

**PEI CHUN PUBLIC SCHOOL
CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT, 2009
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
PRIMARY 4**

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Class: Primary 4 ()

Subject Teacher: _____

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Component	Marks obtained	Maximum marks for each component
Paper 1 (Writing)		20
Paper 2 (Language Use and Comprehension)		80
Total marks for Paper 1 and Paper 2		100

Section A: Vocabulary (13 x 1 mark)

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

1. My teacher was _____ when I scored full marks in the recent Mathematics test. It was the first time I had ever done so.
- (1) displeased (2) surprised
(3) confused (4) annoyed ()
2. Mr Chew broke his leg in an accident. Doctors had to _____ his broken leg.
- (1) deliver (2) verify
(3) amputate (4) deduce ()
3. The _____ of the cobra is extremely poisonous to animals.
- (1) strength (2) venom
(3) appetite (4) feature ()
4. It is John's _____ to become a doctor when he grows up.
- (1) operation (2) profession
(3) recognition (4) ambition ()
5. _____ are the remains of animals and plants that had died millions of years ago.
- (1) Dinosaurs (2) Minerals
(3) Fossils (4) Skeletons ()
6. The children have not eaten anything since this morning. Now, they have the chance to _____ the food being served to them.
- (1) wolf down (2) crow about
(3) horse around (4) fish out ()
7. As Hussein did not like the work he was doing, he _____ and applied for another job.
- (1) retired (2) resigned
(3) departed (4) dismissed ()
8. "Oh, not again, another lot of homework." _____ the lazy girl.
- (1) cheered (2) chuckled
(3) moaned (4) giggled ()

9. In the laboratory, the pupils put a _____ on a tripod stand, fill it with water and observe the boiling of the water (in it)

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| (1) thermometer | (2) Bunsen burner | |
| (3) litmus paper | (4) conical flask | () |

10. A composition should begin with an introduction and end with a _____

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| (1) exclusion | (2) conclusion | |
| (3) extension | (4) inclusion | () |

11. Mary did not score very good marks in her composition because what she wrote was quite _____

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| (1) irrelevant | (2) irreversible | |
| (3) irreplaceable | (4) irreparable | () |

12. Johnny and his brother are always _____ about themselves in front of others.

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| (1) displaying | (2) arguing | |
| (3) bragging | (4) agreeing | () |

13. Jenny bought a stone carving as a / an _____ of her holiday.

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| (1) memory | (2) clue | |
| (3) memento | (4) evidence | () |

Section B: Grammar MCO (12 x 1 mark)

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

14. The porridge will taste delicious if you put _____ salt and _____ drops of oil in it.
(1) less ... little (2) fewer ... a lot of
(3) a little ... less (4) a little ... a few ()
15. Gary and I cannot solve all these problems, _____ ?
(1) can they (2) can't we
(3) can't they (4) can we ()
16. The two boys have not stopped talking _____ they entered the class this morning.
(1) while (2) since
(3) as (4) yet ()
17. Everybody _____ scared because a tiger had escaped from the zoo last night.
(1) were (2) are
(3) is (4) was ()
18. Yesterday, my brother made our pet dog _____ through a hoop.
(1) jump (2) jumps
(3) jumped (4) jumping ()
19. This afternoon's football match will have to be _____ because of the bad weather.
(1) put on (2) put down
(3) put away (4) put off ()
20. The scouts are running for their lives as a swarm of bees _____ attacking them.
(1) are (2) is
(3) have (4) were ()
21. We are really surprised that Bobby has never _____ a rainbow before.
(1) saw (2) see
(3) seen (4) sees ()

22. Mother _____ at the kitchen when the telephone _____.
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| (1) is cooking ... rang | (2) was cooking ... rang | |
| (3) is cooking ... has rung | (4) was cooking ... rings | () |

23. Peter washed the cups and plates _____ but they were not _____.
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| (1) themselves ... theirs | (2) himself ... theirs | |
| (3) himself ... his | (4) itself ... ours | () |

24. My sister was born _____ a Monday _____ 1988.
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| (1) on ... in | (2) in ... on | |
| (3) from ... in | (4) on ... at | () |

