_\_\_ time left before the concert begins."

- (1) few
- (2) little
- (3) much
- (4) none

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**SECTION C: Grammar Cloze (8 x 1 mark)**

**Part I**

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) where	(B) who	(C) when
(D) how	(E) why	(F) what

"That accident could have been prevented," remarked Mrs Tan.

Most of the residents at Block 548, Crescent Grove had gathered at the coffee shop to discuss (15) \_\_\_\_\_ could have been done to ensure such an accident would not happen again. Everyone wanted to know the reason (16) \_\_\_\_\_ the accident had occurred. Mrs Tan, who was there when it happened, confirmed that the lorry driver had been speeding dangerously. The residents felt that this still did not explain (17) \_\_\_\_\_ the injured cyclist landed in the drain. Mrs Tan elaborated that the lorry driver had bent down to pick up something from below his seat. It was at that exact moment (18) \_\_\_\_\_ the cyclist appeared round the bend.

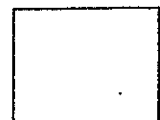
"Does anyone have any suggestion on how we can prevent this?" Mrs Tan asked her neighbours.

**Part II**

Read the passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

Siti is preparing breakfast for her family. She opens up the refrigerator and (19) [ take / takes ] out a carton of milk. She then cracks three eggs into a bowl and starts to (20) [ beat / beats ] them with a fork.

Siti (21) [ recall / recalled ] the recent dinner she had prepared for her family. In her excitement, she had (22) [ adds / added ] sugar instead of salt to the soup. She must be more careful this time.



**SECTION D: Comprehension Cloze (4 x 1 mark)**

**Fill in each blank with a suitable word.**

Dear Diary,

Today, I am extremely happy. Sarah has invited me to her birthday party. I love birthday parties because I enjoy playing party games. My favourite game

(23) \_\_\_\_\_ 'Pass the Parcel'.

For this game, a present is wrapped in many (24) \_\_\_\_\_ of gift wrap. Some music is also needed!

When the music is being played, the children will pass the parcel (25) \_\_\_\_\_ the child on their left as long as the music continues.

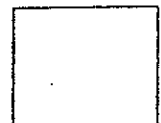
When the music stops, the child holding the parcel will undo one layer of wrapping. The

(26) \_\_\_\_\_ layer will open to reveal the present.

I hope to be the last one to get the parcel!

Love,

Jane



**SECTION E: Synthesis (4 x 1 mark)**

**Rewrite the given sentences using the word provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentences.**

27. The bold knight continued to fight. The bold knight had lost his sword.

Although \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

28. Mrs Ho was still busy at work. Mrs Ho's children decided to finish the household chores.

\_\_\_\_\_

while \_\_\_\_\_

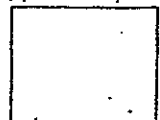
29. Louis does not want to participate in the competition. His classmates do not want to participate in the competition too.

Neither \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

30. Farhan wants to go to his friend's birthday party. Farhan must finish his homework before five o'clock.

\_\_\_\_\_

if \_\_\_\_\_



**SECTION F: Comprehension**  
**Comprehension 1 (10 marks)**

Read the following passage carefully and answer questions 31 to 39.

Every morning, Mrs White would throw the remains of the previous night's dinner outside her cottage. All the animals which lived in her garden would then rush towards the food.

"Leave some for me!" croaked Tom Tortoise. The rabbit, fox and birds were already tucking in greedily. By the time Tom arrived, there was nothing left. 5

"It's not fair. I can't move fast with my short legs and heavy shell. I am always the last," Tom complained.

"Don't worry, Tom. I've saved you a piece of lettuce!" squeaked his friend, Molly Mouse. 10

As Tom chomped away, he spotted Evan Eagle soaring high up in the sky freely. He watched eagerly and wished he could do it too.

The next morning, Evan approached Tom.

"I heard you would like to learn to fly. Hence, I am here to grant your wish," explained Evan. Tom was thrilled and promised to give him anything in return. 15

Tom gasped in excitement as Evan carried him into the sky. They were moving freely above the mountains, oceans and forests.

"In return, I would like to have Molly Mouse for tea or else I would let go of you in mid-air," threatened Evan. Tom disagreed. There was no way that Tom would betray his best friend. He closed his eyes as he was dropped down like a heavy stone. 20

When he opened his eyes, he realised that he had landed on a giant pile of lettuce leaves.



