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CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT 2012 PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH

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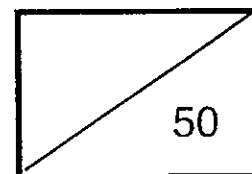
INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
Follow all instructions carefully.
Answer all questions.

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary 4. _____

Date: 27 February 2012



This booklet consists of 15 printed pages including this page.

Section A: Vocabulary (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 How do you _____ that irritating brother of yours?

- (1) put in
- (2) put off
- (3) put up with
- (4) put down to

2 When the host announced the winner of the singing competition, an audible _____ went round the audience as it was totally unexpected that he would win.

- (1) bawl
- (2) gasp
- (3) scream
- (4) whimper

3 During World War II, the courageous soldiers fought _____ to protect their country from the invasion of the enemies.

- 1) hesitantly
- 2) cautiously
- 3) thoroughly
- 4) relentlessly

4 Mr Tan is so _____, he will never change his mind.

- (1) fickle
- (2) meek
- (3) obstinate
- (4) inconsistent

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5 I hope to be a mountaineer and _____ Mount Everest one day.

- (1) soar
- (2) scale
- (3) trample
- (4) clamber

6 My family is going to have dinner at this restaurant where food _____
have given it good reviews.

- (1) critics
- (2) reporters
- (3) illustrators
- (4) newscasters

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Section B: Grammar (6 marks)

For each question from 7 to 12, 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 Last week, Mrs Sim had to cook and _____ the house before the guests arrived.

- (1) clean
- (2) cleaned
- (3) is cleaning
- (4) was cleaning

8 Sally is fond _____ chocolate ice-cream.

- (1) of
- (2) to
- (3) for
- (4) with

9 If the weather _____ fine, we will go for a picnic at the park.

- (1) is
- (2) was
- (3) will be
- (4) has been

10 Mrs Lee is very proud that _____ pupil in her class studies hard

- (1) all
- (2) most
- (3) some
- (4) every

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11 We _____ hide-and-seek at the playground when it suddenly started to rain heavily.

- (1) played
- (2) had played
- (3) have played
- (4) were playing

12 "Most of the food _____ by me," Aziz beamed and declared proudly.

- (1) prepare
- (2) prepared
- (3) is prepared
- (4) are prepared

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Section C: Comprehension (10 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 13 to 17.

The idea of Cinderella and other legendary princesses from the land of make-believe has captured the heart of almost every little girl today. Thanks to the creative genius of the late Walt Disney and the company he founded, the princess movement is having an enormous impact on yet another generation of girls. It is producing more than \$3 billion in sales annually for the Disney organisation 5

To promote their princesses, the Disney team has put all its female characters together to form the Princess team. Each princess has a storyline and even a recipe for a favourite food. There are now more than 25 000 Disney Princess items such as princess tea sets, gowns and puzzles available in toy stores. It is on its way to becoming the largest girls' franchise on the planet. 10

Why are girls so captivated by the princess fantasy? Every girl wants to be considered physically attractive and princesses take it to the highest level. Snow White was proclaimed "the fairest of them all" by the magic mirror, and all eyes were on Cinderella when she walked into the ballroom. 15

Every Disney Princess has a beautiful voice, and some of the storylines are based around that talent. Sleeping Beauty was given the gift of song at birth and Little Mermaid had such a lovely voice that she was asked by the villain to exchange it for the ability to walk. Actually, all princesses sound alike, so it's hard to tell if you are listening to Snow White or Pocahontas, who has been made a princess to cater to audience from different cultural backgrounds. 20

Princesses also wear lovely gowns in bright colours and little girls love to imitate their heroines' attire by wearing similar costumes. Just go to Disneyland and you will see plenty of **petite versions** of Snow White, Belle and Cinderella walking around the park in their favourite princess costumes. 25

A princess is always pursued by an attractive male, and he is usually a prince. Through all the ups and downs, a princess always gets her man in the end. The concept of marrying a handsome prince and living happily ever after is appealing to young dreamers.

