



NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL
2016 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
Primary 3

Name : _____ ()

Class : Primary 3 _____

Date :

Total Marks: _____ / 50

Parent's Signature

Duration: 1 hour 15 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
Follow all instructions carefully.
Answer all questions.

Section A: Vocabulary MCQ (6 X 1 mark)

For questions 1 to 6, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Write the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

1. The brave teenager received a _____ for his heroic deed from the Mayor. He hung it proudly in his room.
- (1) plague
 - (2) plaque
 - (3) voucher
 - (4) souvenir
- ()
2. Dyllis _____ because she was unhappy about washing the dishes.
- (1) rumbled
 - (2) fumbled
 - (3) stumbled
 - (4) grumbled
- ()
3. Nobody trusts Mary because she is as cunning as a _____.
- (1) fox
 - (2) bee
 - (3) dove
 - (4) peacock
- ()
4. David _____ into the class and shouted angrily, "Who took my pencil case?"
- (1) crept
 - (2) limped
 - (3) tiptoed
 - (4) stormed
- ()
5. Mother advised me not to be _____ and believe others so easily.
- (1) guilty
 - (2) gullible
 - (3) greedy
 - (4) gloomy

6. Mother could not help but _____ with annoyance when she saw how messy the house was.

- (1) grin
- (2) smile
- (3) frown
- (4) giggle

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Section B: Grammar MCQ (8 X 1 mark)

For questions 7 to 14, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Write the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

7. The couple standing on the stage is very generous. It s _____ desire to donate to many charitable organisations.

- (1) her
- (2) him
- (3) your
- (4) their

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8. Jane proudly announced to her parents that she had completed the work all by _____.

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

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9. "Can you see _____ house over there? It is mine!" Tom exclaimed.

- (1) this
- (2) that
- (3) these
- (4) those

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10. The clothes _____ ironed by the maid yesterday.

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

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11. My sister and I _____ our teeth every night. Our mother praises us for our good habit.

- (1) brush
- (2) brushes
- (3) brushed
- (4) were brushing

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12. A _____ of dancers is dancing on stage now.

- (1) band
- (2) choir
- (3) pack
- (4) troupe

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13. There are not _____ commuters on the train so we could get seats easily.

- (1) most
- (2) more
- (3) much
- (4) many

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14. "_____ must have taken my story book from my bag. It was there a few minutes ago and now it has disappeared!" Susan cried.

- (1) Nobody
- (2) Anybody
- (3) Somebody
- (4) Everybody

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Section C: Grammar Cloze (8 X 1 mark)

Read the following passages carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to M) in each blank. The letter (I) has been omitted to avoid confusion in marking.

Passage 1

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) he	(B) I	(C) it
(D) they	(E) we	(F) you

Upon reaching the class, Lily saw Henry muttering to himself and sighing at his desk.

"Good morning Henry, why do (15) _____ look so sad?" Lily asked in concern.

"(16) _____ have lost Pixie, my pet dog. Last night, I forgot to lock the door before sleeping so (17) _____ must have run through the door into the neighbourhood," Henry replied sadly.

"Don't worry, Henry. (18) _____ shall go and look for Pixie together after school. I am sure it is still in the neighbourhood. We can also put up some posters to ask the public to return Pixie if anyone finds it " Lily assured Henry.

Original

Passage 2

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

(G) by	(H) from	(J) in
(K) of	(L) on	(M) up

After a busy day at work, Zachary was on his way home. While he was walking below a block, a flower pot suddenly fell (19) _____ a window and crashed near him. He was stunned and looked (20) _____ to see where it came from. He noticed that there were many other similar flower pots placed dangerously near the window (21) _____ the fifth floor.

Fortunately, the flower pot missed him. If not, he would be lying (22) _____ the hospital. He felt very thankful to escape unhurt.

Original

Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (5 X 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to H) in each blank.

(A) aroma	(B) eyes	(C) glances	(D) hungry
(E) stench	(F) sympathetic	(G) tattered	(H) trembling

The children huddled together in a corner of the streets to keep warm. It was winter and the weather was very cold. They were (23) _____ continuously and their teeth chattered as well. The girl wore (24) _____ clothes and had no shoes on her. The boy was in no better state. His clothes were also torn and dirty. He was also barefooted. Both of them had not eaten for a day and were very (25) _____.

The children were begging in the street but the passers-by only cast pitiful (26) _____ at them and quickly walked off. They were about to give up hope when the (27) _____ of freshly-baked bread wafted through the air. A gentleman said, "Come, have some bread. You must be hungry." This kind act brought tears to their eyes.

Original

Section E: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (5 X 1 mark)

For each of the items, circle the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

28. The children (**has** / **have**) already washed all the plates in the sink.
29. The boys wanted to (**eat** / **eats**) hamburgers for lunch.
30. For Valentine's Day, Father bought Mother a (**bouquet** / **buoquet**) of flowers.
31. The crab (**scurried** / **scurried**) towards a rock when some boys approached it.
32. Fearless Phil is not (**invincible** / **invisibile**) because he is afraid of mice.

Section F: Synthesis (2 X 1 mark)

For each of the items, rewrite the given sentences using the word provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of each sentence must be the same as the given ones.

