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PRIMARY 4**

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SECTION A: VOCABULARY (10 X1) marks

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

1. I enjoy eating food from the chicken rice _____ in the school canteen.
(1) stall (2) store
(3) shop (4) booth ()
2. A/An _____ is a funny poem usually about a person.
(1) acrostic poem (2) haiku
(3) nursery rhyme (4) limerick ()
3. Roald Dahl has written many _____ of short stories.
(1) collections (2) catalogues
(3) articles (4) illustrations ()
4. The word "Thai" is _____ from Thai into English as "Freedom".
(1) converted (2) changed
(3) translated (4) altered ()
5. Rescuers had to _____ into the narrow valley to rescue the injured climber.
(1) drop (2) descend
(3) scale (4) plunge ()
6. Jason's new computer left his classmates green with _____.
(1) eagerness (2) rage
(3) envy (4) joy ()
7. I tried to explain to my parents but they were not _____ of the reasons for my poor results.
(1) persuaded (2) convinced
(3) doubtful (4) satisfied ()
8. I dropped my mother's vase and it _____ into pieces.
(1) destroyed (2) shattered
(3) fell (4) split ()
9. Wen Wen _____ her food as she was not hungry.
(1) gorged (2) nibbled
(3) chewed (4) savoured ()

10. One of the most important _____ made by early astronomers was that the Earth orbits the sun once every 365 days or so.
 (1) inventions (2) discoveries
 (3) creations (4) results ()

SECTION B: GRAMMAR (10 X1) marks

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

11. I would _____ go swimming than jogging.
 (1) either (2) neither
 (3) not (4) rather ()
12. The boy broke the vase, _____ he claimed he was never in the room.
 (1) yet (2) since
 (3) and (4) because ()
13. The blanket my parents gave me is so precious that I will not exchange it for _____.
 (1) anything (2) nothing
 (3) something (4) everything ()
14. Demi is not at home. She _____ swimming.
 (1) has gone (2) is going
 (3) goes (4) have gone ()
15. _____ he does not speak Mandarin, he enjoys Chinese opera very much.
 (1) Since (2) However
 (3) Although (4) Because ()
16. Getting good grades is impossible _____ putting in hard work.
 (1) by (2) with
 (3) without (4) except ()
17. If _____ for my parents' hard work, I would not have such a comfortable life.
 (1) not (2) only
 (3) be (4) such ()
18. I wonder how my friends are getting _____ since we last met.
 (1) in (2) up
 (3) on (4) out ()
19. During the Mid-Autumn celebrations, the school _____ out free mooncakes and lanterns.
 (1) gave (2) gives
 (3) has given (4) was giving ()
20. Thomas needs _____ time than Yi Ting to finish the work.
 (1) fewer (2) a little
 (3) lesser (4) less ()

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SECTION C: COMPREHENSION (5 X 2) marks

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

The sea receded a great distance at dawn. There was a sudden red glow on the water's surface. The Earth trembled, and terrified dogs began howling. Akio stirred in his sleep, and unknown to him, a giant tsunami was approaching his tiny village along the shores of Japan. The waves struck, and totally covered the village, wiping out all the inhabitants and the livestock.

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Akio's father, Kazu, was out fishing in the Pacific Ocean. He had heard the sound of an undersea earthquake, and prayed that a tsunami would not be generated. Many years ago, his village was battered by these killer waves, and it took them many years to rebuild it. He had also lost his father and two brothers during that tsunami. Kazu would never know if a tsunami was generated, as they can only be felt near the shore, and not in the middle of the ocean. But he knew in his heart that an undersea earthquake will almost always produce a tsunami.

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Kazu immediately set sail for home, praying ferverently to the gods to protect his home and family. Four hours later, he approached the shore that he called home. He could faintly see that the village was destroyed by the merciless waves. The village also looked lifeless, with only a few dogs wandering along the sidewalk. Kazu knelt down and sobbed uncontrollably.

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

21. According to the text, which is not a sign indicating a tsunami is coming?

- 1) Animals start howling.
- 2) The sea recedes a great distance.
- 3) The sea has a reddish glow.
- 4) People stir in their sleep.

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22. Why did Kazu suspect that a tsunami had been generated?

- 1) He felt the land trembling.
- 2) He saw the waves striking the shores.
- 3) He heard the sound of an undersea earthquake.
- 4) He was out fishing.

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23. How does ferverently in Line 13 describe the way Kazu prayed?

- 1) He strongly believed in his prayers.
- 2) He felt hopeless as he prayed.
- 3) He was anxious when he prayed.
- 4) He was unsure about his prayers.

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24. The tsunami struck Kazu's village _____.

- 1) in the afternoon
- 2) just before sunrise
- 3) when the sun was setting
- 4) at night

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25. Why did Kazu sob uncontrollably?

- 1) Dogs were wandering along the sidewalk.
- 2) It was very difficult to rebuild the village.
- 3) He knew that his family would have died.
- 4) He was reminded of the death of his brothers and father.

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SECTION D: VOCABULARY CLOZE (10 X 1) marks

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to Q) in each blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) tourists	(B) paddle	(C) common
(D) scenes	(E) courteous	(F) result
(G) cars	(H) rush	(J) fact
(K) manner	(L) paradise	(M) views
(N) position	(P) houses	(Q) other

Thailand is one of the most fascinating places on earth. Known frequently as the "Land of Smiles", Thailand is famous for its (26)_____ people. The Thais' customary greetings include bowing and greeting in a cheerful (27)_____ and this has led many (28)_____ to describe it as the friendliest place on earth. Thailand is also blessed with many soft-powdery beaches and majestic hills with great (29)_____ of the sunrise or sunset.

