



Name of Candidate: _____ () Class: _____

BUKIT PANJANG GOVERNMENT HIGH SCHOOL

Preliminary Examination 2020

SECONDARY 4 EXPRESS / 4 & 5 NORMAL (ACADEMIC)

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Paper 1

Syllabus 1128/01

Date: 17 August, 2020

Duration: 1 hr 50 mins

Time: 0800h – 0950h

Additional Materials: Writing Paper

Read these instructions first.

Write your name, index number and class on the cover page.

Write in dark blue or black pen on both sides of the paper.

Do not use staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue or correction fluid.

Answer Section A, Section B and one question from Section C.

For Section A, write your answers in the spaces provided.

For Section B and Section C, write your answers on the writing paper provided.

At the end of the examination, **hand in the three sections separately.**

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

Setter: Mr Hafiz

[Turn over]

This paper consists of 4 printed pages.

Question 1

Carefully read the text below, consisting of 12 lines, about being respectful. The first and last lines are correct. For eight of the lines, there is one grammatical error in each line. There are two more lines with no errors.

If there is NO error in a line, put a tick (✓) in the space provided.

If the line is incorrect, circle the incorrect word and write the correct word in the space provided.

The correct word you provide must not change the original meaning of the sentence.

Examples:

I arrived (to) my destination at 2pm. at

My mother always wears sensible clothes. ✓

The story of the world's largest private foundation begins with a couple reading
 a news article about suffering in a developing world. The husband clipped the 1.
 article and (send) it to his father, the philanthropic William H Gates, writing: "Dad, 2.
 maybe we can do something about this." It was the first step towards the (creating) 3.
 of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. ^{since} ~~since~~ the beginning of their great 4.
 philanthropic mission in 1997, the husband (with) wife team has become a 5.
 powerful catalyst for the improvement of (live) in the world's poorest countries. 6.
 The foundation's trust endowment of \$43.5bn (make) grant payments in excess 7.
 of \$3bn every year. Its focus has been on bridging the enormous health deficit 8.
 between rich and poor countries and on fights it ^{sees} ~~sees~~ as (vastly) but ultimately 9.
 winnable. Between its goals (are) the eradication of malaria and polio, and 10
 controlling the spread of tuberculosis.

Section B [30 marks]

You are advised to write between 250 and 350 words for this section.

Question 2

You should look at the printed information sheet below, study the information carefully and plan your answer before beginning to write.

Your school is planning to organise a school-wide sporting event next year to replace the current sports carnival. The Principal has shortlisted two possible sporting activities for the school's consideration. As the Class Chairperson, you are tasked to write an email to your Principal to explain your class' selection.



In your email, state clearly:

- the sporting event of your choice
- your reasons for the selection
- how the event promotes school spirit
- how the event helps forge stronger bonds among students and teachers

Write your email in clear, accurate English and in a formal and persuasive tone.

You should use your own words as much as possible.

Suggested sporting activities

<p>Mass cross-country run at Jurong Lake Gardens</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4km non-competitive run• Boys and girls will run together.• Each level will have a separate flag-off time.• All teachers and non-teaching staff will join in the run.
<p>Sports Day at Choa Chu Kang Stadium</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• House system will be re-introduced.• Different track and field events<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Track: 100m, 200m, 400m, 2km and 100m relay race.• Field: Shotput, javelin, high jump and long jump events• Separate events for boys and girls• Teachers' 400m relay race

Section C [30 marks]

Begin your answer on a fresh page.

You are advised to write between 350 and 500 words on one of the following topics.

At the head of your composition, write the number of the topic you have chosen.

Questions 3-6

- 3 Write about a time when you were caught in a lie. What did you learn from this incident?
- 4 "Teenagers today are selfish." What are your views?
- 5 "One can learn more by watching television than through reading." Do you agree?
- 6 Describe an ideal holiday you would like to have. Explain why this would make you happy.

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