

**Pei Chun Public School**  
**Semestral Assessment 2, 2007**  
**English Language Paper 2**  
**Primary 4**

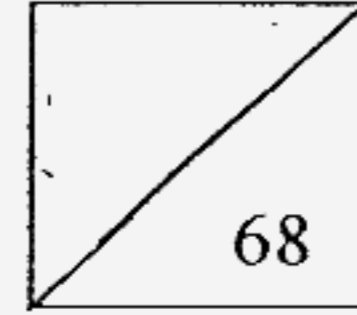
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Class: Primary 4 (     )

Subject Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Section A: Vocabulary (7 x 1 mark)**

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

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ fireworks display took place on the eve of Chinese New Year. It was awesome!  
(1) notorious (2) characteristic  
(3) detrimental (4) spectacular (     )
  
2. Mr Lim's business is flourishing. Many people came to know of his chicken-rice stall \_\_\_\_\_ . He did not need to spend money to advertise his stall!  
(1) by playing by ear (2) by word of mouth  
(3) through putting their foot down (4) from hand to mouth (     )
  
3. In recent weeks, my brother has undergone a complete \_\_\_\_\_. He has been studying very hard unlike in the past.  
(1) translation (2) transfusion  
(3) transition (4) transformation (     )
  
4. Mrs Tan has been keeping the watch for many years because it is of \_\_\_\_\_ value.  
(1) affectionate (2) sentimental  
(3) emotional (4) genial (     )

5. Dewi is \_\_\_\_\_. She refuses to listen to any of our advice.
- (1) as sharp as a razor (2) as thick as thieves  
(3) as meek as a lamb (4) as stubborn as a mule ( )

6. The rude girl continually \_\_\_\_\_ her parents' conversation.
- (1) took after (2) put out  
(3) broke into (4) called off ( )

7. When the boys saw the tiger, they acted on \_\_\_\_\_ and ran from danger.
- (1) instinct (2) guts  
(3) fancy (4) illusion ( )

**Section B: Grammar (6 x 1 mark)**

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

8. Ali has just fallen asleep, \_\_\_\_\_?
- (1) has he (2) is he  
(3) hasn't he (4) isn't he ( )

9. Siti used to run at the park but now she \_\_\_\_\_ at the gymnasium.
- (1) jog (2) jogs  
(3) jogged (4) was jogging ( )

10. Direct speech: "I am happy with your grades," Father told Jack.  
Indirect speech: Father told Jack that \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) I was happy with your grades (2) he is happy with his grades  
(3) I am happy with your grades (4) he was happy with his grades ( )

11. We felt very sad \_\_\_\_\_ our teacher would be leaving for Hong Kong soon.
- (1) after (2) unless  
(3) as (4) although ( )

12. I dropped \_\_\_\_\_ flour on the floor accidentally.

(1) any

(2) some

(3) a few

(4) many

( )

13. They argued for a long time regarding what they should have for dinner. Neither of them was willing to \_\_\_\_\_.

(1) give in

(2) give off

(3) give out

(4) give away

( )

**Section C: Vocabulary Cloze (10 x 1 mark)**

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct answer from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to H) in each blank.

**Passage 1**

**USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.**

(A) activities	(B) calm	(C) crucial	(D) familiar
(E) jobs	(F) provoke	(G) suffers	(H) worsen

There are many factors that result in one being able to sleep like a log. Good sleeping habits are (14) \_\_\_\_\_ for ensuring a good night's sleep. When one (15) \_\_\_\_\_ disturbed sleep, he or she will not only be irritable but also experiences tiredness the next day. Moreover, the problem will (16) \_\_\_\_\_ due to a lack of energy. The ability to relax is important in stimulating sleepiness. Light (17) \_\_\_\_\_ before bedtime such as reading magazines and listening to music can help us to (18) \_\_\_\_\_ our minds and soothe our nerves.

**Passage 2**

Read the passage carefully. Fill in the blanks with a suitable word.

