

**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 pupil s \_\_\_\_\_ 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  
woke me up. I was all soaked by the time the rain stopped." 20

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

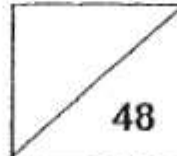
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**Booklet B**

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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| <del>(B)</del> to   | <del>(E)</del> about | <del>(H)</del> its  | <del>(L)</del> with | <del>(P)</del> their |
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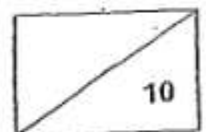
The tradition of making candy canes dates back to centuries ago.

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, if 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)

**extremely** 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

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

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perform **diffikul** 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 **misfery**.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

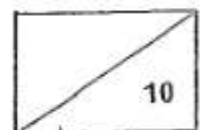
(10 marks)

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. Meiyang likes horse-riding. Peilin likes horse-riding too.

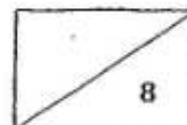
Both \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Anita told \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_





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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 <sup>knew</sup> know that it was officially morning?

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52. How many siblings ~~did~~ Dawan <sup>had</sup> have?

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

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

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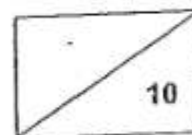
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55. What were Dawan and Kwai waiting for when they sat on the bridge?

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# ANSWER SHEET

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TERM : SA 1

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Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26
P	J	C	F	Q	G	D	N	M

- 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.