

**Pei Chun Public School**  
**Semestral Examination 2, 2009**  
**English Language**  
**Paper 2: Language Use and Comprehension**  
**Primary 4**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

Class: Primary 4 ( )

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

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Time: 1h 30 min

Parent's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Component	Marks obtained	Maximum marks for each component
Paper 1 (Writing)		20
Paper 2 (Language Use and Comprehension)		68
Paper 3 (Listening Comprehension)		16
Paper 4 (Oral Communication)		16
Total marks for all components		120

**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. Some people saw the road accident themselves. They were the \_\_\_\_\_ of the accident.
- |                            |                             |     |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----|
| <del>(1)</del> competitors | <del>(2)</del> publishers   |     |
| <del>(3)</del> spectators  | <del>(4)</del> eyewitnesses | ( ) |
2. My niece is taking a nap as she feels \_\_\_\_\_ after taking the medicine.
- |                         |                       |     |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----|
| <del>(1)</del> active   | <del>(2)</del> drowsy |     |
| <del>(3)</del> restless | <del>(4)</del> rowdy  | ( ) |
3. Halim let out a \_\_\_\_\_ when he felt a pain in his chest.
- |                        |                       |     |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-----|
| <del>(1)</del> chuckle | <del>(2)</del> thrill |     |
| <del>(3)</del> whisper | <del>(4)</del> groan  | ( ) |
4. Mr Li uses worms as \_\_\_\_\_ to catch fish.
- |                     |                      |     |
|---------------------|----------------------|-----|
| <del>(1)</del> bait | <del>(2)</del> food  |     |
| <del>(3)</del> trap | <del>(4)</del> snack | ( ) |
5. When Jiawen won the first prize in a lucky draw, she was so \_\_\_\_\_ that she jumped for joy.
- |                          |                             |     |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-----|
| <del>(1)</del> annoyed   | <del>(2)</del> disgusted    |     |
| <del>(3)</del> surprised | <del>(4)</del> disappointed | ( ) |
6. The branches of the trees are hard but easily broken.
- |                         |                        |     |
|-------------------------|------------------------|-----|
| <del>(1)</del> flexible | <del>(2)</del> elastic |     |
| <del>(3)</del> fragile  | <del>(4)</del> brittle | ( ) |
7. Mrs Lee was about to leave the shopping mall when she \_\_\_\_\_ that her nephew was not with her.
- |                           |                           |     |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----|
| <del>(1)</del> believed   | <del>(2)</del> discovered |     |
| <del>(3)</del> understood | <del>(4)</del> guessed    | ( ) |

**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. The girl cut a slice of cake and made some coffee \_\_\_\_\_.
- |                        |                           |
|------------------------|---------------------------|
| <del>(1)</del> herself | <del>(2)</del> themselves |
| <del>(3)</del> myself  | <del>(4)</del> ourselves  |
- ( )

9. During the lesson last week, Meng \_\_\_\_\_ pleased when her classmates listened attentively to her presentation.
- |                    |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| <del>(1)</del> is  | <del>(2)</del> are  |
| <del>(3)</del> was | <del>(4)</del> were |
- ( )

10. "Listen carefully. Someone \_\_\_\_\_ for help," said Annie.
- |                           |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <del>(1)</del> calls      | <del>(2)</del> called     |
| <del>(3)</del> has called | <del>(4)</del> is calling |
- ( )

11. Yesterday, my mother \_\_\_\_\_ some groceries from the supermarket before meeting me.
- |                           |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <del>(1)</del> buys       | <del>(2)</del> bought     |
| <del>(3)</del> has bought | <del>(4)</del> was buying |
- ( )

12. Father \_\_\_\_\_ his car when the telephone rang ten minutes ago.
- |                                   |                                  |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <del>(1)</del> washed             | <del>(2)</del> <u>is</u> washing |
| <del>(3)</del> <u>was</u> washing | <del>(4)</del> were washing      |
- ( )

