



HOUGANG PRIMARY SCHOOL  
FIRST SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2010  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
PRIMARY 4

BOOKLET A

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (     )

Class: P4. \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 10 May 2010

Total time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 15 minutes

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

This booklet consists of 7 printed pages.

Section A (Vocabulary)

For each question from 1 to 6, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer sheet. (6 marks)

1. When Ali scored the winning goal for the soccer match, he was \_\_\_\_\_.  
He leaped into the air to celebrate.
  - 1) irritated
  - 2) worried
  - 3) annoyed
  - 4) overjoyed
  
2. In the examination hall, the \_\_\_\_\_ were writing their answers furiously on the papers.
  - 1) judges
  - 2) candidates
  - 3) examiners
  - 4) passers-by
  
3. Lily was about to pay for a blouse when she \_\_\_\_\_ that her purse was missing .
  - 1) guessed
  - 2) believed
  - 3) discovered
  - 4) understood
  
4. The car \_\_\_\_\_ to a stop just before it hit the lorry that was coming from the opposite direction.
  - 1) shrieked
  - 2) squeaked
  - 3) screeched
  - 4) scrambled

5. As Keith needed to get his shoes mended, he visited a \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) grocer
- 2) mason
- 3) cobbler
- 4) blacksmith

6. Mrs Lee was \_\_\_\_\_ by her friend's sarcastic remarks as she did not look too happy after the conversation.

- 1) pleased
- 2) honoured
- 3) delighted
- 4) humiliated

Section B (Grammar)

For each question from 7 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (6 marks)

7. Sally and her brother followed the recipe closely and baked the cake \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1) herself
  - 2) himself
  - 3) ourselves
  - 4) themselves
8. At the zoo last Wednesday, Tom and his family \_\_\_\_\_ worried when his baby sister went missing.
- 1) is
  - 2) are
  - 3) was
  - 4) were
9. "Look there! Dorothy \_\_\_\_\_ at us now," said Jonathan.
- 1) wave
  - 2) waves
  - 3) is waving
  - 4) has waved
10. Last year, Jeremy \_\_\_\_\_ the East Zone Storytelling Competition.
- 1) win
  - 2) won
  - 3) has won
  - 4) was winning

11. Last Friday, Samy \_\_\_\_\_ home when he slipped and fell into the drain.

- 1) walked
- 2) is walking
- 3) was walking
- 4) were walking

12. \_\_\_\_\_ man standing beside us now is Fandi.

- 1) This
- 2) That
- 3) These
- 4) Those

Section C (Comprehension MCQ)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 13 to 17.

It was Thursday. I had to go for my piano lesson. I decided to take the MRT train instead of bus. When I boarded the train, it was already crowded. Fortunately, I had managed to find a seat near the door.

At the next station, an elderly woman boarded the train. I wanted to give up my seat for her. However, as she was facing another way, she could not see me. She stood near a young man. When he saw her approaching, he closed his eyes and pretended to be asleep. I was very angry when I saw that.

As the train was getting more crowded, the elderly woman turned to go further into the carriage. After that, I gestured to her to take my seat. She smiled at me, came over and said, "Thank you," before sitting down.

When I alighted at the station near my music school, I felt happy and proud of myself. I had done a good deed.

For each question from 13 to 17, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

13. On Thursday, the writer \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1) travelled by bus
  - 2) did not help an elderly woman
  - 3) wanted to go for piano lesson
  - 4) found a seat faraway from the door
14. The elderly woman could not see the writer because she \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1) had found herself a seat
  - 2) was carrying many things
  - 3) had to alight at the next stop
  - 4) was facing another way
15. The man closed his eyes and pretended to be asleep \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1) as he was tired after work
  - 2) so that he did not have to give up his seat
  - 3) since the train was already very crowded
  - 4) because the writer had already given the elderly woman a seat
16. The elderly woman turned to go further into the carriage because \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1) she would be alighting soon
  - 2) many people were coming into the carriage
  - 3) the young man was showing her another seat
  - 4) she saw the writer gesturing her to take the writer's seat

17. The writer was happy after alighting from the MRT train because

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- 1) the writer had done a good deed
- 2) the writer managed to find a seat on the train
- 3) the writer was rewarded by the young man for her good deed
- 4) the elderly woman found a seat on the train by herself

**END OF BOOKLET A**





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BOOKLET B

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Write all your answers in this booklet.

|                    | Max. Marks | Marks Obtained |
|--------------------|------------|----------------|
| Booklet A          | 22         |                |
| Booklet B          | 26         |                |
| Overall Total      | 48         |                |
| Parent's Signature |            |                |

This booklet consists of 5 printed pages.

**Section A (Vocabulary Cloze)**

Read the following passage carefully. There are 8 blanks, numbered 18 to 25, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to M) in the blank. The letter (I) has been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (8 marks)

**USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY**

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|---------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------|
| (A) gain      | (B) lose     | (C) blind        | (D) prove       |
| (E) flying    | (F) raise    | (G) people       | (H) reasons     |
| (J) disagrees | (K) question | (L) confidential | (M) opportunity |

Miles Hilton has run across the scorching Sahara Desert, braved the freezing Himalayas and took part in the Malayan Super Car Race. Now, he is (18) \_\_\_\_\_ a plane from Britain to Australia. He likes to challenge himself.

