



NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL
2018 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
Primary 3

Paper 2

Name : _____ ()

Class : Primary 3 _____

Date : 29 October 2018

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. To discourage mosquitoes from _____, we have to get rid of stagnant water in our homes so that mosquitoes cannot lay their eggs.
 - (1) flickering
 - (2) breeding
 - (3) destroying
 - (4) developing

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2. "Why are you _____ around the house like a thief?" Mother questioned Joe who was moving secretly from room to room.
 - (1) shuffling
 - (2) storming
 - (3) sprinting
 - (4) sneaking

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3. The children were playing in the woods when they _____ upon a house made of candies.
 - (1) fumbled
 - (2) rumbled
 - (3) stumbled
 - (4) grumbled

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4. At the _____, Jenny was fascinated by various paintings which were on exhibition.
 - (1) park
 - (2) gallery
 - (3) cinema
 - (4) aquarium

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5. David was such a _____ boy that when he saw a dog attacking his friend, he chased it away with rocks.
 - (1) crafty
 - (2) gullible
 - (3) fearless
 - (4) hardworking

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6. Lily did not comb her hair and wash her face so her _____ appearance displeased her mother.

- (1) untidy
- (2) unkind
- (3) unclear
- (4) unimportant

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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 kittens licked _____ to clean their bodies.

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

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8. Singapore is a country _____ bans the sale of chewing gums.

- (1) which
- (2) where
- (3) whom
- (4) whose

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9. _____ said a word when the teacher asked the class who had played soccer in the classroom. The classroom was as quiet as a graveyard.

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

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10. "You can cook, _____ you?" Grandmother asked me.

- (1) did
- (2) can
- (3) can't
- (4) didn't

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11. Among the three children, Billie is _____ because he always gets into trouble while the others are well-behaved.

- (1) naughty
- (2) as naughty
- (3) the naughtier
- (4) the naughtiest

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12. The twins _____ to their new school last year.

- (1) move
- (2) moved
- (3) is moving
- (4) are moving

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13. Lily _____ the piano well as she is always practising on the piano.

- (1) play
- (2) plays
- (3) played
- (4) playing

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14. "Does _____ pair of shoes over there belong to you?" Father asked Joe.

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

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Section C: Grammar Cloze (8 X 1 mark)

Read the following passages carefully. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to F) in each blank.

Passage 1

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) above	(B) from	(C) into
(D) out	(E) to	(F) up

It was a scorching day. Simon, Peter and Joe have been walking for more than an hour in the park. They looked around and saw a big shady mango tree nearby. The children ran (15) _____ the tree excitedly and stood below the branches.

"Look at the mangoes," Simon shouted. He picked (16) _____ a stone and threw it at the mangoes excitedly.

Suddenly, they heard a buzzing sound. A swarm of bees came flying (17) _____ of a beehive. Fortunately, there was a pond near them. They jumped (18) _____ the pond to escape from the bees. After a while, the bees flew away.

Read the following passages carefully. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (G to M) in each blank. The letter (I) has been omitted to avoid confusion in marking.

Passage 2

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

(G) he	(H) him	(J) I
(K) they	(L) we	(M) you

Mr Raj is Singapore's wildlife defender. As a child, Mr Raj loved nature but his parents never allowed (19) _____ to explore the jungle. Therefore, (20) _____ spent his time learning about wildlife from books.

At age 27, Mr Raj became a tour guide to educate others about saving the wildlife in Singapore. Mr Raj said, "(21) _____ am annoyed by people who buy homes near nature reserves but later complain about animals roaming near their homes." Mr Raj explained to the people living near nature reserves that (22) _____ should not feed or scare the animals. He believes everyone has a part to play to save the wildlife.

Adapted from What's Up Article "Protect your eyes: Singapore's wildlife defender"

Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (5 X 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to H) in each blank.

USE A WORD **ONCE** ONLY.

(A) assisted	(B) bolted	(C) crashing	(D) furious
(E) knocking	(F) motionless	(G) stopped	(H) thrilled

John was cycling as fast as he could. He was (23) _____ about his new bicycle which he had just received as a birthday present from his parents. Suddenly, a dog (24) _____ across the road. John reacted quickly. He swerved his bicycle to avoid (25) _____ down the dog.

However, John fell off his bicycle. John lay (26) _____ on the road as he was shocked and unable to move. A passer-by witnessed the accident and (27) _____ him by moving him to the side of the road. John was lucky to have suffered only some cuts on his knees and arms.

Original source

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**) toast and eggs for breakfast every morning.
29. "(**Who's / Whose**) bag is that?" Mrs Tan asked her pupils.
30. Ducks have (**webbed / wepped**) feet.
31. The kidnappers demanded an (**outrageous / outragous**) ransom of ten million dollars from the family.
32. The lion let out a (**menasing / menacing**) growl when provoked.

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. Mrs Lim broke down. Mrs Lim heard the tragic news.

_____ when

34. The teacher bought gifts for everyone. It was Children's Day.

_____ so

Section G: Comprehension 1 (8 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 35 to 40.

A black cat and a white cat were passing through a street. Suddenly, they spotted a loaf of bread lying under a tree. Both cats pounced upon the loaf and caught it at the same time.

"This is mine. I saw it first," claimed the black cat.

