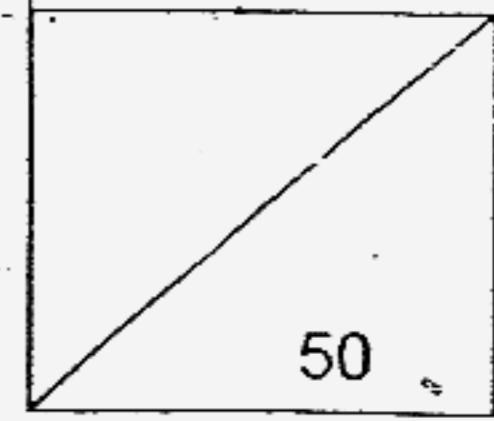


HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
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ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY FOUR



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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.

1. The Lim family went to get some furniture for their new flat as it was _____

- (1) bar (3) bear
(2) bare (4) beer

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2. "This can't be happening to us!" _____ Jennie in disbelief.

- (1) commended (3) sneered
(2) exclaimed (4) urged

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3. Uncle Sam has a heart of _____ as he is always devoting his time to help the poor and needy.

- (1) bone (3) stone
(2) gold (4) wood

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4. William is the _____ pupil in class as he always completes all his work on time.

(1) anxious

(3) ferocious

(2) conscientious

(4) pretentious

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5. Jack braked hard when he saw the traffic lights turn red at the busy _____.

(1) intervention

(3) intersection

(2) interruption

(4) intermission

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Section B: Grammar (6 x 1 mark)

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

6. The patrol car _____ outside the police station.

(1) pulled across

(3) pulled through

(2) pulled into

(4) pulled up

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7. Neither of his friends _____ to help him through this difficult period.

(1) are agreeing

(3) have agreed

(2) has agreed

(4) agree

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8. _____ time permits, Mary will have to decide between scuba-diving or water-skiing.

(1) But

(3) Unless

(2) However

(4) For

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9. The mouse scurried into the hole _____ the cat could catch it.

(1) as

(3) when

(2) before

(4) while

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10. The principal declared that _____ would be a school holiday.

(1) the day before

(3) the previous day

(2) the next day

(4) yesterday

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11. Everybody, except Linda and Florence, _____ the National Museum next Sunday.

(1) visit

(3) is visiting

(2) visited

(4) are visiting

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Section C: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

Read the following passage and select the correct answer for each question.
Write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

Police said that Madam Hoi was on her way home when a man approached her to ask for directions. That was how they started a conversation and the man offered to show her a magic stone, which he claimed could cure many illnesses.

After some persuasion, she went with him to a car parked nearby where the man's accomplice studied her face and told her that bad luck would befall her family.

They advised her to take the 'magic stone' home to cleanse her house and to also enlist a master to pray for her family. Worried about the safety of her family, Madam Hoi agreed. The tricksters became bolder and told her that she would also need two cleansing sessions, each costing \$10 000.

Madam Hoi went to the nearest bank to withdraw the money. After taking the money, the men then passed her a black bag and told her to wait for them at the void deck.

After a few hours, when the men did not return, Madam Hoi opened the bag and found a brick and a rolled up newspaper. To her dismay, she realised that she had been tricked and reported the matter to the police.

The police are now trying to appeal to witnesses regarding the whereabouts of these two con men. Police said that the elderly and illiterate are more susceptible to such tricks and over the years quite a number of elderly women have fallen prey to the magic stone trick.

12. Madam Hoi was _____ when she was approached by a man.

- (1) heading home
- (2) heading to the car
- (3) going to the market
- (4) asking for directions

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13. The men's real intention was to _____

- (1) ask for directions
- (2) give away the magic stone
- (3) cheat Madam Hoi of her money
- (4) enlist a master to pray for Madam Hoi's family

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14. Madam Hoi found _____ in the black bag.

- (1) a brick and a newspaper
- (2) a stone and a newspaper
- (3) a brick and a piece of paper
- (4) a stone and a piece of paper

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15. Madam Hoi knew that she was cheated _____

- (1) when the men did not return
- (2) after reporting the matter to the police
- (3) when she was told to wait at the void deck
- (4) when she checked the contents in the bag

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16. What does the phrase 'fallen prey' in the passage suggest about the elderly women?

They were _____.

- (1) accomplices
- (2) witnesses
- (3) agents
- (4) victims

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Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

(A) Choose the correct word from the box to fill in each blank in the passage.
Use each word ONCE only.

advantage	power	ability	escape
disadvantage	speed	swift	balance

A penguin is a species of bird that cannot fly. On land, the penguins are ungainly creatures, waddling clumsily and using their flipper-like wings for (17) _____. But in the water, the penguin is swift and this helps it to (18) _____ from its predators.

Another bird that does not have the (19) _____ to fly is the ostrich. However, this is only a minor (20) _____ for the ostrich. Its sheer size and speed prevent it from falling prey to other animals since few are larger than it or as (21) _____. Both the penguin and ostrich are examples of birds that have adapted well despite being unable to fly.

