A. Short Comprehension
The candidate is expected to demonstrate the ability to understand the passage (around 90 words) and answer the questions.

B. Usage
The candidate is expected to demonstrate the ability to understand and use the following grammar areas:

1. Simple past tense (irregular verbs) – ate, drank, caught, flew, fought, etc.
2. Interrogative form of past simple
   – Were you fat two years ago? ; Did you go to school yesterday?
3. Negative form of past simple – I wasn’t fat. ; They didn’t take the bus.
4. Could & couldn’t – Nicky couldn’t tie his shoelaces when he was three years old.
5. Should & shouldn’t – You shouldn’t drink too much coke.
6. Determiners – a few, a little, a lot of
7. Pronouns – something / anything / nothing
8. Adjectives ending in ‘ed’ or ‘ing’ – excited or exciting?
9. Adverbs of frequency – frequently, rarely, seldom
10. Comparatives – bigger, smaller, thinner than, etc.
11. Superlatives – the biggest, the fattest, etc.
12. ...as...as...– My younger brother is as active as a monkey.

C. Lexis
The candidate is expected to demonstrate the ability to understand and use the vocabulary related to:

1. Ordinal numbers – first, second, third to twenty fourth, etc.
2. Unit nouns – a packet of crisps, a bar of chocolate, a slice of cake, etc.
3. Adjectives to describe taste – bitter, smelly, delicious, salty, etc.
4. Adjectives to describe food – fresh, stale, burned, ripe, etc.
5. Utensils – chopsticks, spoon, fork, knife, table cloth, etc.
6. School events / activities – swimming gala, writing competition, sports day, picnic, etc.
7. Clothes – shirt, trousers, pajamas, jumper, skirt, etc.
8. Describing appearance – smart, handsome, pretty, trendy, scruffy, etc.
9. Describing character – silly, lovely, polite, rude, patient, etc.
10. Measurements – tall, high, wide, heavy, deep, etc.

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Attainment Bands:
Excellent (100 - 90), Distinction (89 - 80), Merit (79 - 70), Pass (69 - 50), Unsuccessful (≤49)
English Grammar Proficiency Test
Grade Four

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1. Short Comprehension

Peter and Kenny

Peter likes playing basketball very much. He plays basketball with his friends every Sunday. Last Sunday, he played basketball in Kowloon Park with Mike and Jack. Peter broke his right leg when he tried to get the ball from Jack. Peter cried loudly. Mike called the police and they sent Peter to hospital.

Now, Peter is staying in a hospital. He has to take medicine four times a day. He is unhappy because he feels lonely. He cannot walk. The boy next to him is Kenny. Kenny is ten years old. He likes playing football. He broke his left arm last Friday. He always tells jokes to make Peter laugh. Sometimes they play chess together.

Answer the following questions in complete sentences (10%)

1. Why is Peter unhappy?

__________________________________________________________________________

2. Does Kenny like playing basketball?

__________________________________________________________________________

3. What does Kenny do to make Peter happier?

__________________________________________________________________________

4. Is Mike in hospital now?

__________________________________________________________________________

5. Did Jack break Peter’s leg?

__________________________________________________________________________
2. Write questions to the underlined answers (10%)

Example: Betty swam in the swimming pool yesterday.

When did Betty swim in the swimming pool?

1. Tony had to take a taxi to work because he was late.

2. My grandma told us a story last night.

3. Mary bought some magazines from the new bookshop.

4. We spent our summer holiday in Japan last year.

5. More than 300 students joined the writing competition.
3. Fill in the blanks using the following words (10%)

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1. Students ___________ be late for school.

2. It is cold. You _______________ wear your jumper today.

3. This story book is interesting. You _______________ read it.

4. You _______________ go home on time.

5. Ben _______________ be cruel to his pets. He _______________ be kind to animals.

6. Tom: _______________ you like something to drink?
   Ann: Yes, please.

7. Mary: _______________ we stay in the classroom, Miss Li?
   Miss Li: No, you _______________. You _______________ line up in the playground.
4. Complete the sentences using the clipart (16%)

Aunt Macy is going to do some shopping at the supermarket.

Help her to write the

*Example:            X 3    three bottles of milk_

1. ____________

2. ____________

3. ____________

4. ____________

5. ____________

6. ____________

7. ____________

8. ____________
5. Circle the correct answers (5%)

1. Mr. Lee has a big and ___expensive / more expensive / expensiver___ car.

2. Jane is ___fat / fatter / fattest___ than Helen.

3. Lucy has the ___longer / longest / very long___ hair in her class.

4. I can run ___fast / faster / more faster___ than Tom.

5. Autumn in Hong Kong is ___hottest / cooler / warmer___ than summer.

6. Write ONE adjective for each sentence (5%)

1. Do you know which is the ____________________? A racing car, a plane or a rocket?

2. Mary’s picture is ____________________ than Joe’s picture. He can’t draw at all.

3. Tim has the ____________________ marks in the English test. He got full marks.

4. Your bag is ____________________ than mine. I can’t even lift it up!

5. My brother doesn’t like eating. He is the ____________________ in his class.
7. Complete the following story using the past tense (14%)

**A Family Party**

We ____________ (hold) a party in our garden last Saturday. That morning,

I ____________ (wake) up early. When I ____________ (get) out of bed,

I ____________ (find) that mother ____________ (be not) in her bedroom.

Then I ____________ (see) mother cooking in the kitchen.

Later, we ____________ (go) out together and ____________ (buy) a lot of food. In the evening, many friends and relatives ____________ (come) to our house. We ____________ (have) a barbecue and ____________ (sing) songs together. Uncle David ____________ (take) many photos for us.

My father ____________ (drink) a lot of wine that night. We ____________ (not sleep) until 2 in the morning. We enjoyed the party very much.
8. Fill in the blanks using the following words (6%)

a few      a little      a lot of

**Healthy Eating**

1. We need to eat ____________ fruit.

2. We can eat ____________ sweet food.

3. We need to eat ____________ rice.

4. We can eat ____________ meat.

5. We can drink ____________ canned drinks.

6. We should not eat ____________ chips.
9. Fill in the blanks using the following words (12%)

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1. I have got _______________ to tell you, but can you keep a secret?

2. Do you know _______________ about his birthday party?

3. I’m hungry. I want _______________ to eat.

4. Is there _______________ that I can help you with?

5. Calm down! There’s _______________ to worry about.

6. He is very rich. _______________ he has is expensive.

7. We didn’t buy _______________ from Korea, because we lost our wallets.

8. There’s _______________ left in the house. The thieves took everything.

9. We asked him about the news but he said _______________.

10. Don’t lie to me. Tell me _______________ about the accident.

11. I kicked _______________ when I got out of the bed. It was my cat.

12. The house next door was on fire last night. My neighbour has lost
    _______________.

   anything       something       everything       nothing
10. Write one word for each sentence (12%)

1. Cindy looks really _____________ in her designer clothes.  
   She looks like a model.

2. Tommy often plays tricks on people and doesn’t listen to his parents. He is _____________.

3. Mary never gets angry, even when she has to explain things to them again and again. Mary is _____________.

4. Jim always says please and thank you. He is _____________.

5. You looked too _____________ that’s why they didn’t let you in that posh restaurant. You should dress neatly next time.

6. He thinks he is so _____________, he looks at himself in the mirror every ten minutes.

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