13. I was busy with my project and had \_\_\_\_\_ time to revise my work.
- |                       |                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| <del>(1)</del> little | <del>(2)</del> some |
| <del>(3)</del> much   | <del>(4)</del> many |
- ( )

**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) climate	(C) home	(E) period	(G) trap
(B) difficult	(D) learnt	(F) temperature	(H) use

The ice age people lived millions of years ago. The ice age is a long (14) \_\_\_\_\_ of time when the world's (15) \_\_\_\_\_ became colder and ice covered many countries in the North. Although life was harsh and (16) \_\_\_\_\_, people in the ice age were able to survive the cold.

Ice age people hunted for animals such as deer and huge woolly mammoths. They would set a (17) \_\_\_\_\_ to catch these animals. They also hunted and fished with the (18) \_\_\_\_\_ of spears and arrows. Most importantly, they had learnt the use of fire which made the cooking of food possible.

**Passage 2**

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

One night, Jia Hua was alone at home. His parents were (19) \_\_\_\_\_ a wedding dinner. While he was using the computer in his room, he heard a strange (20) \_\_\_\_\_ coming from the kitchen. His imagination ran (21) \_\_\_\_\_. He closed the bedroom door and (22) \_\_\_\_\_ himself under the bed. He was shivering with fright when suddenly, he (23) \_\_\_\_\_ a hand tapping his shoulder. Before he could let out a scream, his mother asked, "What are you doing here, Jia Hua?"

**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 F) in each blank.

**Passage 1**

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

<del>(A)</del> me	<del>(C)</del> I	<del>(E)</del> us
<del>(B)</del> them	<del>(D)</del> her	<del>(F)</del> we

Something funny happened this morning. My ~~sister~~ Joyce, was putting on

(24) \_\_\_\_\_ school shoes when she gave a loud cry. Earlier on,

(25) \_\_\_\_\_ had put a toy spider into one of her shoes.

Mother rushed out from the kitchen and asked (26) \_\_\_\_\_ what had

happened. When she learnt that ~~I~~ had played a trick on Joyce, she scolded

(27) \_\_\_\_\_ severely. She warned me not to do such a thing to my sister

again.

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

**Passage 2**

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

<del>(A)</del> behind	<del>(C)</del> for	<del>(E)</del> of	<del>(G)</del> to
<del>(B)</del> between	<del>(D)</del> in	<del>(F)</del> out	<del>(H)</del> with

The supermarket was crowded and noisy. The queues were long. I have been waiting (28) \_\_\_\_\_ line with my basket of groceries for twenty minutes.

“Excuse me,” a voice behind me said.

I turned my head and saw an old woman holding (29) \_\_\_\_\_ a packet of biscuits.

“Could I go first?” she asked politely

I hesitated. Eventually, I let this woman (30) \_\_\_\_\_ the packet of biscuits go first. She slipped in front (31) \_\_\_\_\_ me, put the packet of biscuits on the counter and waved at someone (32) \_\_\_\_\_ me. Before I could react, a maid squeezed through with two laden baskets. She turned (33) \_\_\_\_\_ me and said in a sheepish voice, “Madam’s groceries.”

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**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 in the blanks provided.

# Trip to Kiwa Beach Resort

Convention Community Centre is organising a 5-day trip to the fascinating Kiwa Beach Resort. Just a 2-hour flight and you get the feel of white sandy beach and crystal clear water. Come and experience horseback riding, \*jungle trekking, \*mountain climbing, snorkelling, \*wind surfing, \*canoeing, among many other activities available at the resort.

\*recommended for children 10 years and above only

Cost: \$850 per adult

:\$420 per child below 12 years old

(children below 12 years old will get to enjoy special rates in all activities)

Package includes hotel accommodation, daily breakfast and airport tax.