25. Direct Speech: "Sally wishes to be a pilot when she grows up," said her mother.
Indirect Speech: _____
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| (1) Sally's mother said that Sally wishes to be a pilot when she grows up. | |
| (2) Sally's mother said that Sally wished to be a pilot when she grows up. | |
| (3) Sally's mother said that Sally wishes to be a pilot when she grew up. | |
| (4) Sally's mother said that Sally wished to be a pilot when she grew up. | () |

Section C: Vocabulary Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

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

Passage 1

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY

(A) affect	(C) extinct	(E) messes	(G) scarce
(B) disturb	(D) interrupted	(F) pollution	(H) starvation

Most of us know that living things need air, water, food and shelter to survive. However, the world we live in is facing a lot of _____ (26). People are littering and dirtying the land, the air and the water. Drinking water in many countries is getting _____ (27). There is not enough of water safe for people to drink. The climate is getting warmer and often, the rain does not come, so farmers are worried that the crops will fail and there will be _____ (28). Many people will have little or no food to eat. Some will die of hunger.

There are countries that are burning large areas of forests to make land for growing crops. However, this burning will result in the pollution of the air and the environment. The burning of the forests increases the global temperature and the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. This global warming of the atmosphere will _____ (29) all of us as well as the animals and plants. Many species of animals and plants are in danger of becoming _____ (30) if mankind continues to pollute the world they live in.

Passage 2

Fill in each blank with a suitable word of your own.

I have always been very interested in music. Unfortunately, I did not have the _____ (31)

to learn music as my family could not afford it. One day, a _____ (32) of mine

gave me a guitar which I have always wanted so much. I was so excited that I did not know how

to _____ (33) him enough. Kenny was kind enough to _____ (34) me

how to start playing the guitar. As I was very keen to learn it, I could master the beginning stage very

quickly. Very soon, I had progressed to a stage in which playing a _____ (35) of music

was as easy as A B C. I was proud of my achievement.

Section D: Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

Read the passages carefully. Choose the correct word from the list of words in the box and write its letter (A to H) in each blank.

Passage 1

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY

(A) it	(C) our	(E) them	(G) us
(B) me	(D) their	(F) they	(H) we

No one in the world can escape from the bite of the tiny insect called the mosquito. All of

_____ here have been bitten by this horrible insect many times over. This insect is
(36)

so small that it is almost invisible, let alone trying to kill _____. There are many species
(37)

of mosquitoes and some carry very deadly diseases like malaria, yellow fever, dengue fever and others.

What can _____ do to safeguard ourselves from being infected by these diseases?
(38)

We know that the female mosquitoes lay _____ eggs in stagnant water. Hence,
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we should look around _____ houses both inside and outside to see if there are
(40)

containers which carry water, especially after the rain. Empty the containers so that these mosquitoes do not

get a chance of breeding. It is a serious offence to be caught by health officers for breeding mosquitoes in

our homes.

Passage 2

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY

(A) about	(C) against	(E) of	(G) over
(B) across	(D) in	(F) on	(H) under

There are people who believe in something called superstition. Superstitions are usually stories based on spirits, ghosts and other very queer tales that people talk _____ (41)

Ghost stories are interesting to listen to because they work on our imaginations. Some superstitious people would tell us stories that would scare us from doing something. For example, some mothers will tell their children not to step _____ burnt joss papers after someone had done their prayers by the road side for fear that the spirits might follow them home. (42)

Walking _____ a ladder that is leaning against the wall, might bring bad luck to the person on that day, is another superstitious belief. If a black cat were to walk _____ one's path the first thing in the morning, one would encounter an accident. Are these stories really true or are they just superstitions? To me, it is all _____ the mind. There are books written on such subjects which can provide interesting reading. Believe them or not, it is really up to the readers. (43) (44)

(45)

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

Study the following text and then answer questions 1 to 5.

