

**Primary Four  
English Language  
Semestral Assessment Two**

**Section A: Vocabulary**

**For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the correct answer and write the correct number in the box provided.**

**(10 x 1 mark = 10 marks)**

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1. Jamilah was \_\_\_\_\_ when she found out that she was not the top pupil in class.

- (1) confused
- (2) disappointed
- (3) composed
- (4) discouraged

2. "You are the most \_\_\_\_\_ person around!" Sarah shouted when her brother tried to scare her with a toy lizard.

- (1) aggressive
- (2) annoying
- (3) agitating
- (4) assertive

3. Isaac gave his mother a flower which he \_\_\_\_\_ from a piece of wood.

- (1) moulded
- (2) weaved
- (3) painted
- (4) carved

4. The boys from Cadet Scouts are learning to \_\_\_\_\_ a tent.

- (1) pitch
- (2) build
- (3) fasten
- (4) set

5. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the leaves broke the silence of the night.

- (1) whistling
- (2) crackling
- (3) rustling
- (4) whirring

6. Sherlock Holmes was able to \_\_\_\_\_ the mystery surrounding Mr Samson's death.

- (1) rectify
- (2) answer
- (3) make
- (4) solve

7. The pupils were told to \_\_\_\_\_ the process of the experiment so as to obtain an accurate result.

- (1) observe
- (2) compare
- (3) predict
- (4) classify

8. The earthworm \_\_\_\_\_ in the soil to prevent its body from drying under the hot sun.

- (1) crawls
- (2) drifts
- (3) burrows
- (4) glides

9. Amin \_\_\_\_\_ to free his foot from the mouse trap.

- (1) struggled
- (2) staggered
- (3) swaggered
- (4) stumbled

10. The trekkers \_\_\_\_\_ a cave full of treasures in the midst of the dense jungle

- (1) invented
- (2) created
- (3) stumbled
- (4) discovered

**Section B: Grammar**

**For each question from 11 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the correct answer and write the correct number in the box provided.**

**(5 x 1 mark = 5 marks)**

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11. \_\_\_\_\_ the boys \_\_\_\_\_ the girls were allowed to go for their recess. They were punished for their misbehavior.

- (1) both .... and.....
- (2) either..... or.....
- (3) not only....but also....
- (4) neither.....nor.....

12. Miss Ang and her sisters help \_\_\_\_\_ to the food at the buffet.

- (1) themselves
- (2) herself
- (3) ourselves
- (4) yourself

13. “ \_\_\_\_\_ I borrow this broom for a while?” asked May

- (1) Would
- (2) Must
- (3) Could
- (4) Should

14. Tom hit the coconut with a hammer \_\_\_\_\_ he could not break it.

- (1) so
- (2) or
- (3) yet
- (4) because

15. The herd of cattle \_\_\_\_\_ grazing on the grass now.

- (1) were
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) is

### Section C: Comprehension

Read the passage below and answer the questions 16 to 20 that follow.  
Choose the correct answer and write the correct number in the box provided.

(5 x 2 mark = 10 marks)

Do you know the person behind your favourite Mickey Mouse cartoons? He is none other than Walt Disney, the creator of Mickey Mouse and the person who started Disneyland.

As a child, Walt Disney spent most of his time drawing. This hobby soon became his livelihood as he also made movies with the cartoon characters he drew. The cartoon character which made Walt Disney a household name was Mickey Mouse. Walt Disney created Mickey Mouse because he wanted a cartoon character which was as active as his own pet mouse called Mortimer. The emergence of Mickey Mouse created waves throughout the world as people from different continents fell in love with the adorable mouse.

Besides pursuing his love for drawing, Walt Disney also worked towards the building of a fun and exciting amusement park. The completion of Disneyland made America a popular tourist destination. Since then people of all ages and all walks of life have enjoyed the renowned world attraction.

Although Walt Disney passed away in 1966, his works will always remain in the hearts of many who loves his cartoons and had visited Disneyland.

16. What were the main achievements in Walt Disney's life?  
Walt Disney \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) drew adorable characters
- (2) loved Mickey Mouse and visited Disneyland
- (3) created Mickey Mouse and started Disneyland
- (4) produced a movie and built Disneyland all by himself in 1996

17. Why did Walt Disney invent Mickey Mouse?  
It was a representation of \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) his childhood
- (2) his love for cartoon characters
- (3) his enthusiasm for drawing
- (4) his active pet mouse, Mortimer

18. According to the passage, what made America a popular tourist destination?  
Many tourists \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) recognized Walt Disney's work
- (2) wanted to visit Walt Disney's home
- (3) were curious to find out more about Walt Disney
- (4) were drawn to the exciting amusement park at Disneyland