Time and date of departure from Singapore : 10 a.m. on 20 November 2009

Time and date of arrival in Singapore : 1.30 p.m. on 24 November 2009



Enjoy a welcome drink and a complimentary guided tour around the island.



Make your bookings at  
Convention Community Centre  
from 1 to 12 November 2009.  
(Opening hours: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

Limited seats. Book early to avoid disappointment.  
For further enquiries, you may contact Judy Loh at 62233455  
or visit our website at [www.kiwabeach.sg](http://www.kiwabeach.sg)

34. During the stay at the resort, the guests do not have to pay for their \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (1) welcome drink, guided tour and all other activities
  - (2) breakfast, welcome drink and guided tour
  - (3) daily breakfast, lunch and dinner
  - (4) welcome drink and guided tour ( )
35. One can book the tickets \_\_\_\_\_ .
- ~~(1)~~ at Convention Community Centre
  - ~~(2)~~ at Kiwa Beach Resort
  - ~~(3)~~ by contacting Judy Loh
  - ~~(4)~~ by visiting the Kiwa Beach Resort website ( )
36. Which one of the following is true?
- ~~(1)~~ One may book for the trip earlier than 1 November 2009.
  - ~~(2)~~ One will definitely get a seat if one books on 5 November 2009.
  - ~~(3)~~ One may not get a seat if one books on 12 November 2009
  - ~~(4)~~ One can still make a booking after 12 November 2009. ( )
37. What are some of the activities an eight-year-old child can expect to take part during the stay at the resort?
- ~~(1)~~ Windsurfing and canoeing
  - ~~(2)~~ Horseback riding and snorkelling
  - ~~(3)~~ Mountain climbing and jungle trekking
  - ~~(4)~~ Horseback riding and mountain climbing ( )
38. One is expected to arrive in Singapore in the \_\_\_\_\_ 2009.
- ~~(1)~~ morning on 20 November
  - ~~(2)~~ morning on 24 November
  - ~~(3)~~ afternoon on 24 November
  - ~~(4)~~ afternoon on (25) November ( )

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

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

Residents of the coastal village that was destroyed by the recent tsunami ran for shelters

(39)

on higher grounds. As powerful aftershocks continue to rattle Java's southern coast, rumours of

(40)

impending killer waves sent people scrambling at safety here.

(41)

Hundreds of survivors who had return to salvage their belongings fled in panic in cars,

(42)

on motorcycles and by foot, yelling, "Water! Water!" Within minutes, the beach once teeming with

(43)

people were deserted, except for a few soldiers and those who stood guard over their own

belongings.

Excerpts taken from *The Straits Times*

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

Correct each word ~~marked~~ for spelling. Wrong or missing punctuation mark is indicated by a circle. Write the correct word or punctuation mark in the relevant box.

More than twenty years ago, a friend of mine invited me to his house. We hopped onto

(44)

his scooter and together, we road all the way to a ~~forested~~ area ~~somewnere~~ in Woodlands.

(45)

As we approached his home, he turned into a dirt track and we bounced ~~along~~, avoiding water-filled potholes, until we finally stopped in front of an attap hut.

(46)

“This is where I live ” he said proudly and invited me in. The floors of the hut

(47)

were not covered with tiles. All they had were bear earth.

(48)

“Would you like to have a cup of tea ” his mother asked gently. I could sense that

she was pleased to have a visitor that evening.

Excerpts taken from *The Straits Times*

**Section II: 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 or 4) in the brackets provided.

Madam Ajoo lived as a poor widow with her only son, Jit. Her husband, a construction worker, died when Jit was only six years old. He was at the site when a beam fell onto him. He died during the tragic mishap. Since then, Madam Ajoo who had been a homemaker, had to hold two jobs to earn a living.

In the morning, Madam Ajoo did the laundry for some families in the neighbourhood. . . . 5  
She would spend the rest of the day working as a cleaner in a restaurant. Madam Ajoo toiled to see her son through education. Jit, on the other hand, felt neglected, and he was angry with her.