Tutankhamen was only ten years old when he became the Pharaoh of Egypt around 3300 years ago. The cause of his (19) \_\_\_\_\_, at a young age, remains a mystery since his mummified (20) \_\_\_\_\_ was uncovered in 1922. The discovery of his (21) \_\_\_\_\_ made people wonder about the possible causes of his death. Unlike other tombs, Tutankhamen's burial chamber had been left (22) \_\_\_\_\_ by the tomb raiders or vandals. It was filled with precious treasures, including a priceless gold funeral mask. However the tomb was small and clearly unfinished in parts, which (23) \_\_\_\_\_ rise to the theory that the young Pharaoh had died suddenly and the tomb had been hastily prepared. This led experts to guess that Tutankhamen had been murdered.

**Section D: Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)**

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to K) in each blank. The letter 'I' has been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

**Passage 1**

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) <del>a</del>	(B) <del>began</del>	(C) <del>begin</del>	(D) <del>by</del>	(E) <del>it</del>
(F) <del>them</del>	(G) <del>the</del>	(H) <del>who</del>	(J) <del>with</del>	(K) <del>which</del>

One day, I was waiting for an appointment at a clinic. I was seated in a long corridor. It was a busy morning for the doctor and as I was much too early, I was prepared for a long wait. To help pass the time, I read a magazine I had (24) \_\_\_\_\_ me. Then I (25) \_\_\_\_\_ to watch the people (26) \_\_\_\_\_ walked by. After a while, I observed that at a certain point down the hall, they all stopped, looked at the wall and touched (27) \_\_\_\_\_ slightly. Unable to stop my curiosity, I walked down the corridor to investigate. There on the wall was (28) \_\_\_\_\_ sign that read "DRY PAINT".

Passage 2

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

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|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| (A) <del>after</del> | (B) <del>before</del> | (C) <del>but</del>  | (D) <del>find</del> | (E) <del>found</del> |
| (F) <del>is</del>    | (G) <del>so</del>     | (H) <del>such</del> | (J) <del>was</del>  | (K) <del>were</del>  |

At the very start of the Dreamtime, Balame, King of the sky, made two men and a woman. They lived happily for a time, (29)\_\_\_\_\_ there came a drought and they began to starve. One of the men became (30)\_\_\_\_\_ weak that he would not eat the small amount of food that the others had (31)\_\_\_\_\_. Finally, he walked away from their camp. The other man and the woman chased (32)\_\_\_\_\_ him, begging him to come back, but he would not listen. Just as he reached the foot of a giant gum-tree, the man fell face down.

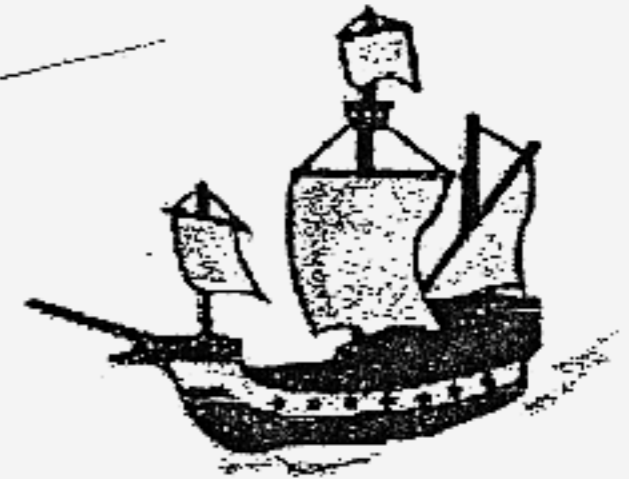
The other man and woman watched in horror as a dark figure with red fiery eyes swept the man up and placed him in the hollow of the tree. The sight of such a fantastic display of power by the god of the sky, as well as anxiety for their friend, (33)\_\_\_\_\_ ~~too~~ overwhelming for the man and the woman.

**Section E: Graphic-Stimulus (5 x 1 mark)**

Look at the advertisement below and answer questions 34 to 38. Choose the correct answer and write its answer (1, 2, 3 and 4) in the brackets provided.



