



**NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2 - 2013
Primary 4**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2**

Total Time: 1 hour 15 minutes

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary 4 _____

Date: 23 October 2013

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Marks: _____ / 50**

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

1. Write your name and register number in the space provided.
2. Do not turn over the page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions carefully.

SECTION A: GRAMMAR (8 X 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and write the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided below.

1. _____ girls standing in that corner have the best drawings for the exhibition.
 (1) This (2) That
 (3) These (4) Those ()

2. Sue and her brother _____ very excited when they shook hands with the President.
 (1) is (2) are
 (3) was (4) were ()

3. While walking to the supermarket last night, my brother _____ robbed by a burly man armed with a knife.
 (1) is (2) are
 (3) was (4) were ()

4. Two days ago, Joe and Sam _____ the table for dinner before Mother came home.
 (1) lay (2) laid
 (3) have laid (4) were laying ()

5. As Jane _____ in the park, it started to drizzle.
 (1) cycle (2) has cycled
 (3) will cycle (4) was cycling ()

6. Mrs Leong instructed Ben and Seanto wash the dishes _____.
 (1) herself (2) himself
 (3) ourselves (4) themselves ()

7. "Watch carefully. The instructor _____ the video on the dance steps now," said the teacher.
 (1) show (2) showed
 (3) is showing (4) have shown ()

8. Tim does not want to go for the school camp as he has _____ friends there.
 (1) few (2) little
 (3) much (4) many ()

SECTION B: VOCABULARY (6 X 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and write the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided below.

9. The orchestra played beautifully during the concert, much to the delight of the _____
(1) audience (2) bystanders
(3) spectators (4) participants ()
10. The winners for the writing competition will be decided by a distinguished _____ of judges.
(1) band (2) class
(3) squad (4) panel ()
11. Sue always makes it a point to _____ through the books that she wishes to buy before making payment.
(1) study (2) glimpse
(3) browse (4) research ()
12. The exhausted farmer _____ home wearily after a long day's work at the fields.
(1) strode (2) marched
(3) trudged (4) stomped ()
13. The old lady has not recovered fully after a long illness and is still rather _____
(1) flabby (2) frail
(3) fragile (4) flimsy ()
14. Kelvin had to _____ the invitation to Alice's birthday party as he would be away.
(1) turn in (2) turn back
(3) turn down (4) turn away ()

SECTION C: COMPREHENSION MCQ (5 x 2 marks)

Read this letter carefully and answer questions 15 to 19. Your answers must be based on the passage.

Dear Mary,

School holidays are coming and I would like to sign up for both the Holiday Drama Workshops organised by Act3. Drama Academy on their campus. Would you like to join me?

One of the workshops, "If Trees Could Talk", is inspired by Dr Seuss! Participants will learn dramatic storytelling in the two-hour workshop. It costs \$80 and there are three dates to choose from: 17, 18 or 20 November 2013.

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In the other workshop, "The Golden Touch" we will learn tales with a moral and understand the concepts of selflessness, courage and being giving. One of the tales is about King Midas, who asked for the golden touch and paid the price for being greedy and selfish. The three-session workshop will take place from 2 to 4 December 2013 daily and costs \$180.

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Mary, you can get more information about the workshops by calling 64753935. The registration form can be obtained either from www.act3drama.com or the School of the Arts (SOTA). We can sign up at the Act3 Drama Academy or simply mail the completed form to them at 52 Maine Road, S (298052). We must sign up before 16 November 2013.

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If we are one of the first 10 kids to sign up for both workshops, we will get a free gift! Mary, shall we sign up for the workshops?

I hope to hear from you soon.

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Love,
Jane

Adapted from: www.act3international.com.sg

For each question from 15 to 19, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Write the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

15. Who is the organiser of the Holiday Drama workshops?

- (1) Dr Seuss.
- (2) King Midas
- (3) School of the Arts.
- (4) Act3 Drama Academy.

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16. The _____ date for the registration of the workshops is 16 November 2013.

- (1) starting
- (2) closing
- (3) important
- (4) commencing

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17. According to the letter, which one of the following will not be taught to participants in "The Golden Touch" workshop?

- (1) Greed.
- (2) Bravery.
- (3) Sincerity.
- (4) Generosity.

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18. Jane can sign up for the workshops by _____.

- (1) calling 64753935
- (2) visiting the School of the Arts
- (3) visiting 52 Maine Road S(298052)
- (4) registering on www.act3drama.com

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19. Which one of the following statements is true?

- (1) The workshops will be conducted at Act3 Drama Academy.
- (2) Dr Seuss will be conducting the workshop on "If Trees Could Talk".
- (3) Participants of "If Trees Could Talk" must attend all three sessions.
- (4) Only the first ten participants who sign up for "The Golden Touch" will receive a free gift.

