



NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL
2018 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1
Primary 4

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2

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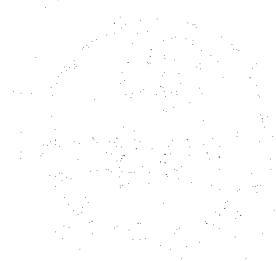
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1. Write your name and register number in the space provided.
2. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions carefully.



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SECTION A: 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.

1. The _____ of wolves have been following the wounded deer for hours.
(1) pack
(2) pride
(3) troop
(4) troupe ()
2. My mother was so amazed by my results that she almost could not _____.
(1) break her back
(2) go over her head
(3) believe her eyes
(4) bite my head off ()
3. "For the first step, you need to slice the onions thinly," _____ the host of the cooking show.
(1) sneered
(2) instructed
(3) wondered
(4) requested ()
4. Students need to _____ by the rules of the school.
(1) abide
(2) adapt
(3) adhere
(4) accept ()
5. Due to a delay in the construction, the opening ceremony for the new supermarket was _____ to a later date.
(1) put on
(2) put off
(3) put back
(4) put down ()
6. Alan and I are _____. We often share our secrets with each other.
(1) as sound as bells
(2) as thick as thieves
(3) as sober as judges
(4) as cool as cucumbers ()

SECTION B: 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.

7. The boys found _____ lost in the forest after straying from the trail.
(1) himself
(2) herself
(3) ourselves
(4) themselves ()
8. Last week, James _____ late for school twice.
(1) is
(2) was
(3) are
(4) were ()
9. My parents _____ delighted when they won the grand prize at the lucky draw.
(1) is
(2) was
(3) are
(4) were ()
10. "Keep very still! The lion _____ for its prey now," the safari guide whispered.
(1) hunt
(2) hunts
(3) hunted
(4) is hunting ()
11. Last year our form teacher _____ for a trip to the Amazon rainforest.
(1) goes
(2) went
(3) has gone
(4) was going ()
12. While I _____ a nap, someone rang my doorbell.
(1) take
(2) takes
(3) will take
(4) was taking ()
13. _____ pile of clothes in the cupboard here is to be donated to charity.
(1) That
(2) This
(3) Those
(4) These ()
14. As Mr Tan's family is poor, they have _____ money to spend on luxuries.
(1) few
(2) little
(3) many
(4) much ()

SECTION C: 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.

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|--------|--------|---------|
| (A) I | (B) it | (C) its |
| (D) me | (E) us | (F) we |

Ruby is my neighbour and my best friend. Both of (15) _____ enjoy playing together. Most days, (16) _____ would even walk to school together.

One morning, Ruby and (17) _____ found a small dog barking at us from a little cage along the street. She guessed that the dog had been abandoned by (18) _____ owner. We then decided to adopt it. Ruby even made a hole in the fence between our houses so that the dog could go into both our homes easily. She is such a clever girl!

SECTION D: 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.

A tall tale is a type of story which exaggerates the facts of an event. For example, some fishermen who (19) [return / returns] from sea empty-handed might claim that the fishes they caught were so big that they had to release them.

Others (20) [tell / tells] unbelievable stories based on real people they met. A famous tall tale (21) [is / are] based on the true story of an American explorer named Daniel Boone. People (22) [claim / claims] that he fought bears with his bare hands while exploring the forests. This is obviously untrue, but it shows the admiration that people had for him due to his bravery.

(Adapted from: Wikipedia.org/Tall Tales)

SECTION E: EDITING (6 x 1) marks

Each of the underlined words contains either a grammatical error or a spelling error. Put the correct word in each of the boxes.

Roald Amundsen was a Norwegian explorer who was the first man to reach the

South Pole. He was born in 1872 and both his parents were shipowners and sailors.

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However, his parents did not want him to join the family bisness as they knew that it was a

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very danger profession. Roald followed his parents' wishes and studied to be a doctor.

However, after his mother's death when he was 21, he quit his studies to become a sailor.

After more than ten years of training under different captains, Roald decided to plan

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for his first expidition to the Poles. Unfortunately, as he was about to leave for the North

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Pole in 1909, he recived news that another explorer, Robert Peary, had already become

the first person to reach the North Pole. Roald had no choice but to plan for a mission to

reach the more difficult South Pole.

Roald used many brilliant strategies to reach the South Pole safely, such as setting

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up many food drops along the way and using sled dogs instead on horses to carry supplies.

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On 14 January 1911, Roald set up camp to prepare from his journey. Finally, on 14

December 1911, Roald and his team reached the South Pole. He became so famous that

many Norwegian parents named their children after him, including Roald Dahl's parents!

(Adapted from: Britannica.com/Roald Amundsen)

SECTION F: SYNTHESIS & TRANSFORMATION (2 X 1 mark)

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).

29. My brother has been exercising regularly. He wants to lose weight.

_____ in order to

30. The police officer helped the little girl to find her parents. The little girl was lost.

_____ who

SECTION G: COMPREHENSION 1 (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions 31 to 39.

Hawker centres are places in Singapore where everyone can enjoy affordable and delectable food. Since the founding of modern Singapore in 1819, street food stands were common across the island. However, many of these stands were uncovered and unhygienic. By the 1920s, the local government and community decided to create simple shelters to house these stalls to create an early form of a hawker centre.

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Even though these shelters were set up, many hawkers refused to move into the hawker centres as they did not want to pay rent. They continued selling their food on the streets. Often, they would throw their food waste and other rubbish in the drains along the streets. This unhygienic practice resulted in attracting many pests such as cockroaches and rats, and it spread many diseases in Singapore such as cholera and typhoid.

