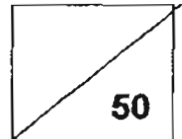




**HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
2011 SEMESTRAL EXAMINATION ONE
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY FOUR**



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Class: P4 _____

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SECTION A: Vocabulary (5 x 1 mark)

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

1. The angry patron decided to _____ a complaint against the restaurant.
- (1) advise
 - (2) lodge
 - (3) offer
 - (4) propose
- ()
2. Suresh's new station wagon has a seating _____ of eight.
- (1) amount
 - (2) capacity
 - (3) number
 - (4) space
- ()

3. This island was _____ for thousands of years .
(1) unacceptable
(2) unfamiliar
(3) uninhabited
(4) unnatural ()

4. I sat down quietly to listen to the rain _____ against the window.
(1) pelting
(2) thrashing
(3) whacking
(4) whipping ()

5. His third finger was _____ from his hand during the accident on the construction site.
(1) distorted
(2) fractured
(3) separated
(4) severed ()

SECTION B: Grammar (6 x 1 mark)

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

6. We should follow the rules of the game, _____ we?
(1) do
(2) don't
(3) should
(4) shouldn't ()

7. My mother took ~~my sister and~~ _____ to Science Centre last Friday.
- (1) I.
 - (2) me
 - (3) mine
 - (4) myself
- ()
8. Since it is _____ drizzling, why don't you come in?
- (1) yet
 - (2) still
 - (3) soon
 - (4) seldom
- ()
9. The ~~Singapore Indoor Stadium~~ is _____ people can enjoy musicals and performances.
- (1) whom
 - (2) which
 - (3) where
 - (4) whose
- ()
10. _____ of my friends wants to go with Jenny to the library.
- (1) All
 - (2) Few
 - (3) None
 - (4) Several
- ()
11. The pile of worksheets _____ to Mdm Siti ~~this year~~.
- (1) belong
 - (2) belongs
 - (3) belonged
 - (4) is belonging
- ()

SECTION C: Comprehension Multiple-Choice Questions (4 x 2 marks)

Read the following passage and select the best answer for each question. Choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided. Shade your answers on the OAS provided.

Jamie stormed into the classroom yelling, "Who took my purse? Give it back to me now!" Everyone looked up from their desk curiously.

"What purse?" Kenny asked innocently.

Anger flashed in her eyes as Jamie walked up to her classmate. "You know exactly what I'm talking about. It has to be you. You started the trend!" Kenny frowned at this outburst and took a step back from her. Trying to contain his frustration, he mumbled, "I wasn't even ..."

Jamie did not wait for him to complete his sentence before she strode to his schoolbag, turned it upside down and emptied all his belongings onto the ground. Everyone gathered around the commotion, some pointing and jeering, some staring quietly.

Kenny's ear turned bright red. Literally shaking, he spoke through his clenched teeth, "Why are you so sure I took it? Did you even check your own schoolbag?" Jamie crossly stuck her tongue out at him.

"Of course it isn't in there!" she squealed.

Kenny defiantly snatched her purple canvas schoolbag and rummaged through it.

"Stop!" cried Jamie as she tried to pry his fumbling hands away.

Kenny suddenly halted. Slowly, he pulled out a bright orange purse with a silver keychain attached to its zipper out of the schoolbag. He stared accusingly at Jamie as her face burned and she shrank shamefully into her seat.

12. Jamie stormed into the classroom because she _____.
- (1) wanted to claim her purse back
 - (2) needed to yell at her classmates
 - (3) liked to chat with her classmate, Kenny
 - (4) wanted to hide her purse in her schoolbag
- ()
13. Kenny was _____ after hearing Jamie's accusation that he had taken her purse from her schoolbag.
- (1) joyous
 - (2) excited
 - (3) fascinated
 - (4) exasperated
- ()
14. "Of course it isn't there!" The word 'it' (line 15) refers to the _____.
- (1) silver keychain
 - (2) bright orange purse
 - (3) zipper on the schoolbag
 - (4) purple canvas schoolbag
- ()
15. Which of the following statements is TRUE?
- (1) Kenny was guilty of taking Jamie's purse.
 - (2) The purple canvas schoolbag had a silver keychain.
 - (3) The bright orange purse was found in Kenny's schoolbag.
 - (4) Jamie was ashamed for making a false accusation against Kenny.
- ()

SECTION D: Grammar Cloze (4 x 1 mark)

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.

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| (A) he | (B) her | (C) his |
| (D) she | (E) them | (F) they |

Mr Tan and his three-year-old daughter, Lina, were having a leisurely stroll at a park ~~on a Saturday morning~~.

"Can you hear that sound, Dad? It seems to be coming from the bushes," said Lina.

