

SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL
FIRST SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2008
PRIMARY FOUR
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Name : _____ () Date : _____

Class : Primary 4 / SY / C / G / SE / P

Duration : 1 h 15 min

Marks : 16

Booklet A

Section A : Grammar (6 marks)

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). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. Hilda decided to go shopping with her parents _____ she had not completed her homework.
 - (1) although
 - (2) as
 - (3) if
 - (4) in spite of

2. The soccer match had been called _____ due to the heavy rain.
 - (1) back
 - (2) in
 - (3) off
 - (4) up

3. The pupils decided to _____ a trick on their teacher on April Fool's Day.
 - (1) play
 - (2) played
 - (3) playing
 - (4) plays

4. Either Mrs Ting or her pupils _____ arranged the tables and chairs in the classroom.
- (1) are having
 - (2) has
 - (3) have
 - (4) is having
5. Jolene _____ the newspapers when she heard a loud knock on the door.
- (1) is reading
 - (2) reads
 - (3) read
 - (4) was reading
6. I felt sad when I saw a beggar _____ for money by the roadside.
- (1) is pleading
 - (2) plead
 - (3) pleaded
 - (4) pleads

Section B : Vocabulary (5 marks)

For each question from: 7 to 11, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

7. The judge reprimanded the man for committing the _____ act of binding a cat's legs tightly with a rope.
- (1) admirable
 - (2) brutal
 - (3) humane
 - (4) pleasant

8. After much consideration, Alex finally _____ his courage to admit to his teacher that he was the one who had stolen the wallet.

- ① gathered
- ② lined
- ③ mustered
- ④ picked

9. The happy bride smiled _____ as she walked down the aisle towards the bridegroom.

- (1) dully
- (2) gloomily
- (3) hesitantly
- (4) radiantly

10. Mrs Han was surprised when Meiling, who had always been an _____, volunteered to take part in the debating competition.

- ① expert
- ② extrovert
- ③ introvert
- ④ intruder

11. Jenson was sacked by his employer as he could not _____ why he was frequently late for work.

- (1) assemble
- (2) defend
- (3) explain
- (4) protect

Section C : Comprehension (5 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

A farmer stole one of his neighbour's chickens. He cooked and ate it all by himself. That evening, his neighbour came to his house for a glass of tea. He told the farmer that one of his chickens was missing.

"Perhaps it had wandered off into the woods," suggested the farmer.

"Don't act innocent!" piped up a shrill voice. "You stole the chicken, 5
cooked it and finished it all up. I saw everything!"

The farmer's neighbour got to his feet. "Everyone knows that parrots speak their mind. Your parrot must be telling the truth."

The matter was brought to court and the parrot was scheduled to be the witness. The farmer was worried if the judge would believe the parrot. He came 10
up with a plan. On the calm and warm night before the hearing, he threw a cloth over the parrot's cage. Then, he started playing the drum, making it sound like thunder. He poured a lot of water over the cage, soaking the bird.

"What a terrible storm," sniffled the parrot.

At court the next day, the farmer told the judge, "My parrot is not reliable. 15
He often tells big lies. Try asking him what kind of weather we had last night."

"Very well. I shall ask, in the interest of fairness," said the judge. Turning to the parrot, he continued, "What kind of weather did we have last night?"

"There was a terrible storm," said the parrot straightaway. "The thunder 20
woke me up. I was all soaked by the time the rain stopped."

The farmer smiled to himself as everyone in the court gasped.

Adapted from "Around The World In 80 Tales" by Saviour Pirotta

For each question from 12 to 16, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

12. Who did the shrill voice belong to?

- (1) the parrot
- (2) the farmer
- (3) the chicken
- (4) the farmer's neighbour

13. The farmer carried out his plan _____.

- (1) when the storm started
- (2) when a thunder was heard
- (3) the night before the hearing
- (4) the first time the matter was brought to court

14. In line 21, the farmer smiled to himself because _____.

- (1) his parrot was lying
- (2) his plan had worked out well
- (3) everyone in the court gasped
- (4) his parrot was all soaked the previous night

15. What do you think happened in the end?

- (1) The judge sent the farmer to prison.
- (2) The farmer went home a happy man.
- (3) The case of the missing chicken was solved.
- (4) The judge praised the parrot for being a reliable witness.

16. The farmer was a/an _____ person.

- (1) silly
- (2) honest
- (3) cunning
- (4) trustworthy

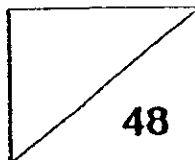
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Booklet B

There are 10 blanks, numbered 17 to 26 in the passage below. Choose the most suitable word for each blank from the list of words given. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank provided. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

(10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN ONLY BE USED ONCE.

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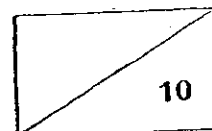
The tradition of making candy canes dates back to centuries ago.

Today, health authorities worry (17) _____ the average American eating 1 to 1.3 kilograms of sugar weekly. Singaporeans are reminded constantly to watch (18) _____ sugar intake.

However, in the olden days, attitudes (19) _____ quite different.

(20) _____ sugar first became known in Europe, it was a rare (21) _____ expensive food item. It was originally produced (22) _____ medicinal purposes. However, confectioners soon began making it (23) _____ all forms and flavours, and purely for enjoyment (24) _____.

