

**Test:** (F) Primary 4 - Term 2 (SA1) English (School A)

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Select multiple choice answers with a cross or tick:

Only select one answer

Can select multiple answers

**Question 1 of 37**

Primary 4 English (Term 2) 1 pt

**Section A: Vocabulary [6X1 mark]**

Li Ming swam like a \_\_\_\_ at the Swimming Competition yesterday.

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- A)** fish
  - B)** stone
  - C)** butterfly
  - D)** cucumber

**Question 2 of 37**

Primary 4 English (Term 2) 1 pt

I looked under Ronald's table and found a \_\_\_\_ of playing cards.

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- A)** litter
  - B)** herd
  - C)** pack
  - D)** flock

**Question 3 of 37**

Primary 4 English (Term 2) 1 pt

Tom and Jack had not spoken to each other for a year. They finally decided to \_\_\_\_ and be friends again.

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- A) bury the hatchet
- B) hit below the belt
- C) throw in the towel
- D) make both ends meet

**Question 4 of 37**

Primary 4 English (Term 2) 1 pt

Rick demonstrated \_\_\_\_ during the match as he did not give up even though his opponent was stronger than him.

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- A) despair
- B) humility
- C) collaboration
- D) perseverance

**Question 5 of 37**

Primary 4 English (Term 2) 1 pt

All the hotel rooms are fully booked. Mary could not find a \_\_\_\_ room in any hotel.

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- A) vacant
- B) common
- C) attractive
- D) luxurious

**Question 6 of 37**

Primary 4 English (Term 2) 1 pt

"Don't worry about him. He's sustained a \_\_\_\_ injury. He'll recover in no time," said the doctor.

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- A) minor
- B) major
- C) serious
- D) complicated

**Question 7 of 37**

Primary 4 English (Term 2) 1 pt

**Section B: Grammar [8X1 mark]**

"Are you aware that the Ministry of Education \_\_\_ offering a new music programme from today?" asked Mother.

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- A) is
- B) are
- C) was
- D) were

**Question 8 of 37**

Primary 4 English (Term 2) 1 pt

My younger brother knew he was lost \_\_\_ he would not have asked for directions.

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- A) until
- B) unless
- C) although
- D) otherwise

**Question 9 of 37**

Primary 4 English (Term 2) 1 pt

\_\_\_ the three plants, mine grew the tallest.

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- A) In
- B) Within
- C) Among
- D) Between

**Question 10 of 37**

Primary 4 English (Term 2) 1 pt

"What's your name? \_\_\_ is Judith," I introduced myself.

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- A) I
- B) Me
- C) My
- D) Mine

**Question 11 of 37**

Primary 4 English (Term 2)

1 pt

"You have been studying hard for your test, \_\_\_ you?" Miss Tan asked John.

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- A) did
- B) have
- C) didn't
- D) haven't

**Question 12 of 37**

Primary 4 English (Term 2)

1 pt

Martin, \_\_\_ dog was hurt in the accident, had been crying for days.

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- A) who
- B) which
- C) whom
- D) whose

**Question 13 of 37**

Primary 4 English (Term 2)

1 pt

Both Bill and Bob \_\_\_ given the Most Improved Pupil Award last week.

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- A) is
- B) are
- C) was
- D) were

**Question 14 of 37**

Primary 4 English (Term 2)

1 pt

"Children, please behave \_\_\_ during our excursion to the National Gallery later today," instructed the teacher.

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- A) yourself
- B) ourselves
- C) yourselves
- D) themselves

**Question 15 of 37**

Primary 4 English (Term 2)

1 pt

Section C: Punctuation 1m

"Have you been revising your work, John [ ]" asked Mother.

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- A) [,] comma
- B) [.] full stop
- C) [?] question mark
- D) [!] exclamation mark

**Question 16 of 37**

Primary 4 English (Term 2)

4 pts

Grammar Close 1 4 x 1m

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1. [ ] One day, a family of four climbed up a hill for a picnic. Soon, \_\_\_ were lying on their backs and munching on their food under the blue sky. A. his
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2. [ ] Suddenly, the ground shook and a crack appeared in the ground. The crack grew. It widened and lengthened and ran between \_\_\_. B. their
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3. [ ] They watched helplessly as \_\_\_ food and tablecloth folded and disappeared into the crack. C. they
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4. [ ] Then an enormous iron hand came up through the crack. It nearly touched the little boy. The boy rolled over backwards and \_\_\_ mother screamed. "Run to the car!" shouted the father. D. them
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**Question 17 of 37**

Primary 4 English (Term 2)

1 pt

Grammar Cloze 2 4 x 1m

Pufferfish can inflate into a ball shape to evade predators. These clumsy swimmers [fill/fills] their elastic stomachs with huge amounts of water (and sometimes air) and blow themselves up to several times their normal size.

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- A) fill
- B) fills

**Question 18 of 37**

Primary 4 English (Term 2)

1 pt

Some species also [has/have] spines on their skin to ward off predators.

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- A) has
- B) have

**Question 19 of 37**

Primary 4 English (Term 2)

1 pt

Even if a predator [gobble/gobbles] up a puffer before it inflates, it would not enjoy the snack.

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- A) gobble
- B) gobbles

**Question 20 of 37**

Primary 4 English (Term 2)

1 pt

Most pufferfish contain a toxic substance that makes them foul tasting and potentially deadly to other fish. The toxin [is/are] deadly to humans. There is enough poison in one pufferfish to kill 30 adult humans, and there is no known antidote.