(B) Read the passage carefully and fill in each blank with an appropriate word.

It was a blistering hot day. Guoming and his friend Ali could not remember ever feeling quite so hot and miserable. Suddenly, Guoming came up with a great idea. He (22) _____ that they go down to the river to have a swim.

At the river, Guoming could hardly contain his excitement and in a twinkling of an (23) _____, he dived straight in.

"This is great!" he cried as he came up to the surface. "Come and (24) _____ me!"

Then suddenly, his face became a picture of panic. He began screaming frantically as he was swept away by the raging current.

Ali tried in (25) _____ to help him but he was unable to help his friend who, within seconds, was dragged underwater and vanished out of (26) _____. However hard Ali screamed, Guoming never responded.

Section E: Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

(A) Choose the correct word from the box to fill in each blank in the passage.
Use each word ONCE only.

before	until	that	or
because	and	but	still

I love writing stories about children. Many of my stories revolve around children who love animals (27) ^{both} _____ nature. Some people tell me to include more fascinating characters in my stories such as robots, aliens and villains (28) _____ I simply refuse to. I do not believe that I need characters such as robots, aliens (29) _____ villains in my stories to rouse the interest of young readers.

I believe that good stories are essential in helping children discover the love for reading. I am thrilled when I learn that a child has formed the habit of reading (30) _____ of my books and stories. I always try to create captivating stories such that you just cannot put down the book (31) _____ you get to the end of the story. You will definitely enjoy my stories.

(B) Read the passage carefully and fill in each blank with an appropriate word.

During a school trip to Penang, a group of students waited eagerly at the baggage counter to check-in their luggage. Unfortunately, some students had forgotten to write (32) _____ names on their belongings. The luggage was in a mess and the airport staff could not do anything to help. Fortunately, some students managed to recognize some of the luggage and were able to help sort them out.

"This doesn't look like my bag. It's yours, Jack! (33) _____ bag is beige," said Nellie. "This is the only beige bag, so it must be mine."

"I am sure these suitcases belong to the twins, Ahmad and Azah. This blue one is also (34) _____," said Jack. "I saw them putting it on their trolley just now."

"What about this red backpack over here?" asked Nellie.

"That one definitely belongs to Bala. It was a present from (35) _____ father and he almost never leaves home without it," replied Jack.

"Yes, that's (36) _____," chuckled Bala with a smile. It was not long before all the bags were sorted out and properly labeled.

Section F: Comprehension Open Ended (7 x 2 marks)

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions in complete sentences.

Figure skating is a very graceful sport. One of the finest figure skaters in the world is Peggy Fleming. When she was about nine years old, her family had to move to Cleveland due to her father's work commitments. It was there that she learnt how to skate and her love for figure skating soon blossomed.

It was obvious to many that Peggy had a natural talent for skating. She was just a novice skater when she competed in the United States Figure Skating Championships in 1962, where she won the bronze medal. The following year she secured another bronze medal for her performance. Undaunted, Peggy continued to train hard and she emerged the undefeated champion for the next five years. Peggy's determination and perseverance paid off when she went on to clinch the gold medal at the Grenada Olympics.

Not long after, Peggy retired from her competitive career.

Although she no longer took part in competitions, Peggy continued to contribute to the sport. She appeared in numerous television programmes and interviews to promote the sport. Peggy's breathtaking performances earned her worldwide fame such that she was one of the first skaters ever invited to perform at the White House.

Peggy Fleming will always be admired for her skill and elegance in the figure-skating arena. She will always be a model for future figure skaters to emulate.

37. Where did Peggy Fleming first learn to skate?

38. Which word in the passage tells you that Peggy was just a beginner when she first competed in the United States Figure Skating Championships?

39. How many times did Peggy Fleming win the United States Figure Skating Championship?

40. When did Peggy Fleming retire from her competitive career?

41. Name two important factors which helped Peggy achieve her goal of winning an Olympic gold medal.

42. How did she continue to contribute to the sport after retiring from her competitive career?

43. Why was Peggy Fleming a role model for future figure-skaters?

Remember to check your work carefully!

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Answer Keys

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| 18. escape | 23. eye | 28. but | 33. my |
| 19. ability | 24. join | 29. or | 34. theirs |
| 20. disadvantage | 25. vain | 30. because | 35. his |
| 21. swift | 26. reach | 31. until | 36. right |

37. Peggy Fleming first learned to skate at Cleveland.
38. The word is "novice tells me that Peggy was just a beginner when she first competed in the united Figure skating championships.
39. She emerged the champion a total of five times.
40. She retired after she won the gold medal in the she retired.
41. They were her determined and perseverance which helped her to achieve her gold.
42. She contributed by appearing in numerous programmed shows and in interview to sport.
43. She was a role model for Future figure skaters because she was admired for her skill and elegance in the skating arena.