# MOVIE MANIA "PIRATES AHOY!"



A cartoon filmed by Jimmy Chen on adventures by pirates of the Pacific.

Let your hearts be stolen by the touching story of how Captain Black risked his life on the icy waters, looting from the rich to help the poor lead better lives. Do not miss his noble voyage on his little ship named after the love of his life, Estella!

**Show dates and times:**

6 Nov - 2 pm to 4 pm

7 Nov - 2 pm to 4 pm

8 Nov - 4 pm to 6 pm\*

9 Nov - 8 pm to 10 pm

**Ticket prices:**

Adult - \$16

Children (under 12 years old) - \$10

**Venue:**

Singapore Omnimax Theatre

*\*Special evening performance*



To book your tickets, log on to the website  
<http://www.piratesofpacific.com> or purchase them at the venue.  
For enquiries, call Ali at 65557777.  
Free shuttle bus service from Jurong East MRT station.

34. What is the title of the movie?

(1) The little ship, Estella

(2) Pirates of the Pacific

(3) Adventures of Captain Black

(4) Pirates Ahoy

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35. Who is the director of the movie?

(1) Ali

(2) Estella

(3) Jimmy Chen

(4) Captain Black

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36. How many ways are there to obtain the tickets to the movie?

(1) One

(2) Two

(3) Three

(4) Four

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37. If Ben pays \$10 for a ticket, how old is he likely to be?

(1) Eleven years old

(2) Twelve years old

(3) Thirteen years old

(4) Fourteen years old

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38. If Ben does not want to attend a matinee or an evening performance but prefers a performance in the night, which show date is he likely to choose?

(1) 6<sup>th</sup> November

(2) 7<sup>th</sup> November

(3) 8<sup>th</sup> November

(4) 9<sup>th</sup> November

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**Section F: Editing - Grammar (5 x 1 mark)**

Correct each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

Before civilization, human beings just had basic needs like food and water. In the earliest

(39)

days of the human race when people lived on caves, there were no houses and shops and people

owned nothing. They hunted animals for <sup>their</sup> its food and clothing and helped one another to find food

and shelter.

(40)

After a while, different tribes becomes good at making special things. Some learned to

(41)

make pottery because they lived on beds on clay. Others were good at carve tools and ornaments

out of bones.

(42)

If a man wanted a bone knife that someone else had made, he could exchanged it with

something he had made himself.

Therefore, one can see that all sorts of things are traded in this way, such as food and animals.

(43)

This particular way of buying are known as barter. It is no longer in practice in most societies nowadays.

**Section G: Editing – Spelling and Punctuation (5 x 1 mark)**

Each of the circles contains a wrong or missing punctuation mark. Each of the underlined word contains a spelling mistake. Put the correct punctuation mark or the correct spelling of the word in each of these boxes.

(44)

Before we go on holiday, Mother always locks up the house kautously, as she is terrified of

burglars.

(45)

Last year, when we left our home for our holiday, she even switched off the elctricity.

(46)

“The house might catch fire if we are not careful  ” she always says.

As Grandmother did not want to join us this year, Mother gave our holiday address to

(47)

the doctor just in case Grandmother fell ill  Mother believed in being prepared at all times.

(48)

Fortunetly when we got home, the house was safe and Grandmother was fine.

**Section H: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 2 marks)**

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 and 4) in the brackets provided.

### The Race

Between Hugh and the bottom was one lone rider. He was the trickiest, meanest, nastiest rider of them all.

It was Rotten Frank.

If there was one thing Frank hated, it was losing. He would not stand for it. He could see that Hugh was going to pass him, unless he did something in a hurry. 5

He stopped his bike and got off.

“Think you can beat me? I don’t think so!” snarled Frank.

Nobody beat Frank in his race. He won it every year. This was Frank’s race.

Just in case somebody thought they might try to beat him, he had a backpack full of rotten things. 10

He tried all of them on Hugh. Frank tried the Box Full of Tack On The Road Plan, the Oil Slick Scheme, and the Smoke Trick.

None of them worked.

Then he tried his real special rotten thing. The inflatable Tiger That Blew Up As Big As A Train. 15

“Too bad about the puncture!” muttered Frank under his breath.