STARDUST
PRESENTS

September Festival
5 to 12 September 2009

Chinese Martial Arts Show by Cathay Martial Arts Society

Special guest stars: Jackie Lee and Jet Chan

Date: 5 to 8 September 2009
Time: 7.00 pm
Venue: Chinatown Theatre Hall
Tickets: Adult: \$20
Children: \$10 (12 years and below)
Family package: Buy any 4 tickets at \$40

The Emperor's New Clothes by First Theatre Group

Don't miss this popular classic! Lots of fun and laughter, songs and mimics!

Date: 9 to 12 September 2009
Time: 3.00 pm & 7.00 pm
Venue: Chinatown Theatre Hall
Tickets: Adults: \$30
Children: \$10 (12 years and below)
Family package: Buy any 4 tickets at \$50

Tickets are available at the Chinatown Theatre Box
Office from 10.00 am to 6.00 pm.
Tel: 62288222 (For booking)
For enquiries: 62299222

PLEASE NOTE

Latecomers will only be admitted during the
performance break.

Event Organiser:

Bravo Star Company

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

46. The festival is organised by _____.
- (1) Stardust Company
 - (2) First Theatre Group
 - (3) Bravo Star Company
 - (4) Cathay Martial Arts Society
- ()
47. The festival will last for _____ days.
- (1) seven
 - (2) two
 - (3) eight
 - (4) four
- ()
48. If Mrs Hong were to take her three young children to watch "The Emperor's New Clothes", the least amount she would have to pay is _____ for the tickets.
- (1) \$40
 - (2) \$50
 - (3) \$60
 - (4) \$70
- ()
49. Sean enjoys watching kung fu fighting performance. Which programme should he watch?
- (1) September Festival
 - (2) Chinatown Theatre
 - (3) Chinese Martial Arts Show
 - (4) The Emperor's New Clothes
- ()
50. If Miss Cheng wants to take a group of twenty pupils to the Chinese Martial Arts Show, she can buy the tickets _____.
- (1) by calling 62299222
 - (2) from First Theatre Group
 - (3) from Chinatown Theatre Hall
 - (4) from Chinatown Theatre Box Office
- ()

Section F: Editing (10 x 1 mark)

Passage 1

Each of the circles contains a wrong punctuation mark. Each of the underlined words contains a spelling error. Put the correct punctuation mark or the correct spelling of the word in each of the boxes.

Sally and Molly were about ten years old when the accident happened. The bus they were travelling

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on, skidded on a wet road. Some of the pasenjes, including Sally and Molly, fell off their seats. Sally hurt

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her foot and Molly's arm was bleeding and both had to be sent to a nearby clenic. There, the doctor

advised them to rest at home for a week because the wounds needed time to heal. They were rather sad and

(54)

dissapointed about missing school but a visit by some of their classmates soothed their unhappiness.

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"Thank you, all of you. It's very kind and nice of you to come and visit us. We really appreciate it."

said Sally, forgetting the pain in her ankle.

Passage 2

Each of the underlined words contains a grammatical error. Write the correct form in the boxes.

Do you know that about 70% of our body consists of water? This means that we need to maintain

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enough water in our body for all the necessary functions. How much water should a person drinks every

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day? Normally, one should drink between eight to ten glasses of water will be good enough. However, if

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one perspire a lot doing exercises like running and playing physical games, then all the more he or she will

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needs to drink more water to make up for the amount of water lost. On a hot day, you and I had to drink

more often for the same reason. Therefore, remember to drink enough water every day to stay fit and

healthy.

Section G: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Miss Susan Lee is a nurse working in a large hospital. She is very fond of children and prefers to work in a children's ward. She says that children are better patients than many adult patients. They are more cheerful and do not complain so much.

Miss Lee attends instruction classes in the hospital three times a week. At the class, she, together with the other nurses, learns about the human body and how to look 5
after sick and injured people. The instructor is usually a doctor or a matron. A matron is in charge of nurses, whereas a medical superintendent is in charge of doctors.

Sometimes, Miss Lee works during the day and goes home to sleep at night. Every fourth week, Miss Lee is on night duty at the hospital. This means that she works from eleven at night until seven the next morning. Then she has to sleep in the day and 10
look after the patients at night. Though she feels tired and sleepy sometimes, she does not complain because she says that it is part of her duty as a nurse.