To be a princess is to be considered beautiful, to be pursued and to see all your hopes and dreams come true. Now who would not want to be a princess? 30

Adapted from *Bringing Up Girls* by Dr James Dobson

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For each question from 13 to 17, 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.

13 The Disney team increases sales by _____.

- (1) opening princess food outlets
- (2) selling only princess tea sets each year
- (3) putting all the princesses together to form the Princess team
- (4) selling more than 25 000 princess items only in Disney stores

14 'it' in line 13 refers to the princesses' _____.

- (1) fantasies
- (2) personalities
- (3) singing talents
- (4) outward appearances

15 Pocahontas is re-created to be a princess to appeal to different _____ groups.

- (1) age
- (2) ethnic
- (3) income
- (4) interest

16 According to the writer, some of the Disney storylines are based on the _____.

- (1) happy endings
- (2) handsome suitors
- (3) beauty of the princesses
- (4) singing abilities of the princesses

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17 The "petite versions" (line 24) walking around the Disneyland park refer to _____

- (1) Disney Princesses
- (2) characters in the stories
- (3) little girls dressed as princesses
- (4) employees of Disneyland dressed as princesses

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Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (4 marks)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to H) in each blank. **USE EACH LETTER ONCE ONLY.**

(A) discovered	(B) identified	(C) logical	(D) rise
(E) saved	(F) scientific	(G) stored	(H) trend

The word 'obesity' is used to describe someone who is much too overweight and it has become dangerous to his health. We do not say someone is obese just because he looks plump. There is a _____ way of looking at how tall a person is and how much he weighs to figure out whether he really suffers from obesity. (18)

There has been an increase in the percentage of children who are _____ as being obese. Although we still do not know how this may affect their health when they grow older, chances are if you are overweight as a child, you are likely to be overweight as an adult. Doctors are worried about the growing _____ because obesity is linked to many serious diseases such as high blood pressure, stroke and cancer. (19) (20)

All our food and drinks except water contain calories. If the calories in the food you eat are not used up by the body, they will be _____ in the body as fats. So after eating a big bar of chocolate which contains high calories, you should try to do some exercise to burn the extra 'fuel' before it turns to fat. (21)

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Section E: Grammar Cloze (4 marks)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to G) in each blank. **USE EACH LETTER ONCE ONLY.**

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| (A) at | (B) in | (C) into | (D) on |
| (E) out | (F) to | (G) with | |

Alf began his disguise in the shed. Whistling quietly _____
 (22)
 himself, he stuck on some shaggy eyebrows over his own. He ruffled his hair so
 that most of it stood up _____ their ends. He dug his fingers into some
 (23)
 earth outside the shed and got his nails extremely dirty. Then he dressed himself in
 some old clothes and finally put in a pair of false teeth. He looked in the mirror and
 grinned, half-startled to see the big teeth that stuck over his lower lips.

He slipped _____ of the shed, went to the little gate that led into
 (24)
 the lane and looked out. No one was about. He put his hands in his pockets and
 slouched down the road, heading towards his destination. Someone came hurrying
 out and bumped _____ him. To his horror, he saw that it was Eunice
 (25)
 and her magazines had fallen to the ground.

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Section F: Synthesis (2 marks)

For each of the questions 26 to 27, 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.

- 26 Sammy had to cancel his meeting with his friends. Sammy fell sick.

Since _____

- 27 Plastic is a poor conductor of heat. Wood is also a poor conductor of heat.

_____ and _____

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Section G: Cloze (8 marks)

Read the passage carefully. Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Digital books and electronic reading devices are becoming more popular, but are e-books right for you? Does the _____ of having a walking library sound appealing to you? E-books can hold hundreds of titles, so you can carry a complete collection of classics you have always been meaning to read, and the entire current bestsellers list – all in one same device, _____ of a backbreaking haversack.

It's easy to become spoiled _____ the convenience of browsing and downloading books instantly, via a PC or the e-book itself. However, some people admit to missing the pleasure of curling up with a nice hefty book, feeling the grain of paper while turning each _____. Some readers even claim they miss breathing in the rich _____ of a new novel.