Much to Frank’s chagrin, Hugh had in fact almost caught up.

Rotten Frank climbed back aboard his bike and did figure eights in front of him, but Hugh was already doing figure nines.

Rotten Frank made loud and scary noises, but Hugh was making louder ones. Rotten Frank made faces, but Hugh flew past him like a gust of wind. 20

The crowd was yelling and screaming. Hugh sped across the finish line. He had won the race!

49. According to the passage, what did Frank hate?

- (1) races
- (2) losing
- (3) cycling
- (4) crowds

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50. Frank believed that his most “special rotten thing” was the \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) “Box Full Of Tacks On The Road Plan”
- (2) “Oil Slick Scheme”
- (3) “Smoke Trick”
- (4) “Inflatable Tiger That Blew Up As Big As A Train”

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51. The inflatable tiger failed because \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) the tiger has a hole in it
- (2) the tiger was the wrong size
- (3) Hugh was not scared of the tiger
- (4) Frank pumped up the tiger too late

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52. Which of the following best describes Frank?

- (1) A compassionate person
- (2) A deadly idler
- (3) An enduringly true friend
- (4) An unscrupulous fellow

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53. Which of the following statements is **not** true?

- (1) Hugh’s strongest competitor in the race was Frank.
- (2) Hugh crossed the finish line first.
- (3) Frank was the first to cross the finish line.
- (4) Frank was tricky and mean.

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**Section I: Comprehension Open-ended (5 x 2 marks)**

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Answer in complete sentences.

Ann shifted restlessly and the wicker chair creaked. She covered her mouth and stifled a yawn. It was difficult for her to stay still. She turned her head towards the dining table. She was aghast to realise that her parents and Uncle Tom were so engrossed in their conversation that they did not pay her any attention. She felt bored, so she gazed out of the window. It was spring and there were many pretty flowers under the cherry tree. A quick movement caught her eyes. 5  
It was a brown squirrel darting up the tree.

Ann edged close to her mother and asked for permission to go outside. Mrs. Walters nodded her head and Ann gave all of them a broad grin before leaving the house. It was the first time she had been to Uncle Tom's house and she wanted to explore it. Ann walked round the garden, bending down occasionally to examine an unknown creepy-crawly. Ann lived in the 10  
city and had very few encounters with garden insects. Then she walked to the barn.

Ann opened the barn doors and peeped inside. It was in complete disarray. There were piles of hay in one corner and a tractor in the other. There was a small, rusty tricycle and she wondered if Uncle Tom had ridden on it when he was young. There were also wooden crates filled to overflowing with old magazines. She opened one and gave a loud sneeze. Her hands 15  
were full of dust. She looked at the date on the magazine cover and gasped. It read "April 1945".

Without a second glance at the contents, Ann left the barn and headed for the stable. She walked along the cobbled pathway and heard some sounds as she went closer to the stable. She opened the huge door and was pleasantly greeted by a pair of dark brown eyes. 20  
They belonged to a creature which was nonchalantly chomping on some carrots. Ann stood with mouth agape! She had never had such a close encounter with such a fantastic creature before!

54. What do the words 'shifted restlessly' (line 1) suggest to you with regard to how Ann felt?

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55. In line 4, to whom do 'they' refer?

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56. Did Ann know what she would find in the backyard? Why?

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57. How did you know that Ann was not interested in the magazine she had found?

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58. Which phrase from the passage gave the impression that the barn was messy?

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*Answer Keys*

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19. death      40. became      44. cautiously      48. Fortunately  
20. body      41. carving      45. electricity  
21. tomb      42. exchange      46. .  
22. untouched      43. is      47. .  
23. gave

54. The words "shifted restlessly" suggest that Ann was bored.

55. The word "they" refers to Ann's parents and Uncle Tom.

56. No, she did not. She lived in the city and this was her first visit to Uncle Tom's house.

57. She gasped when she found out that the magazine dated back to "April 1945" and left without a second glance at it.

58. The phrase is "in complete disarray."