Miss Lee is proud of her job. She tries her best in whatever she does and works diligently helping those who need her assistance, especially patients who cannot walk. That is one reason she does not like to work in outpatient hospitals which do not have 15
wards for the sick.

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

61. Miss Susan Lee prefers to work in a/an _____.
- (1) office
 - (2) instruction class
 - (3) children's ward
 - (4) outpatient hospital
- ()
62. Why does Miss Lee not complain even though at times she feels sleepy and tired in her work?
- (1) The children love her.
 - (2) She is always cheerful.
 - (3) It is her duty as a nurse.
 - (4) She is diligent in her work.
- ()
63. Miss Lee learns _____ in the instruction classes.
- (1) how to treat injured people
 - (2) about the different types of illnesses
 - (3) about the human body and how to care for the sick and injured
 - (4) about the danger of germs and how to look after the injured people
- ()
64. The _____ is often the trainer in the instruction class.
- (1) doctor and matron
 - (2) doctor or matron
 - (3) medical superintendent
 - (4) doctor or medical superintendent
- ()
65. Why does Miss Lee have to sleep during the day?
- (1) She works night shift.
 - (2) She has to help blind patients.
 - (3) She works in outpatient hospitals.
 - (4) She has to attend instruction classes.
- ()

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

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

It was sheer luck and determination that saved the life of a thirty-five-year-old fisherman, Ahmad, who was attacked by a shark near the Raffles Lighthouse.

Ahmad said that he had gone into the water at about nine in the morning on Sunday to check out a fault in the propeller of his fishing boat. The water was quite calm and everything looked normal. After being in the water for about fifteen minutes, he swam to the side of the boat to climb back on board. As he was pulling himself up with his arms and right leg, a four-metre shark suddenly appeared from behind and attacked him. It ripped off his left leg at the knee in a flash.

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“It happened so fast that it was only after a few seconds before I realised that my left leg was no longer there. The water turned red. Blood was oozing from my torn-off leg,” sighed Ahmad. However, he did not panic. Survival was on his mind. He struggled and kicked the water wildly trying to frighten away the attacker.

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He continued, “I saw the shark coming at me again and again. I shouted out to my friends for help. I clung onto the side of the boat with my arms and my right leg. It would be the end of me if I had fallen into the water.”

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The three other members of the fishing boat managed to haul him onto the boat as the shark returned for another attack. Just then, a marine police boat happened to pass by and took poor Ahmad off to hospital.

Ahmad is now worried about his future. His wife is a part-time washerwoman. “Fishing has been my only occupation for the last fifteen years and it is a job which requires two legs. I need them to survive,” he moaned. It is going to be a bleak and difficult future for Ahmad and his family.

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Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

66. Where were Ahmad and his friends fishing on that day?

67. Why did Ahmad go into the water that unlucky day?

68. What happened to him when he was climbing up the fishing boat?

69. Which sentence in the passage tells you that Ahmad tried very hard to stay alive?

70. What does "them" in line 21 refer to?

End of Paper

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ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2009

**SCHOOL : PEI CHUN PRIMARY
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TERM : CA2

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
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Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
1	4	2	3	2	3	1	4	C	G	H	A	C

31)money 32)friend 33)thank 34)teach 35)piece

Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40	Q41	Q42	Q43	44	Q45	Q46	Q47	Q48	Q49	Q50
G	A	H	D	C	A	F	H	B	D	3	3	2	3	4

51)passengers 52)Molly's 53)clinic 54)disappointed 55),

56)drink 57)and 58)perspires 59)need 60)have

61)3 62)3 63)3 64)2 65)1

66)They were fishing near the Raffles Lighthouse.

67)He wanted to check out a fault in the propeller of his fishing boat.

68)A four-metre shark suddenly appeared from behind and attacked him, ripping off his left leg at the knee.

69)The sentence is "He struggled and kicked the water wildly trying to frighten away the attacker.

70)It refers to Ahmad's legs.