In those days, only the rich people (25) _____ afford to buy hard candy frequently. For those who were not rich, (26) _____ bought hard candy only during Christmas and Easter. That was when the production of candy canes started.



Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box. (10 marks)

(27)

A long time ago, there lives a boy called Awang. He was born with two

(28)

extreemely large hands. Despite this, Awang's parents loved him very much.

(29)

The villagers gave Awang the **nikname** "Awang, The Large Hands". Awang did not

(30)

(31)

mind been called by this name. He was not at all ashamed with his large hands. He could

(32)

perform **diffikulṭ** household chores with them. He also used them to catch more fish for

(33)

the fishermen and carry heavy things for the elderly. He was liked to everyone for his

helpfulness.

(34)

(35)

One day, Awang is found dead in his sleep. No one knew The **rheason** for his death.

(36)

Today, it still remains a **miṣṭery**.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

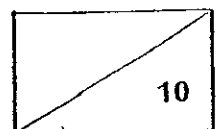
(10 marks)

There were only two minutes left before the end of the netball match. All of us played with more enthusiasm, with a common (37) _____ to win the battle. Both teams had the same score and the final shoot into the net would (38) _____ the champion of the 2008 Inter-School Netball Competition.

Suddenly, it seemed as if the whole world were running and crashing into me. It took me a moment to realise (39) _____ I had scored the final goal at the last second! My team-mates, coach and our supporters were all jumping up and down (40) _____. I was carried in a whoosh and thrown into the air several times to celebrate our (41) _____.

After my mates had put me down, we strolled to the canteen to get some drinks to quench our (42) _____. As we were walking happily, from the corner of my eye, I (43) _____ a figure of a person at the far end of the canteen. The person was (44) _____ towards our direction. I found it (45) _____ that the person was watching us from such a great distance.

Curiosity got the better of me. I (46) _____ to walk towards the person. As I got closer, I realised that the person was actually my long-time rival! I stopped in my tracks.



For each of the questions 47 to 50, 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). (8 marks)

47. Bill will not eat. He will only eat if his father is around.

_____ unless

48. Meiying likes horse-riding. Peilin likes horse-riding too.

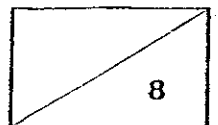
Both _____

49. Allan is still sleeping. It is already twelve noon.

-Although _____

50. "I am very hungry," Anita told Yinmei.

Anita told _____



Read the passage below and answer questions 51 to 55.

(10 marks)

Somewhere in the distance, the crowing of a rooster could be heard. Dawan smiled. It was now officially morning and her father could not scold her if she got up to wander outside.

Just as Dawan was crawling out of the mosquito net that she shared with her two sisters, she saw Kwai's head popping out from the mosquito net that he shared with the baby. Dawan grinned. She should have known that her brother had been awake all this time too. After all, the night before, they had talked about what they wanted to do the next morning. 5

Together, Dawan and Kwai tiptoed their way out of their house. Once they were outside, Kwai raced past Dawan down the small path to the river. He glanced back once and tossed his head impatiently, as if to say, "Come on, hurry up!" 10

Dawan ran after Kwai, weaving her way between the tall leafy trees. The thick bushes surrounding her path soon cleared and Dawan stood, breathless, at the edge of the river. She tried to look for Kwai's head bobbing in the river but she could not spot it. Then, she looked to the far left of the river where the old wooden bridge was. Dawan could see Kwai sitting right in the middle of the bridge, his legs dangling over the edge. 15

Laughing merrily, Dawan sprinted the remaining distance to her brother. She sat down next to him, dangling her legs beside his. For a long while, neither of them spoke. They waited eagerly for what they were there for. Finally, when the sunrise appeared, Dawan and Kwai felt the deep joy of a new day spread within them. 20

Adapted from "Sing To The Dawn" by Minfong Ho

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

51. How ~~(did)~~ Dawan ^{knew} know that it was officially morning?

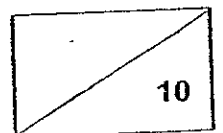
52. How many siblings ~~(did)~~ Dawan ^{had} have?

53. Which word in the fourth paragraph tells us that it was not easy for Dawan to go through the path to the river?

54. Why was Dawan breathless by the time she reached the edge of the river?

55. What were Dawan and Kwai waiting for when they sat on the bridge?

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ANSWER SHEET

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SCHOOL : SCGS PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
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Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26								
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- 27)lived 28)extremely 29)nickname 30)being
- 31)of 32)difficult 33)by 34)was
- 35)reason 36)mystery 37)aim 38)decide
- 39)that 40)happily 41)goal 42)thirst
- 43)saw 44)looking 45)funny 46)started
- 47)Bill will not eat unless his father is around.
- 48)Both Meiyang and Peilin like horse-riding.
- 49)Although it is already twelve noon, Allan is still sleeping.
- 50)Anita told Yinmei she was very hungry.

51)She heard the crowing of a rooster.

52)Dawan had four siblings.

53)The word is "weaving".

54)Dawan was breathless because she had to run after Kwai, weaving her way between the tall leafy trees.

55)Dawan and Kwai were waiting for the sunrise to appear.