

PRIMARY SCHOOL EDUCATION ASSESSMENT

AUGUST ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES 2026

GRADE 4 – ENGLISH
Time: 1 Hour 30 Minutes



LEARNER'S DETAILS

Name: _____ . School: _____ .

Assessment Number: _____ . Date: _____ .

School Code: _____ . Signature: _____ .

Instructions for Learners

1. Write your name, school name, and assessment number in the spaces provided.
2. Check the question paper carefully to ensure all pages are printed and no questions are missing.
3. Answer all the questions in the spaces provided.
4. Answer **all** questions.
5. Write your answers clearly in the spaces provide.

FOR EXAMINER'S USE

SECTION	TASK 1	TASK 2	% SCORE	EE1	EE2	ME1	ME2	AE1	AE2	BE1	BE2
SCORE RANGE	20 MARKS	30 MARKS		90-100	75-89	58-74	41-57	31-40	21-30	11-20	1-10
POINTS				8 POINTS	7 POINTS	6 POINTS	5 POINTS	4 POINTS	3 POINTS	2 POINTS	1 POINT
LEARNER'S TOTAL SCORE											

Answer **ALL** questions in this section.

TASK 1

1. Write the words the teacher will read aloud

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

e. _____

2. Answer the following questions in your own words.

a. What do you do every year on the day you were born?

b. Name one family celebration?

c. When is christmas celebrated?

d. Did you receive any gifts on Christmas day?

e. What is a wedding celebration?

TASK 2

1. Read the following story aloud. (10 marks)

The villagers had followed the witchdoctor's advice. Most of them avoided the baby and his parents. The family was left out of the daily activities in the village. The women frequently plaited each other's hair. But very few of them would touch Mrs Banda's hair. The men often played bao in the evening, but whenever Mr Banda joined them, the game ended within a few minutes.

2. Use the words in the box to complete the following.

soil

tractor

works

tired

plough

3.

Odi is a farmer. He _____ on his farm from morning till evening. He is always very _____ after a day's work. When it is almost time for planting, Odi hires a _____ to prepare his field. It pulls a _____ that cuts and turns the _____.

TASK 3

1. Use the words "because of " and " but " to complete the sentences below.

a. My sister stays strong _____ she is sick.

b. His uncle fell sick _____ being rained on.

c. The goalkeeper is limping _____ he appears okay.

d. He was punished _____ coming late.

e. It rained heavily _____ I was not late for school.

2. Use the words below to construct simple sentences.

a. home

b. destroy

c. strong

d. Christmas

e. Birthday

3. Fill in the blanks with the correct word

1. She _____ (is/are) my sister.
2. They _____ (go/goes) to school every day.
3. I _____ (has/have) a pencil.
4. The sun _____ (shine/shines) brightly.
5. We _____ (was/were) happy yesterday.

4. Choose the correct answer

6. This is _____ book. (a/an/the)
7. I am taller _____ my brother. (than/then)
8. He _____ playing football. (is/are)
9. There are many _____ in the garden. (flower/flowers)
10. She _____ to church on Sunday. (go/goes)

5. Arrange the words to make correct sentences

11. going / is / school / he / to
12. likes / Mary / reading / books
13. are / we / happy
14. mother / cooking / is / my
15. dog / the / barking / is

TASK 4

Read the passage below to answer the following questions.

Once upon a time, all birds and other animals lived in the same community. They were very different, but they usually worked together happily. They all decided to dig a well because they wanted to get clean water. The water available at that time was from a dirty muddy pool.

Elephant, Hare, Rhino, Giraffe and Rat went to dig on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays. On the first Monday they told Bat, 'Come and dig the well with us.'

Bat was lazy and selfish. She did not want to join in the work her neighbours were doing. "I won't come, Bat said. 'I am not like you. Can't you see you walk on four legs while I have wings that I use to fly?' She laughed as she flew away. The same thing happened on Wednesday and Friday.

Cock, Ostrich, Hawk, Crow and Dove dug on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. On the first Tuesday they called Bat. 'It's now the turn for all birds to dig the well. Come, let's go and do it.'

'Get lost!' said Bat proudly. 'I am not like you. I give birth to real bats, unlike you who only lay eggs. Leave me alone.'

1. Birds and other animals were leaving in the same _____.
2. Why did they decide to dig a well? _____.
3. How many animals went to work on Mondays? _____.
4. How many days in a week were the animals not digging?

5. Why did Bat not want to dig? _____.
6. How many times was Bat asked to help in digging the well? _____.
7. How many animals are mentioned in the story? _____.
8. Why is Bat not like other birds? _____.
9. Bat was lazy and _____.
10. Do you think Bat was allowed to drink the water? _____.

GRADE 4 ENGLISH - ANSWERS

TASK 1

2. Answers in your own words

- a. I celebrate my birthday.
- b. Wedding celebration.
- c. Christmas is celebrated on 25th December.
- d. Yes, I received gifts on Christmas Day.
- e. A wedding celebration is a ceremony where two people get married.

TASK 2

Use the words in the box correctly

- 1. works
- 2. tired
- 3. tractor
- 4. plough
- 5. soil

Completed passage:

Odi is a farmer. He **works** on his farm from morning till evening. He is always very **tired** after a day's work. When it is almost time for planting, Odi hires a **tractor** to prepare his field. It pulls a **plough** that cuts and turns the **soil**.

TASK 3

1. Fill in using "because of" or "but"

- a. My sister stays strong **but** she is sick.
- b. His uncle fell sick **because of** being rained on.
- c. The goalkeeper is limping **but** he appears okay.

- d. He was punished **because of** coming late.
- e. It rained heavily **but** I was not late for school.

2. Construct simple sentences

a. home

I went home early.

b. destroy

Fire can destroy houses.

c. strong

The boy is strong.

d. Christmas

We celebrate Christmas every year.

e. Birthday

My birthday is in August.

3. Fill in the blanks correctly

- 1. is
- 2. go
- 3. have
- 4. shines
- 5. were

4. Choose the correct answer

- 6. a
- 7. than
- 8. is
- 9. flowers
- 10. goes

5. Arrange the words correctly

11. He is going to school.
12. Mary likes reading books.
13. We are happy.
14. My mother is cooking.
15. The dog is barking.

TASK 4

1. community
2. Because they wanted to get clean water.
3. 5
4. 1 day
5. Bat did not want to dig because she was lazy and selfish.
6. 3 times
7. 11 animals
8. Bat gives birth to young ones while other birds lay eggs.
9. selfish
10. No.