



## PRIMARY 4 END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION 2013

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# ENGLISH LANGUAGE

## PAPER 2

### (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Write your name, class and register number.
2. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.
5. For Questions 1 to 14, shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.
6. For Questions 15 to 40, write your answers in this booklet.

**Section A (6 x 1m)**

**Vocabulary**

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 answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

1. Aedes mosquitoes, which spread dengue fever, breed rapidly in \_\_\_\_\_ water.  
  - (1) swift
  - (2) running
  - (3) inactive
  - (4) stagnant
  
2. The teacher has tried many different ways to motivate her students to work harder but to no \_\_\_\_\_.  
  - (1) avail
  - (2) results
  - (3) success
  - (4) conclusion
  
3. While waiting for the police to arrive, two men \_\_\_\_\_ the robber down to make sure he could not escape.  
  - (1) felled
  - (2) pinned
  - (3) moved
  - (4) crushed

4. The trainers invited \_\_\_\_\_ from the pupils so that they could improve on the Cyber Wellness programme.

(1) replies

(2) criticism

(3) feedback

(4) responses

5. This book, which gives very \_\_\_\_\_ coverage of all the Science topics, is an excellent revision tool.

(1) brief

(2) generous

(3) thorough

(4) adequate

6. In spite of the downpour, the competitors' spirits were not \_\_\_\_\_.

(1) denied

(2) dampened

(3) discouraged

(4) downhearted

**Section B (8 x 1m)**

**Grammar**

For each question from 7 to 14, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

7. Mrs Chan gave them a key to her house so that they could let \_\_\_\_\_ in.
- (1) herself
  - (2) himself
  - (3) ourselves
  - (4) themselves
8. While playing football during recess yesterday, James \_\_\_\_\_ elated when he scored a goal.
- (1) is
  - (2) are
  - (3) was
  - (4) were
9. "Stop complaining that you are hungry. I \_\_\_\_\_ the noodles right now," I told my sister.
- (1) cooks
  - (2) cooked
  - (3) am cooking
  - (4) have cooked

10. -As Ruth \_\_\_\_\_ after the bus, she slipped and fell.

- (1) runs
- (2) will run
- (3) has run
- (4) was running

11. \_\_\_\_\_ children practising in that corner are preparing to perform on stage.

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

12. Last Friday, Max and his friends \_\_\_\_\_ at the library to do their research after being dismissed from school.

- (1) met
- (2) meet
- (3) have met
- (4) were meeting

13. The twins \_\_\_\_\_ disappointed when their parents cancelled the trip to the zoo.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

14. There are \_\_\_\_\_ ways to solve the problems. Try to find out all the methods that can be used.

(1) few

(2) little

(3) much

(4) several

### Section C (10 m)

#### Comprehension

Read the passage below and answer questions 15 to 23 based on the passage.

"A storm is coming!" shouted Raju, stepping back as a huge wave came crashing against the sea wall. Bala nodded, laughing as the spray drenched them. They moved backwards as yet another wave crashed against the wall.

Raju and Bala were at the sea wall to watch the stormy sea before the monsoon came. They did this every year on a day in the first week of June. Raju had given Bala a green coconut and a rice dumpling which he ate heartily. It made Bala feel like a child again. 5

On the tenth of June, the monsoon arrived. Water began rising in the streets due to the heavy rain. Then, the rubbish on the streets was carried away in a rush, causing the drains to become blocked. Motorists were stranded when their cars broke down and stalled in knee-deep water. The city was washed clean not only of a year's dirt but also of the summer heat. 10

It was an unexpected holiday for the coolies who could not get any work done because of the rain. They went to Raju and Bala's restaurant to have tea and hot meals. Raju and Bala had to work hard to serve their customers. The restaurant was buzzing with friendly and noisy chatter. 15

*Adapted from: The Village by the Sea by Anita Desai*





Answer the following questions.

15. Which two-word phrase tells you that Raju and Bala went to the sea wall annually? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

They did this <u>every year</u> on a day in the <u>first week</u> of June.	
(A)	(B)

16. Raju gave Bala two things that made him feel like a child again. What are these two things?

i. \_\_\_\_\_ [1m]

ii. \_\_\_\_\_ [1m]

For questions 17 to 19, read the statement and tick ✓ "True" or "False". Refer to paragraphs 3 and 4 to help you. The first example has been done for you. [3m]

	Statement	True	False
Example	Raju and Bala were at the sea wall to look at the huge waves.	✓	
17.	The monsoon arrived after the first week of June.		
18.	The city was cooler after the rain.		
19.	Raju and Bala did not have to work on the tenth of June.		

20. Put the following statements in the right sequence to explain how the streets became flooded. Write 1, 2 and 3 on the lines. Refer to paragraph 3 to help you. [1m]

\_\_\_\_\_ The drains became blocked.

\_\_\_\_\_ The monsoon brought heavy rain.

\_\_\_\_\_ Water rushed down the streets, taking rubbish with it.

21. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

Raju and Bala were \_\_\_\_\_ [1m]

<input type="checkbox"/>	coolies
<input type="checkbox"/>	motorists
<input type="checkbox"/>	owners of the restaurant

22. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

Coolies visited the restaurant to \_\_\_\_\_ [1m]

<input type="checkbox"/>	work
<input type="checkbox"/>	eat and drink
<input type="checkbox"/>	watch the heavy rain.