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During the 1960s, street hawkers were banned from selling food in most streets in Singapore due to the pollution they were causing. The government then began to build many hawker centres to house these hawkers, at an average of five new hawker centres a year. By the 1970s, most of these hawkers then decided to close their street stalls to move into hawker centres as Singaporeans preferred to dine in cleaner and more comfortable environments.

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Today, many of the best food in Singapore can be found in these hawker centres. Tourists from all over the world travel to Singapore to try its world-famous cuisine not in posh restaurants, but in its humble hawker centres. In fact, two stalls in our hawker centres are the only street food vendors in the world to receive a Michelin star, which is an international award usually given to only the best restaurants in the world.

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Adapted from NLB, NEA and Roots.sg

31. Which word has the same meaning as 'inexpensive'? (1m)

Circle either (A) or (B).

Hawker centres are places in Singapore where everyone can enjoy affordable and delectable food.

(A)

(B)

32. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

According to the text, which is NOT a common pest found near street food stalls?

(1m)

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cockroaches

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birds

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rats

33. Most hawkers began to move to hawker centres by the _____. (1m)

(1) 1820s

(2) 1920s

(3) 1960s

(4) 1970s

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34. How many stalls in Singapore's hawker centres have received a Michelin star? (1m)

(1) One

(2) Two

(3) Three

(4) Five

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35. Hawkers did not have to pay rent in a hawker centre. (1m)

Circle the correct answer.

True / False

36. Name a disease caused by unhygienic street food stalls (1m)

37. According to the passage, list down two reasons why Singaporeans preferred to eat at hawker centres instead of street food stalls

1) _____ (1m)

2) _____ (1m)

38. Which word from the last paragraph has the same meaning as "simple"? (1m)

39. Before the 1960s, street hawkers were not allowed to sell food in most streets in Singapore. (1m)

Circle the correct answer.

True / False

There are no questions on this page.

SECTION H: COMPREHENSION 2 (10 marks)*Read the following passage carefully and answer questions 40 to 44.*

Mary came home to the sweet aroma of freshly-baked cookies. She quickly ran into the kitchen, only to discover that her younger brother, Tom, had baked a batch of cookies. Tom had never shown any interest in baking and she pinched herself to confirm that she was not dreaming.

"Tom, why are you baking cookies?" asked Mary.

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"I am practicing for the school's junior chef competition. I saw the poster yesterday and the prize is a free ticket to a theme park," replied Tom excitedly.

Mary had seen the poster for the competition last week, and she had also made up her mind to take part in it. She was confident that she would win the challenge as she had attended many cooking classes over the years, and she cooked regularly for her family. However, when she saw Tom's plate of perfectly-formed cookies, and sniffed the irresistible smell, her confidence began to wane.

"Can I try one?" asked Mary, hoping that the cookies would taste much worse than they looked or smelled. Tom nodded and Mary put a cookie into her mouth. Instantly, the cookie melted in her mouth and she tasted what was possibly the best-tasting cookie she had ever had. The delightful experience soon turned into fear and jealousy, as Mary realised that Tom would win the competition.

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"How's the cookie? Is it good?" Tom asked with great anticipation in his voice. Mary shook her head. Immediately, Tom's head began to lower and he poured the whole plate of cookies into the rubbish bin. Mary was overjoyed as her closest competitor had given up on the competition. As Mary walked back into her room, she could hear Tom sobbing pitifully in the kitchen. Her heart began to sink and she regretted what she had done.

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"I am sorry I lied about the cookies. They were perfect, and they were far better than I could ever make them. You will definitely win the competition," Mary apologised, "come, let's bake another batch! Those cookies are so great!"

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A smile returned to Tom's face and together, they made the next batch of cookies even better. Winning the competition was now a sure thing!

Original

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

40. Why did Mary think that she was dreaming when she entered the kitchen? (2m)

41. Why did Mary think that she would win the junior chef competition? (2m)

42. List two reasons why Mary thought that Tom's cookies would win the competition. (2m)

1) _____

2) _____

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

_____ Tom saw the poster for the competition.

_____ Mary saw the poster for the competition.

_____ Mary attended cooking classes.

44. Based on the passage, state whether each statement is true or false. Then give your reason. (3x1m)

Statement	True/False	Reason
(a) Tom wanted to take part in the school's junior chef competition because he enjoyed baking.		
(b) Tom believed Mary when she said the cookies were terrible.		
(c) Tom forgave Mary in the end.		

End-of-Paper

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Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
1	3	2	1	4	2	4	2	4	4
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18		
2	4	2	2	E	F	A	C		

Q19)	return	Q20)	tell	Q21)	is
Q22)	claim	Q23)	business	Q24)	dangerous
Q25)	expedition	Q26)	received	Q27)	of
Q28)	for				

Q29)	My brother has been exercising regularly in order to lose weight.
Q30)	The police officer helped the little girl who was lost to find her parents.
Q31)	A
Q32)	birds
Q33)	4
Q34)	2
Q35)	False
Q36)	typhoid
Q37)	1) Singaporeans preferred to eat in cleaner environments. 2) Singaporeans preferred to eat in more comfortable environments.
Q38)	humble
Q39)	False
Q40)	Mary thought that she was dreaming as she saw her young brother who had never shown interest in baking a batch of cookies.

Q41)	Mary thought that she would win the junior chef competition as she has attended man cooking classes over the years and had regularly cooked for the family.
Q42)	1) The cookies melted in Mary's mouth and they were the best cookies Mary had tasted. 2) Tom's plate of cookies were perfectly formed and had an irresistible smell.
Q43)	3 , 2 , 1
Q44)	a) False / Tom wanted to take part in the school junior chef competiton because the prize was a free ticket to a theme park. b) True / Tom's head lowered and the poured the whole plate of cooking into the rubbish bin and sobbed pitifully when Mary shook her. c) True / Tom smiled and the next batch of cookies together.