33. The reckless driver drove his car too fast. The car skidded and crashed into a tree.

_____, so

34. Mrs Lim saw a cockroach. Mrs Lim screamed.

_____ when

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Section G: Comprehension 1 (8 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 35 to 40.

For several years, Maria, a teenage girl from America had been doing her part to ensure that many children all over the world had access to books.

Since she was eight years old, Maria loved reading. However, she noticed that some of her poorer classmates did not read as much as she did. Maria asked her mother what the reason could be. Her mother said that they might not be able to afford books. Maria had never thought of this and was in disbelief. She felt that reading books was very important as it could enrich the minds of readers and improve their language. She was determined to make books easily available to other children. 5

With her mother's help, Maria created Book World. Book World is an organisation dedicated to collecting and distributing books to children in need. During the early stages of Book World, Maria set a goal to collect and distribute one million books by the time she was eighteen years old. 10

By the age of fourteen, she had already collected over two million books and shipped them to many countries around the world. She said, "I cannot live without books. As I continue my work, I have learnt that the number of kids who have no books are in the hundreds of millions. So I cannot stop even after reaching my original target of distributing one million books." 15

She recently set a new goal to distribute books to children in need in every country in the world. She kept track of her progress on a large map at the warehouse where she stored and sorted books. 20

Adapted from "Maria Keller – 14 Year Old Wants Every Kid to Read!"

35. Who helped Maria to start the Book World organisation? (1m)

36. In Maria's opinion, why was reading very important? (2m)

Reading could _____
and _____

37. Which word has the same meaning as "giving out"? Circle either (A) or (B). (1m)

Book World is an organisation dedicated to <u>collecting</u> and <u>distributing</u>	
(A)	(B)
books to children in need.	

38. Which word in paragraph 4 has the same meaning as 'goal'? (1m)

39. Based on the passage, which two of the following statements are true? Tick ✓ two statements. (2m)

(1) Maria was an avid reader when she was young.	
(2) Maria used a large map to monitor her progress.	
(3) Maria had stopped collecting books as she had finally reached her goal.	
(4) Her poorer classmates did not read as they did not have interest in reading	

40. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

Maria is a _____ girl. (1m)

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selfish

selfless

Comprehension 2 (8 marks)

Read the following passage carefully and answer questions 41 to 46

Once upon a time, there was a foolish king who believed that he was the smartest person in his kingdom. He was so convinced that he offered a reward to anyone who could trick him.

One day, a poor but intelligent man, Ron, came to the palace to challenge the king. The king warned him, "I am not easily tricked. How are you going to defeat me?" 5

"I have a special trick, your majesty. However, I was in a such a hurry that I forgot to bring my tools along," Ron replied calmly.

"You use tools for tricking people? That's incredible!" the king was amazed. Ron nodded confidently. 10

"I would like to see the tools that you use. Why don't you go home and return with them?" the king ordered.

"But I need a hundred horse-pulled carts to bring them all. And it will take at least six months to load them," Ron replied.

"Take whatever you need from my stables, but come back as soon as you can," the king said impatiently. 15

So Ron took one hundred of the finest horses and one hundred carts before setting out to his village. Once in the village, Ron split the horses among the villagers and together, they completed one season of harvesting within a short time and became richer. 20

Before Ron left his village, he sold all the horses and carts given to him and bought a black donkey instead. He returned riding on the black donkey.

"Where are your tools and where are my horses?" the king asked.

The horses turned into donkeys on the way and ran away with all the tools. I could only catch one donkey. Why did you give me such horses?" he asked the king calmly. At that moment, the king was speechless as he could not prove whether Ron was telling the truth or not. He knew then that he had been tricked and 25

Adapted from "The Foolish King"

All answers must be based on the given text. Answer in **complete sentences**.

41. According to the passage, what two qualities did Ron possess? (2m)

Ron was _____ and _____.

42. According to the passage, who does 'You' in line 9 refer to? (1m)

43. Which word in paragraph 8 has the same meaning as 'best'? (1m)

44. Write 1, 2 or 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage. (1m)

_____ Ron sold the black horses and bought a black donkey.

_____ The king sent Ron back to the village with his horses and carts.

_____ The king gave Ron a reward.

45. Based on the passage, state whether each statement is true or false, then give a reason why you think so. (2m)

Statement	True/ False	Reason
a) Ron took the king's horses and carts to his village and used them to make money.		
b) The horses turned into donkeys and ran away with the carts.		

46. What important lesson did the king learn in the end? (1m)

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ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2016 (P3)

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Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
1	4	4	3	F	B	C	E	H	M
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27			
L	J	H	G	D	C	A			

28)have 29)eat 30)bought 31)scurried 32)invincible

33)The reckless driver drove his car too fast, so it skidded and crashed into a tree.

34)Mrs Lim screamed when she saw a cockroach.

35)Maria's mother

36)Reading could enrich the minds of readers and improve their language.

37)B

38)target

39)1) , 2)

40)selfless

41) Ron was smart and poor.

42) It refers to Ron.

43) finest

44) 2, 1, 3

45) a) True / Ron took the king's horses and carts to his village and used them to harvest crops and became richer.

b) False / Ron sold the horses.

46) He learnt not to be boastful.