Miles Hilton is also (19) \_\_\_\_\_. He was not born with that handicap but a rare disease caused him to (20) \_\_\_\_\_ his sight slowly. By the time he was 29, he was completely in a world of darkness. Determined to (21) \_\_\_\_\_ that being blind would not hold him back, he has had more adventures than most people with perfect eyesight.

His latest challenge is to fly from London to Sydney. By capturing the public's attention, Miles Hilton hopes to (22) \_\_\_\_\_ around \$3 million for the Seeing is Believing Movement, which is devoted to preventing blindness.

Oddly, when he was 18 years old and could still see, he was thrown out of Rhodesian air force due to poor eyesight. "Thirty-seven years later, I have this incredible (23) \_\_\_\_\_ to fly halfway around the world," he says. "It means you should never let anyone tell you whether you can live your dreams."

The same can be said for (24) \_\_\_\_\_ with perfect eyesight too. Often, people do not face up to challenges because they believe that they are just not good enough. Miles Hilton (25) \_\_\_\_\_ and he believes that if we want to get something done, we can. We should all learn from Miles Hilton.

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**Section B (Grammar Cloze)**

Read the following passages carefully. There are 8 blanks, numbered 26 to 33, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to P) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (8 marks)

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**Passage A**

- (A) I            (B) me            (C) we  
(D) he           (E) she           (F) you

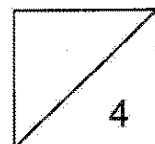
Hi John,

The school holiday has just began. For this holiday, my parents and (26) \_\_\_\_\_ are going to Disneyland in Hong Kong. As this is the first time my mother is taking an aeroplane, (27) \_\_\_\_\_ is very excited. (28) \_\_\_\_\_ hope that all of us will be able to have lots of fun.

Well, I hope to hear from (29) \_\_\_\_\_ soon. Till next time!

Your friend,

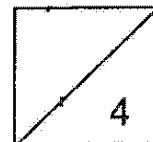
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Passage B

- (H) write                      (J) wrote                      (K) writes  
(L) writing                      (M) can writing                      (N) will be writing

Other than running, Elbie loves writing most. Every evening, she  
(30) \_\_\_\_\_ at least two paragraphs for her new book. She enjoys  
(31) \_\_\_\_\_ very much. Ever since signing up with a publishing firm, she  
has to (32) \_\_\_\_\_ for an even longer period of time. She believes that she  
(33) \_\_\_\_\_ for life. She hopes that she could win the Youth Writers  
Award one day.



Section C (Comprehension - Open Ended)

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions 34 to 38.

(10 marks)

Once, a blind beggar reached the foot of the Batu caves in Kuala Lumpur. He believed that the key to an enormous treasure was in three magic words "Open Green Sesame".

The long flight of steps was not a problem for the blind beggar. Soon he was standing at the entrance of the main cave. He immediately felt his way inside. 5

At the end of the path, he used the magic words, and in his mind, he saw heaps of diamonds, pearls, gold and silver in front of him. There were also two fine solid gold jars that were studded with diamonds. He picked up the two jars and slowly made his way to the main entrance. 10

He was about to descend the steps when a priest stopped him. He asked the beggar, "Why are you carrying two huge stones?" The beggar received such a big shock that he dropped the two 'precious jars' and left in disappointment. 15

**ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.**

34. Where did the blind beggar go to in Kuala Lumpur?

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35. What would lead the blind beggar to the treasure?

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36. Which word in Paragraph 2 has the same meaning as 'opening'?

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37. What did the blind beggar finally collect in the cave?

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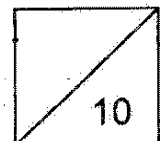
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38. Based on the passage, was the beggar happy in the end? Why do you think so?

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**End of Booklet B**



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| 1.  | 4       | 2.  | 2     | 3.  | 3               | 4.  | 3      | 5.  | 3         |
| 6.  | 4       | 7.  | 4     | 8.  | 3               | 9.  | 3      | 10. | 2         |
| 11. | 3       | 12. | 1     | 13. | 3               | 14. | 4      | 15. | 2         |
| 16. | 2       | 17. | 1     | 18. | flying          | 19. | blind  | 20. | lose      |
| 21. | prove   | 22. | raise | 23. | opportunity     | 24. | people | 25. | disagrees |
| 26. | I       | 27. | she   | 28. | We              | 29. | you    | 30. | writes    |
| 31. | writing | 32. | write | 33. | will be writing |     |        |     |           |
34. The blind beggar went to the foot of the Batu caves in Kuala Lumpur.
35. The three magic words "Open Green sesame" would lead him to the treasure.
36. The word is 'entrance'.
37. The blind beggar finally collected two huge stones in the cave.
38. No, he was not happy. He did not get any treasure in the end.