As the years passed, Madam Ajoo suffered from an illness as she hardly had time to rest. She kept the illness from her son as she did not want him to worry. As Jit grew older, he hardly spent time at home and was with his friends most of the time. 10

In the middle of one night, Jit came rushing home. He had a bag with him. Madam Ajoo was in the kitchen taking a drink when she overheard her son's telephone conversation and realised that he had committed a robbery. It pained her so much to know what he had done. She was torn between reporting him to the police and shielding him.

Finally, with tears welling up in her eyes, Madam Ajoo picked up the receiver and 15  
dialled the number.

49. Jit's father died \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (1) when Jit was born
  - (2) in an accident at work
  - (3) when Madam Ajoo started working
  - (4) after Madam Ajoo became a widow ( )
50. Madam Ajoo \_\_\_\_\_ in the morning.
- ① did some cleaning
  - (2) worked as a waitress
  - (3) washed clothes for others
  - (4) worked at a construction site ( )
51. Why was Jit angry with his mother?
- (1) She hardly had the time to rest.
  - (2) She did not spend time with him.
  - (3) She did not want Jit to worry about her.
  - (4) She did not inform Jit about her illness. ( )
52. Over time, Jit became \_\_\_\_\_ towards his mother.
- (1) cold
  - (2) caring
  - (3) protective
  - (4) appreciative ( )
53. How did Madam Ajoo know that her son had committed a crime?
- (1) The police informed her.
  - (2) She saw her son carrying a bag.
  - (3) He came home in the middle of the night.
  - (4) She heard her son talking on the telephone. ( )

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

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

It was not hotter than any other days. Father saw his sons, Ah Mun and Ah Long, to Uncle Seng's old car, before leaving for work. Uncle Seng was going to the city with the boys.

Along the way from the village to the city, Ah Long noticed beads of perspiration on Uncle Seng's forehead. 5

"It is very hot today!" Uncle Seng replied with a weak smile when Ah Long mentioned this to him. The boys thought it was rather odd. The weather was fine and it would be wonderful to go on a long drive. As they were travelling along the highway, Uncle Seng shifted his gaze from time to time. He seemed uneasy. 10

"Look! There is a road block," Ah Mun pointed out.

Further down the road, there were a few policemen with guns. They had stopped two cars ahead of them and were doing a spot check.

"Curses! Curses!" Uncle Seng muttered to himself. His cold and clammy hands were gripping the steering wheel very tightly. He looked pale. 15

"Do not worry, Uncle Seng." Ah Long said, feeling puzzled. "The police only catch criminals but we are not criminals."

The boys noticed that Uncle Seng's face went even paler. At that moment, they sensed that something was wrong.

"Uncle Seng, you did not hide anything, did you?" Ah Long asked curiously. 20

Answer in complete sentences.

54. Where were the boys going?

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55. What was it that the boys found odd about Uncle Seng at the start of the journey?

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56. What does the word 'they' (line 8) refer to?

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57. Which sentence tells you that the policemen were performing their duty?

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58. Which word in the passage has a similar meaning to the following?

(a) damp: \_\_\_\_\_

(b) confused: \_\_\_\_\_

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# **ANSWER SHEET**

**EXAM PAPER 2009**

**SCHOOL : PEI CHUN PRIMARY  
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**TERM : SA2**

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34)4      35)1      36)3      37)2      38)3      39)continued      40)for

41)retuned      42)on      43)was      44)rode      45)bounced      46),

47)bare      48)?      49)2      50)3      51)2      52)1      53)4

54)The boys were going to the city.

55)Uncle Seng was perspiring even though the weather was fine.

56)It refers to Uncle Seng and the boys, Ah Mun and Ah Long.

57)The sentence is "They had stopped two cars ahead of them and were doing a spot check.

58)a)clammy.  
b)puzzled.