You also lose the book cover, which can be works of _____ in themselves. As e-books _____ popularity, the quality of cover art will decline, much like how digital media and MP3 killed the art of album covers.

Some people love the idea of a cosy room of bookshelves crammed to the ceiling with books, but tiny urban apartments mean that many simply do not have the _____ to spare.

When it comes to deciding if e-books are for you, among other factors such as cost, what you really need to consider is whether the content within the books is more important to you than owning and enjoying the physical aspect of real books.

Adapted from *Reader's Digest*

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Section H: Comprehension (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 36 to 40.

I set the table at the dining room, then returned to the kitchen to carve up the chicken and beef. How well these people eat, I reflect, compared to my family back home. Picking up a chopper to flatten the chicken breast, I sliced the top of my finger.

Droplets of blood fell to the floor as I dashed for the cold tap. I held my finger under the running water. I grabbed the tea cloth and wrapped it round my hand. A deep red stain spread through the material as I ransacked the drawers for something to bind the cut. I finally found a strip of plastic film and wound it round and round the top of my finger, hoping to contain the bleeding. 5

My time was running out. I heated the oil in two woks, tossed the chicken and beef about in the oil and added various sauces and spices. I carried the cold dishes to the dining room, placed them on the table, and returned to the kitchen to find Mrs Chen standing there. 10

"There is blood on the floor and on this tea cloth, Lu Si-yan. Do you have any idea how unhygienic that is?" Mrs Chen shrieked in disgust.

"I'm sorry, Mrs Chen, I cut my finger and –" I tried to explain. 15

"I don't care if you cut your throat. I will not have my kitchen contaminated by you. You will throw this tea cloth away, clean up and I shall expect you to serve us in ten minutes!" Mrs Chen ordered.

Fuming, I hurled the soiled cloth into the bin and mopped the floor. When I stamped over to the stove, I was sickened to find that the pieces of beef were stuck together and the chicken was blackened. I tried to disguise the worst of the chicken with carefully positioned vegetables, but I knew that this would not escape Mrs Chen's eagle eye. I carried the dishes through to the dining room, gearing myself up for a tongue-lashing. 20

When I reached Yimou, he suddenly pointed at my hand and said very solemnly, "Nasty cut? Have to kiss it better." With that, he took hold of my wrist and was about to kiss my finger, when Mr Chen pulled him away and said firmly, "No, Yimou, you don't touch." 25

I was sent back to the kitchen then. I was in turmoil as I scrubbed away at the dirty pans. It was not that Mrs Chen would come in soon to scold me about the dreadful meal. It was Yimou. It seemed I was destined to marry a boy who was as 30

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handsome as any girl could wish, but who acted like a very young child, though he looked about eighteen.

By the evening, I was so tired that I could hardly keep my eyes open. Disaster struck when I ladled soup into Mrs Hong's lap. Mrs Chen leapt to her feet and called me a stupid, clumsy child. However, Mrs Hong patted me on the back and told me not to worry. I knew from the look on Mrs Chen's face that she was furious again with Mrs Hong for interfering.

Adapted from *Spilled Water* by Sally Grindley

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

36 How did Si-yan hurt herself?

37 What were the two things Si-yan did to stop the blood from flowing?

38 What does "this" in line 22 refer to?

39 Which word from lines 25 to 33 has the same meaning as "a state of confusion"?

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40 Explain fully why Mrs Chen was furious with Mrs Hong.

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ANSWER SHEET

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Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25
F	B	H	G	F	D	E	C

26) Since Sammy fell sick, he had to cancel his meeting with his friends.

27) Plastic and wood are poor conductor of heat.

28) idea 29) instead 30) by 31) page

32) smell 33) art 34) gain 35) space

36) She sliced the top of her finger with a chopper.

37) She wrapped a teacloth around her wound and also found a plastic film in the drawer and wrapped it around her wound, hoping to contain the bleeding.

38) It refers to the worst of the chicken with the carefully placed vegetables around it.

39) The word is "turmoil".

40) Mrs Chen was furious with Mrs Hong for interfering when she was scolding Si-yan.