Thailand is also a shoppers' (30)_____ with its many night markets and shopping malls. There are several unique markets in its capital, Bangkok, especially the floating market. Shoppers board a little boat and (31)_____ along the canals to buy goods off other boats or houses built along the canals.

However, traffic jams in Bangkok are (32)_____. Traffic slows to a crawl during (33)_____ hours, and many residents leave their homes at four in the morning to get to school and work on time. As a (34)_____, they eat their breakfast, do their homework, say their prayers and spend precious family time inside their (35)_____! While it can be inconvenient, many of them have gotten used to it, and some even enjoy it!

SECTION E: GRAMMAR CLOZE (10 X 1) marks

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

Passage 1

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) even	(B) since	(C) and
(D) much	(E) before	(F) an
(G) many	(H) though	(J) also

Natalie had to finish her homework before school resumed the next day. (36)_____ she wanted to complete her work, there were too (37)_____ distractions around her. There was (38)_____ interesting programme showing on television (39)_____ her favourite actor was acting in it. (40)_____ it was still early, Natalie stopped work and watched. She finished the programme and went to bed.

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

Passage 2

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) did	(B) didn't	(C) do
(D) doesn't	(E) done	(F) does
(G) is doing	(H) doing	(J) don't

Natalie jumped out of bed the next morning. "Oh no! I haven't (41)_____ the work that Mr Lim had given me!" Natalie tried to do some of it, but it was almost time for school. She asked her friends in class, "(42)_____ you finish the homework? I (43)_____ finish mine." Her friends stared at her, and one of them said, "(44)_____ you know what Mr Lim will (45)_____ to you?" Natalie trembled (don't) and burst into tears. (9)

SECTION F: EDITING FOR SPG (10 x 1) marks

Correct each bold word for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. A wrong or missing punctuation mark is indicated by a circle. Put the correct punctuation mark or word in each of the boxes.

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Roald Dahl is one of the most famous children's **authers**. He has written many

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well-loved stories such as The Witches, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and James

and the Giant Peach. His stories normally include children as **heroes** and adults as

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villains. Some of his stories have been made into **filims**.

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Roald Dahl **fight** in World War II in 1941 as a pilot with the Royal Air Force, and

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became famous early on writing recounts of the war for **magazeens** and newspapers.

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His stories were extremely **specil**, and his sense of **lumourous** led him to become

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popular **between** young readers. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory is **mine** favourite

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Roald Dahl book. What's yours ○

SECTION G: SYNTHESIS (5 X 2) marks

For each of the items, rewrite the given sentences using the word provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of each sentence must be the same as the given ones.

56. The students misbehaved in class. Mr Lim punished them.

As _____

57. Mr Lim drinks a lot of coffee. Drinking too much coffee harms the body.

Although _____

58. I did not know how to solve this problem. My parents taught me.

_____ until _____

59. We will be lost in the forest. We do not know how to read a map.

Unless _____

60. Mr Wee did not want to sing. Mr Tan also did not want to sing.

Neither _____

SECTION H: COMPREHENSION OPEN-ENDED (7 x 2) marks

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

September 9, 1960. At the Pallazetto Dello Sports Hall in Rome, a little man walked towards the stage to lift a weight more than twice his own. He breathed deeply, and with all his might lifted the bar above his head. He stood there for a few seconds for the referees to declare it a good lift. He then slammed the weights down and rejoiced in tears. Tan Howe Liang had won the silver at the Olympic Games, and it was Singapore's first and only medal at the Olympics. 5

Weighing less than 70kg, Mr Tan's size disguised the strength he had in him. Before the Olympics, he had already won gold medals in the Asian Games and the Commonwealth Games. He had even set a world record at the Commonwealth Games. After the Olympics, Mr Tan continued to compete and won many other medals before he retired. Even after his retirement as a weightlifter, Mr Tan continued to coach other weightlifters. He was as excellent a coach as he was a competitor. Many of his trainees won medals at international competitions. 10

Mr Tan is still working today as a gym instructor at the National Stadium Gym. He often passes on competitive advice to young athletes who dream of representing and winning medals at the Olympics. Mr Tan Howe Liang was voted one of the most inspirational sportsmen by the Singapore media. His success story is one which will always be told to many others for years to come. 15

61. Before Tan Howe Liang won at the Olympics in Rome, how many Olympic medals had Singapore won?

62. Why did Tan Howe Liang hold the bar above his head for a few seconds?

There is no question on this page.

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63. Which word in the passage has the similar meaning as "pupils"?

64. How do you know that Tan Howe Liang was an excellent coach?

65. What does Tan Howe Liang work as today?

66. Which sentence tells you that Tan's achievements will be remembered by Singaporeans for a long time?

67. How does Tan Howe Liang help young athletes today?

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SA2

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Primary 4 English SA2 Exam (2005)

Exam Sheet

Answer Sheets

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
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Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
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E	A	B	J	C					

46. **authors** 47. **,** 48. **films** 49. **fought** 50. **magazines**
 51. **special** 52. **honour** 53. **with** 54. **my** 55. **?**

56. **As the students misbehaved in class, Mr Lim punished them.**
 57. **Although drinking too much coffee harms the body, Mr Lim drinks a lot of it.**
 58. **I did not know how to solve this problem until my parents taught me.**
 59. **Unless we know how to read a map, we will be lost in the forest.**
 60. **Neither Mr Wee nor Mr Tan wanted to sing.**

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