19. What does the word "renowned" in line 13 tell us about Disneyland?  
It is a \_\_\_\_\_ place.

- (1) well-known
- (2) well-kept
- (3) well-being
- (4) well-informed

20. What does the phrase “created waves” in line 9 tell us of the cartoon character Mickey Mouse?  
It tells us that the cartoon character, Mickey Mouse, that Walt Disney created, attracted much \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) sympathy
- (2) support
- (3) feelings
- (4) attention

**Section D: Vocabulary**

**Read the passage carefully.**

**Choose the words given in the box.**

**Each word is given a letter named (A to J).**

**For 21 to 25, write the letter for the correct word in each blank.**

**Use a word ONCE only.**

**(1 mark each)**

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(A) played	(B) rackets	(C) field
(D) leisure	(E) ages	(F) flew
(G) years	(H) began	(I) introduced
(J) batted		

Tennis is an old sport that is played all over the world. It (21) \_\_\_\_\_ in France in the twelfth century. Very quickly, it became a popular sport amongst people of all (22) \_\_\_\_\_, young and old.

Before this sport got its name ‘tennis’, it was called the “Game of the Palm”. The players (23) \_\_\_\_\_ the ball over the net with the palms of their hands. Then in 1873, the English (24) \_\_\_\_\_ ‘lawn tennis’. It was played on the grass courts. The players sent the ball over the net using (25) \_\_\_\_\_ instead of the palms of their hands. Since then, the sport is known as ‘tennis’.

**Section E: Grammar**

**Read the passage carefully.**

**Choose the words given in the box.**

**Each word is given a letter named (A to E).**

**For 26 to 28, write the letter for the correct word in each blank.**

**Use a word ONCE only.**

**(1 mark each)**

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(A) never	(B) annually	(C) weekly
(D) daily	(E) often	

My mother told me the importance of oral hygiene when I was a child. She reminded me to brush my teeth (26) \_\_\_\_\_. She takes me to the dentist (27) \_\_\_\_\_ for a check up. Up to now, I have (28) \_\_\_\_\_ had a toothache.

**Read the passage carefully.**

**Choose the words given in the box.**

**Each word is given a letter named (A to F).**

**For 29 to 32, write the letter for the correct word in each blank.**

**Use a word ONCE only.**

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(A) at	(B) in	(C) for
(D) from	(E) on	(F) during

My aunt took my brother and I to Pulau Ubin (29) \_\_\_\_\_ the school holidays. We were there (30) \_\_\_\_\_ three days. Every morning, we would fish (31) \_\_\_\_\_ 9am to 11am. (32) \_\_\_\_\_ the evening, we sang songs under the beautiful stars.

**Read the passage carefully.**  
**Choose the words given in the box.**  
**Each word is given a letter named (A to E).**  
**For 33 to 35, write the letter for the correct word in each blank.**  
**Use a word ONCE only.**

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(A) when	(B) why	(C) where
(D) who	(E) which	

The starfish lives at the bottom of the sea. It is a creature (33) \_\_\_\_\_ lies on the sea bed. The place (34) \_\_\_\_\_ it rests is sandy yet comfortable. (35) \_\_\_\_\_ a starfish loses an arm, it can regrow that arm in a short time.

**Section G: Comprehension**

**Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Write your answer in complete sentences. (2 marks each)**

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Grandfather lived in a tiny flat, one floor above where Marion and her parents lived. He was old and liked to spend his time reading books.

One day Marion heard that Grandfather had a sore foot. She felt sorry for him and decided to pay him a visit. The very next day, with a stalk of rose in her hand, she nervously tapped on his door.

“Come in,” he said. When Marion walked in, she saw Grandfather clutching his right foot.

When Grandfather saw the rose, he smiled and thanked her. “Do you like chocolate and biscuits?” Grandfather asked. Before Marion could answer, Grandfather got up and limped towards a tin of delicious biscuits. Marion took two biscuits and ate them. Grandfather sat next to her and started to tell her stories. Marion beamed with joy upon hearing those interesting stories.



Before Marion left, Grandfather gave her a glass of paper-weight with a castle inside. When she gently shook it, a beautiful snow storm appeared. Marion held the fragile gift with both hands, fearful that it might break. She turned to Grandfather and said, "Oh, thank you Grandfather! I'll come again tomorrow." She waved goodbye and ran downstairs.

36. What was Grandfather's hobby?

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37. How did Marion show her concern for Grandfather?

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38. According to the passage, why was Grandfather limping?

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39. Which sentence in the passage tells us that Marion enjoyed listening to stories?

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40. Do you think Marion enjoyed her visit to her grandfather? Give a reason for your answer.

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