The white cat replied, "I pounced on it first so it belongs to me."

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After fighting for a while, the black cat said, "Let us share it equally and take a piece each."

"That's a good idea," said the white cat. "But how do we divide it now?"

A monkey sitting on the branch of a tree witnessed what had happened between the two cats. "That loaf of bread looks good. I want to eat it," he thought. Slowly, he came down from the tree and walked up to the cats. "What's the matter? Can I help you?" asked the monkey.

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The cats asked, "Can you help us divide this loaf of bread equally?" the monkey agreed immediately.

The monkey broke the bread into two pieces but one piece was a little bigger than the other. "Oh no! I will take a small bite of this bigger piece to make both of them equal," said the monkey slyly. He took a bite from the bigger piece. However, he had taken a big bite. "Now it has become smaller than the other piece. I will just have to take a small bite from the other piece now," said the monkey delightfully.

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The clever monkey repeatedly chewed from both pieces of bread. The two cats could only watch helplessly as the two pieces of bread got smaller and smaller. After eating the whole loaf, the monkey said, "I'm sorry. It was really difficult to divide that loaf of bread equally but it is done. You both have nothing equally." The monkey jumped onto a tree gleefully and was gone swiftly.

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"If only we had not quarrelled, we would not be hungry now," said the white cat regretfully.

35. What were the two cats fighting over?

(1m)

36. Which word in paragraph 8 has the same meaning as 'cunningly'?

(1m)

37. According to the passage, which of the following is false? (2m)

- (1) The monkey was a kind judge.
- (2) The cats regretted their foolishness.
- (3) The monkey ate the entire loaf of bread.
- (4) The cats were unable to solve their problem on their own.

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38. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

In the end, the monkey _____ the cats. (1m)

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helped

tricked

39. According to the passage, the monkey solved the problem for the cats by taking bites from _____ pieces of bread. The cats ended up with _____. (2m)

40. Which word has the same meaning as "quickly"? Circle either (A) or (B). (1m)

The monkey jumped onto a tree gleefully and was gone swiftly.
(A) (B)

Comprehension 2 (8 marks)

Read the following passage carefully and answer questions 41 to 46.

Once upon a time, there lived a family of clouds. They were able to create thunder, lightning and rain in an instant. Puffy was the smallest cloud and no matter how hard he tried, he was unable to create more than a few drops of rain. As a result, Puffy was often teased by his siblings.

One day, the family decided to go on a journey to the North Pole as it was time for them to help cover the place with snow. Father told Puffy, "You are too small, the strong wind at the North Pole will blow you all over the sky. It is safer for you to remain behind." Puffy was upset but he knew that his father was right.

A few days later, a terrified grey bird flew up to Puffy asking for help to put out a fire in the bush. Puffy was not able to get to the bush on his own quickly. Intelligent Puffy asked the grey bird to get all the other birds to flap their wings behind him.

In a few minutes, the little grey bird returned with hundreds of birds and with their help, they created enough wind to move Puffy above the bush. Puffy started to squeeze himself as much as he could. However, he could only make a few drops of rain which was not enough to put out the fire.

Knowing that he was not able to help the animals in the forest, Puffy became very sad. As he thought about all the animals losing their homes, Puffy started to cry. Huge drops of rain fell upon the fire continuously and soon, the fire was put out.

The animals in the forest cheered loudly, "Thank you, little cloud, for saving our homes." Puffy felt proud that he had been able to help them. From that day onwards, Puffy did not feel useless anymore as he was certain that in times of need, he would be able to help.

Adapted from <http://www.shortkidstories.com/story/little-puffy/>

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

41. Why was it safer for Puffy not to go to North Pole? (2m)

42. Which word in **paragraph three** has the same meaning as 'extremely scared'? (1m)

43. According to the text, who does 'him' in line 12 refer to? (1m)

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

_____ A grey bird approached Puffy for help.

_____ Many birds came together to create wind.

_____ Puffy was left behind by his family.

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) Puffy started to cry because he knew he could save the forest.		
(b) Puffy grew more confident after saving the forest.		

46. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

Based on the passage, how would you describe Puffy's character? (1m)

☐	selfish
☐	concerned
☐	unreasonable

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EXAM PAPER 2018 (P3)

SCHOOL : NAN HUA

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

TERM : SA2

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
2	4	3	2	3	1	4	1	1	3
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
4	2	2	2	E	F	D	C	H	G
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27			
J	K	H	B	E	F	A			

Q28) have

Q29) Whose

Q30) webbed

Q31) outrageous

Q32) menacing

Q33) Mrs Lim broke down when she heard the tragic news.

Q34) It was children's Day so the teacher bought gifts for everyone.

Q35) the loaf of bread

Q36) slyly

Q37) 1

Q38) tricked

Q39) According to the passage, the monkey solved the problem for the cats by taking bites from two pieces of bread. The cats ended up with nothing.

Q40) B

Q41) Puffy was small in size and the wind would blow him all over.

Q42) terrified

Q43) It refers to Puffy

Q44) 2 , 3 , 1

Q45) a) False – Puffy started to cry because he thought about all the animals losing their homes.

b) True – Puffy did not feel useless anymore as he was certain that in times of need, he would be able to help.

Q46) concerned