23. Which word has the same meaning as 'loud'? Circle either (A) or (B).

[1m]

The restaurant was buzzing with friendly and noisy chatter.

(A)

(B)

**Section D (4 x 1m)**

**Grammar Cloze**

Read the passage carefully. There are 4 blanks, numbered 24 to 27, in the passage below. 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.

(A) it	(B) I	(C) me
(D) them	(E) us	(F) we

Dear May,

The school holidays have started. My classmates and (24) \_\_\_\_\_ are going to make two penguin art pieces and display (25) \_\_\_\_\_ in school.

We will use the recycled bottles that (26) \_\_\_\_\_ have collected during the school term. My teacher wants (27) \_\_\_\_\_ to understand that penguins can die when people throw plastics into the sea.

I hope that you will also help to protect the penguins.

Your pen-pal,

Angie

*Adapted from: Wildlife Press – Wildlife Reserves Singapore*

### Section E (4 x 1m)

#### Grammar Cloze

Read the passage carefully. There are 4 blanks, numbered 28 to 31, in the passage below. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

Inuka, the first polar bear born in the tropics, (28) [ has / have ] never experienced life on the frozen Arctic tundra. The furry giant (29) [ live / lives ] in a new enclosure which is four times bigger than its previous home. There (30) [ is / are ] a large pool for the bear. Both the raccoon dog and wolverine (31) [ share / shares ] the enclosure with the polar bear. The frozen tundra is open daily for visitors.

*Adapted from: The Straits Times, 30 May 2013*

**Section F (4 x 2m)**

**Synthesis and Transformation**

For each of the questions 32 to 35, 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).

32. Sally jumped over the puddle. Sally did not want her shoes to be soaked.

\_\_\_\_\_ so  
\_\_\_\_\_

33. James and Mary enjoy reading.

\_\_\_\_\_ find  
\_\_\_\_\_

34. Jane gave the movie-ticket away. Grace had declined the invitation to watch a movie with Jane.

Since \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

35. Mrs Chan told her daughters to wash their hands before they ate those cherries.

Mrs Chan told her daughters, " \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Section G (5 x 2m)**

**Comprehension Open**

**Read the passage below and answer questions 36 to 40.**

Kumal and Sangha trotted towards a rubber tree. They were immediately confronted by a mother rat which had a set of razor-sharp teeth. Sangha panicked and climbed up the rubber tree. However, unafraid of being bitten, Kumal charged at the mother rat and roared his little lungs out. She backed off, then scampered away with her young. 5  
Elated, Kumal did a victory dance.

Despite Kumal's encouragement, Sangha refused to come down from the tree. It was a long way down to the ground, and he was not about to risk it. He was also sure the mother rat was waiting to attack him. Kumal decided to climb up and rescue him. He caught Sangha's 10 tail in his teeth and pulled with all his might. Out of the blue, both cubs heard a loud gunshot which made them tremble with fear. "Watch out!" cried Kumal, but it was too late as he and Sangha lost their hold on the branch. They fell to the forest floor, fortunately unhurt.

The Great Tiger and Tigress, parents of the two cubs, had also 15 heard the gunshot and to them, it spelt possible danger. The Great Tiger let out a low growl when he sniffed the air and detected the scent of humans. They could see a line of **upright creatures** making their way towards them. The Tigress bristled as she saw them. She had a memory of them from when she was a cub, and although they appeared 20 harmless, she knew better. She had lost her mother to these creatures. The Tigress recalled the gunshot, a patch of her mother's fur turning red and then she was motionless. She must not let her cubs suffer the same fate.

*Adapted from: Two Brothers - The Tale of Kumal and Sangha by James Ellison*

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

36. What did Kumal do that frightened the mother rat away ?

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37. Why was Sangha afraid to come down from the tree ?

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38. Explain clearly what caused the cubs to fall to the forest floor in paragraph 2

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39. What does the phrase **upright creatures'** in line 18 refer to?

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40. What had happened to the Tigress' mother?

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End of Paper





# ANSWER SHEET

**EXAM PAPER 2013**

**SCHOOL : TAO NAN**

**SUBJECT : PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH**

**TERM : SA2**

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15
4	1	2	3	3	2	4	3	3	4	4	1	4	4	A

16)i)a green coconut

ii)a rice dumping

17)T    18)T    19)F    20)3 1 2

21)owners of the restaurant

22)eat and drink

23)B    24)B    25)D    26)F    27)E    28)has    29)lives

30)is    31)share

32)Sally did not want her shoes to be soaked so she jumped over the puddle.

33)James and Mary find reading enjoyable.

34)Since Grace had declined the invitation to watch a movie with Jane, she gave the movie tickets away.

35)Mrs Chan told her daughters, " Wash your hands before you eat these cherries."

**36)Kumal charged at the mother rat and roared his lungs out.**

**37)It was a long way down the tree and Sangha was sure that the mother rat was waiting to attack him.**

**38)Both the cubs heard a loud gunshot, they tremble with fear and lost their grip to the tree branch.**

**39)It refers to humans.**

**40)She was shot and died.**