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SECTION D: GRAMMAR CLOZE – PERSONAL PRONOUNS (4 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 F) in each blank. USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) I	(B) me	(C) we
(D) us	(E) her	(F) you

Dear Lynn,

School's finally out! My parents are taking Dawn and (20) _____ to Australia for a week. This trip is a reward for both of (21) _____ for doing well in the examinations. Although (22) _____ will only be leaving in a month's time, we are very excited about the trip. Remind me to show (23) _____ the photographs when we meet again.

Till then, take care!

Best wishes,

Kathy

SECTION E: GRAMMAR CLOZE – SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT (4 x 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

Sara enjoys running with her father. They (24) [run / runs] in the park every evening, rain or shine. Her father often tells her running (25) [has / have] many benefits. Even after a tiring day at school, Sara never (26) [skip / skips] her run. As Sara looks fitter and more relaxed after a run, all her friends (27) [join / joins] her on her runs.

SECTION F: SYNTHESIS & TRANSFORMATION (4 X 2 marks)

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

28. Ron received a free dessert from the restaurant. It was his birthday.

As _____

29. Nora broke into tears. Nora heard that her pet rabbit was lost.

_____ **when** _____

30. The boy does not like swimming. The girls also do not like swimming.

Neither _____

31. Mr Lee said, "I am going to see the dentist tomorrow."

Mr Lee said that _____

SECTION G: COMPREHENSION OPEN-ENDED (10 marks)

Read the following passage carefully and answer questions 32 to 36

One April morning, Mr Hoppy exchanged polite conversation with his new neighbour, Miss Silver. That morning was the first time they had spoken since she moved in. Miss Silver was tidying her balcony when Mr Hoppy happened to look down from his balcony and greet her. She looked up and they spoke briefly.

Mr Hoppy soon noticed that Miss Silver would be on her balcony every morning and made sure he was on his, just to catch a glimpse of her. The distance between their balconies might not have been great, but to Mr Hoppy, it seemed like a million miles. This went on for three months before he decided to invite Miss Silver up for tea. 5

That morning, as Mr Hoppy was about to form the words on his lips, his courage failed him for he was a painfully shy man. He wished he could do something tremendous like saving Miss Silver's life or rescuing her from a gang of thugs. He thought that if he could perform a great feat it would make him a hero in her eyes. However, Miss Silver had only eyes for somebody else – Alfie. Alfie had been with Miss Silver for years and he lived in a little house on her balcony. 10
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At the beginning of the cold season in November, Miss Silver would fill Alfie's house with dry hay. He would crawl in there and bury himself deep under the day, sleeping for months without food or water in the early spring, Alfie would wake up and crawl slowly out of his house on to the balcony. Miss Silver would clap her hands joyfully and gush, "Alfie! How I have missed you!" 20

Seeing how Miss Silver adored Alfie, Mr Hoppy wished that he could change places with Alfie and become a terrapin.

Adapted from: Esio Trot by Roald Dahl

32. Where did Mr Hoppy and Miss Silver talk to each other every morning? (1m)

33. Which word in paragraph 3 has the same meaning as 'an extraordinary act'? (1m)

34. Name two heroic deeds that Mr Hoppy wished to do for Miss Silver.

(i) _____ (1m)

(ii) _____ (1m)

35. How was Alfie related to Miss Silver? (1m)

36. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. (2m)

	True/False	Reason
Miss Silver stayed above Mr Hoppy.		
Alfie was inactive during the cold season.		

37. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order of events. (1m)

_____ Mr Hoppy had a new neighbour, Miss Silver.

_____ Mr Hoppy wanted to invite Miss Silver for tea.

_____ Mr Hoppy chatted with Miss Silver.

38. Why did Mr Hoppy want to change places with Alfie? (2m)



ANSWER SHEET

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SUBJECT : PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH

TERM : SA2

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
4	4	3	2	4	4	3	1	1	4	3	3	2	3	4	2	3

Q18	Q19
3	1

Section D

Q20) I

Q21) D

Q22) C

Q23) F

Section E

Q24) run

Q25) has

Q26) skips

Q27) join

Section F

Q28) As it was his birthday, Ron received a free dessert from the restaurant

Q29) Nora broke into tears when she heard that her pet rabbit was lost

Q30) Neither the boy nor the girls like swimming

Q31) Mr Lee said that he was going to see the dentist the next day.

Section G

Q32) Mr Hoppy talked to Miss Silver on their own balcony every morning

Q33) Feat

Q34

i) Saving Miss Silver's life.

ii) Rescuing her from the a gang of thugs

Q35) Alfie was Miss Silvers's terrapin

Q36)

	True/False	Reason
Miss Silver stayed above Mr Hoppy	False	Miss Silver stayed below My hoppy. He looked down the greet her, not up
Alfie was inactive during the cold season	True	Alfie would bury himself deep under the dry hay, sleeping for months without food or water

Q37) 1 Mr Hoppy had a new neighbour, Miss Silver

3 Mr Hoppy wanted to invite Miss Silver for tea

2 Mr Hoppy chatted with Miss Silver

Q38) Mr Hoppy wanted to change places with Alfie because he wanted Miss Silver the adore him.