31. What did the animals in the garden feed on? [1m]

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32. Tom was always the last to reach the food. Give 2 reasons why he moved so slowly. [2m]

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

33. Which three-word phrase in **paragraph 2** has the same meaning as eating heartily? [1m]

34. What action showed that Molly was a good friend to Tom? [1m]

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35. What does 'it' in line 12 refer to? [1m]

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36. What did Evan ask Tom for in return for the flying lesson? [1m]

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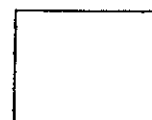
37. Why did Tom break his promise to Evan? [1m]

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State whether each statement in the table is True or False. Write T for True and F for False. [2m]

	Statement	T/F
38.	Evan Eagle would like to invite Molly Mouse for tea. [1m]	
39.	A pile of lettuce leaves saved Tom from the fall. [1m]	



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**Comprehension 2 (10 marks)**

**Read the following passage carefully and answer questions 40 to 47.**

The king of a small kingdom was very wise. He spared no efforts in teaching his people good habits. He often did things which seemed strange to his people but whatever he did was to teach them to be diligent and careful.

One day, the king decided to test his people. Late one night, he placed a huge stone in the road which ran through the kingdom. The next day, the people were surprised to find a stone on the road. The king went out in disguise to see how the people reacted. A farmer with his wagon heavily loaded with grains rode along the road first. On seeing the stone, he went around it. Next, a young soldier came singing along. He did not see the stone. He tripped over it and went sprawling on the ground. He rose to his feet, cursed the stone and stomped away angrily.

Almost everyone who had to use the road muttered angrily and blamed the authorities for not removing the stone. Then came the miller's daughter. She saw the stone and immediately tugged at it. It was hard to move but she pulled and pulled till she moved the stone from its place. She found a box underneath. She opened it and was surprised to find that it was full of gold with a note that says, "For the person who moves away this stone." She went home with the box happily.

When the farmer, the soldier and the others heard about what had happened, they gathered around the spot and started digging the ground, hoping to find a piece of gold. They did not find anything but realised that disappointment was the price for laziness.

That day, the villagers vowed not to be lazy again. They knew that they should be hardworking and should not think that others would do things when they could do them themselves.

40. The king was unhappy with his people because they \_\_\_\_\_ [1m]  
 (1) were not clever  
 (2) were lazy and depended on others  
 (3) could not be trusted  
 (4) blamed the authorities for everything

( )

41. The king put the stone on the road to \_\_\_\_\_ [1m]  
 (1) test the people  
 (2) help the farmers  
 (3) punish the villagers  
 (4) surprise the merchants

( )

42. Write a word from **paragraph one** that has the same meaning as 'hardworking'. [1m]

43. Number the events (1, 2 and 3) in the order that they happened. [1m]

(a)	A farmer passed by the road and went around the stone.	
(b)	A young soldier tripped over the stone and fell to the ground.	
(c)	The king placed a stone on the road.	

44. What did the miller's daughter find when she moved the stone? [1m]

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45. State whether each statement in the table below is true or false. Give a reason for your answer. [2m]

	Sentence	True/ False	Reason
(a)	The king did not want his people to recognise him when he went out to test the people.		
(b)	A young soldier saw the large stone and immediately tugged at it.		

46. How do you think the king's people felt when they found out about the box of gold underneath the stone? [1m]

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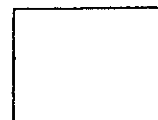
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47. Based on the story, what are the two things that the people of the kingdom learnt? [2m]

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**EXAM PAPER 2015**

**LÈVEL : PRIMARY 4**

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**SUBJECT : ENGLISH**

**TERM : SA1**

Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Q 5	Q 6	Q 7	Q 8	Q 9	Q 10
4	2	3	2	2	1	1	3	2	4
Q 11	Q 12	Q 13	Q 14	Q 15	Q 16	Q 17	Q 18		
3	4	4	3	F	E	D	C		

Q19 takes , Q20 beat , Q21 recalled , Q22 added

Q23 is , Q24 layers , Q25 to , Q26 last

Q27. Although the bold knight had lost his sword, he continued to fight.

Q28. Mrs Ho's children decided to finish the house hold chores while she was still busy at work.

Q29. Neither Louis nor his classmates want to participate in the competition.

Q30. Farhan must finish his homework before five o'clock if he wants to go to his friend's birthday party.

Q31. The animals fed on the remains of Mrs White 's dinner.

Q32 1) Tom had short legs. 2) Tom had a heavy shell.

Q33. " Tucking in greedily "

Q34. Molly saved Tom a piece of lettuce to eat when there was no food left and Tom had not eaten anything yet.

Q35. The 'it' in line 12 refers to soaring high up in the sky freely.

Q36. Evan asked Tom to have Molly Mouse as food in return for the flying lesson

Q37. He did not want to betray his best friend.

Q38. False Q39. True

Q40.(2) , Q41 (1) Q42 diligent , Q43a: 2 , Q43b: 3 , Q44c: 1

Q44. She found a box and inside was full of gold with a note that says " For the person who moves away this stone."

Q45a. False – He went out in disguise to see how did his people react.

Q45b. False – A young soldier did not see the stone and tripped on it, he also cursed the stone.

Q46. They felt foolish.

Q47. 1) They learnt not to be lazy again.

Q47. 2) They learnt not to think that others would do things when they could do them themselves.

**THE END**