Within seconds, a swarm of bees descended on (16) _____ and attacked them ferociously. (17) _____ tried to brush them off but were stung.

A little later, a driver, Mr Ahmad was driving past. Seeing that help was needed, he stopped (18) _____ car. Together with his daughter, Mr Tan took refuge in the car. Unfortunately, Mr Ahmad was stung twenty times when (19) _____ got out of the car to help the distressed victims. Although Mr Ahmad was in pain, he drove Mr Tan and Lina to the clinic in the neighbourhood where all of them received treatment.



SECTION E: Comprehension Cloze (9 x 1 mark)

Fill in the blanks with a suitable word.

There it lay, amidst the clutter of old notes and books. I reached out for (20) _____ old diary, blowing away the (21) _____ of dust that had collected over the years.

I found (22) _____ entry written some twenty years ago, when I was twelve years old. I remembered vividly the incident that led (23) _____ to sever ties with my best friend, Kelly.

"Please don't do this, Claudia. What if we get (24) _____?" Kelly was pleading.

"No one will find out. There's no time if I don't do it now," I reasoned.

Kelly refused to help me (25) _____ the secret. I had never felt more furious and betrayed in my life. We lost contact and never managed to reconcile (26) _____ friendship. I closed the diary and wiped away the (27) _____ from my cheeks. On hindsight, how could I end the (28) _____ just like that? After all, what I planned was downright dishonest!



SECTION F : Editing for Spelling and Grammar (4 x 1 mark)

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

Packing to go on a vacation might seem like a simple task. After all,

(29)

you only needs to take along whatever you want for your planned activities. Trouble

starts when you begin thinking about other situations that you might need clothing

for. What about an extra pair of shoes in case you get wet in a rainstorm. What if

(30)

you want to visit a fancy **resteraunt** and need more formal clothes. Ideas like

(31)

this usually mean a very packed suitcase. It is a good idea to remember your

(32)

beargauge allowance. The best plan is to stick to your list and just take the bare minimum.



SECTION G : Synthesis (2 x 2 marks)

Rewrite the following pairs of sentences as one sentence without changing the original meaning.

33. Yvonne likes playing tennis. She does not like swimming.

_____ prefers _____

34. This shopping centre is very crowded. It is having a sale.

_____ which _____



SECTION H: Comprehension Open-Ended Questions (5 x 2 marks)

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

Harold and Jacob, both seriously ill, occupied the same hospital room. Harold had to sit up in his bed for an hour each afternoon to help drain the fluid from his lungs. His bed was next to the room's only window. Jacob had to spend all his time flat on his back. The men talked for hours sharing their life stories.

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Every afternoon when Harold could sit up, he would pass the time by describing to Jacob all the things he could see outside the window. Each time, Jacob looked forward to spending time with Harold as the latter would describe the beautiful scenery in exquisite detail. Jacob would close his eyes and allow his imagination to take over.

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One warm afternoon, Harold described a parade passing by. Although Jacob could not hear the band – he could see it in his mind's eye.

Days and weeks passed. One morning, the nurse found the lifeless body of Harold's. She was saddened and called the hospital attendants to take the body away.

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Jacob moved next to the window. The nurse was happy to make the switch, and after making sure he was comfortable she left him alone. Slowly and painfully, he propped himself up to look outside for the first time. He strained to look out of the window beside the bed.

It faced a blank wall. The puzzled man asked the nurse what could have compelled Harold to describe such wonderful things outside the window. The nurse told him that the man had lost his sight and could not even see the wall. She said, "Perhaps he just wanted to encourage you." Upon hearing that, tears rolled down his cheeks.

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Adapted from The Hospital Window –author unknown, Inspirational Stories and Poems.

35. What was Jacob's position on his bed in the hospital room?

36. Why do you think Jacob could not hear the band?

37. What does the word 'it' on Line 12 refer to?

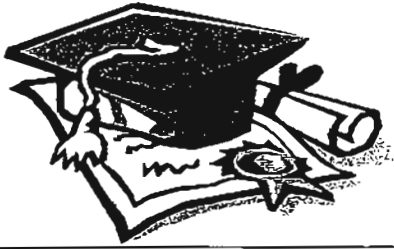
38. Which sentence in the passage tells you that there wasn't any view outside the window?

39. Why do you think tears rolled down Jacob's cheeks?

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ANSWER SHEET

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20)my 21)layer 22)an 23)me 24)caught

25)keep 26)our 27)tears 28)friendship 29)need

30)restaurant 31)these 32)baggage

33)Yvonne prefers playing tennis to swimming.

34)This shopping centre which is very crowded is having a sale.

35)He was lying flat on his back on his bed.

36)I think that there was no band.

37)It refers to a parade passing by.

38)The sentence is "It faced a blank wall".

39)Jacob was touched by Harold's encouragement.