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- A) is
- B) are

Editing for spelling and grammar (3m)

The words with spelling errors are in bold and the words with grammatical errors are underlined.

### Recipe for Ice Lollies

#### Ingredients

2 bananas

65g butter

60ml coconut milk

(24)

2 tablespoon **chokolāte** powder

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

#### Method

1. Put all ingredients in a food processor.

(25)

2. Blend the ingredients till the mixture are smooth.

3. Pour the mixture into the ice block moulds.

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1 pt

(26)

4. Adds one stick to each mould.

5. Freeze the mixture.

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0 pts

**Synthesis and Transformation (4m)**

Bill went to play soccer. He completed his homework.

\_\_\_\_\_ after \_\_\_\_\_

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0 pts

Tom trained hard. He wanted to get a place in the national team.

\_\_\_\_\_ in order to \_\_\_\_\_.



## Comprehension 1 (10m)

One cold night, Tess heard her parents talking about her little brother, Andrew. He was very sick and their father did not have enough money to send Andrew for an operation. She heard their mother say, "Only a miracle can cure him now!"

Tess went to her bedroom, emptied her savings from her piggy bank, 5 and walked swiftly to the pharmacy across the street.

"What do you want?" the pharmacist asked impatiently.

"I need a miracle that will save my brother," Tess answered, "he is very sick and my parents say only a miracle can save him. So, how much does a miracle cost?" "We don't sell miracles here, little girl. I'm sorry," the pharmacist 10 replied sadly.

A well-dressed man, who had overheard this, asked Tess, "How much are you willing to pay for this miracle, little girl?" Tess looked down at her hands, which contained only one dollar and eleven cents. "Well, what a coincidence," the man answered, "that is the exact price of a miracle for little brothers. Take me to 15 see your family. I might have the kind of miracle you need."

Dr. Armstrong, the well-dressed man, who was a surgeon, operated on Tess' brother and soon, Andrew was well. Dr Armstrong did not charge her parents a cent, and they could not thank him enough.

"I wonder how much the surgery would have cost us," Tess heard her 20 mother say to her father that day.

Tess smiled to herself. She knew she had helped save her brother's life, with a miracle.

Why did Tess' mother say that only a miracle could cure her little brother?

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What did Tess want to buy from the pharmacy?

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Primary 4 English (Term 2) 0 pts

What does the word "here" in line 10 refer to?

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Which word in paragraph six tells us that Andrew was healthy after the surgery?

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Primary 4 English (Term 2) 0 pts

Why were Tess' parents grateful to Dr Armstrong?

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## Comprehension 2 (10m)

Have you ever heard the sound of a hummingbird? They make a buzzing noise when they fly. They make this noise when they beat their wings fast. Hummingbirds can beat their wings up to 80 times a second. All that beating makes a lot of noise, which gives them their name - hummingbirds.

Hummingbirds fly in a unique way. They move their wings so rapidly that they can hover. They can even hover or fly upside down. Hummingbirds are also the only birds that fly backwards. 5

Among the more than 9,000 species of birds in the world, the bee hummingbird is the smallest. They are just a little larger than bees and weigh less than a coin. Bee hummingbirds build tiny nests for their eggs. They use cobwebs, twigs and bits of tree bark, which they weave to build their nests. In some countries, people have found these tiny nests filled with pea-sized eggs on their clothes pegs! 10

Hummingbirds move fast. This means that they need to eat a lot. Their favourite food is nectar, a sweet liquid found in flowers. Hummingbirds consume more nectar daily than their own weight! They have to visit hundreds of flowers each day to get enough nectar to sustain themselves. Some of the nectar is conserved as energy in their bodies, to survive through the night. 15

Unlike other long-beaked birds, hummingbirds do not use their long beaks as straws to suck food into their mouths. They have a tongue just like us, which they use for eating. They flick their tongues in and out of their mouths while feeding on nectar. 20

Although small, they are able to adapt and survive among predators in their habitat.

Choose two statements which clearly describes a hummingbird.

- A) can fly backwards
- B) eats nectar
- C) has a long tongue
- D) uses only tree bark to build its nests

**Question 32 of 37**

Primary 4 English (Term 2) 1 pt

Which word has the same meaning as "fast" in paragraph two?

They move their wings so rapidly that they can hover.

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- A) rapidly
- B) hover

**Question 33 of 37**

Primary 4 English (Term 2) 1 pt

Read each statement and choose True or False.

Bee hummingbirds live in tiny nests

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- A) True
- B) False

**Question 34 of 37**

Primary 4 English (Term 2) 1 pt

Hummingbirds eat nectar to survive through the night

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- A) True
- B) False

**Question 35 of 37**

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The hummingbirds flick their tongues while they feed on nectar

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- A) True
- B) False

**Question 36 of 37**

Primary 4 English (Term 2) 3 pts

Indicate the sequence.

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1. [ ] Hummingbirds collect cobweb and tree bark A. 3

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2. [ ] Hummingbirds lay their eggs B. 2

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3. [ ] Hummingbirds weave together materials C. 1

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From the last sentence, we can conclude that hummingbirds are \_\_\_\_.

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- A)** idle
- B)** resilient
- C)** beautiful