



**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
SECOND SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2014**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY FOUR

BOOKLET A: LISTENING

TOTAL TIME: 1 hour 35 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

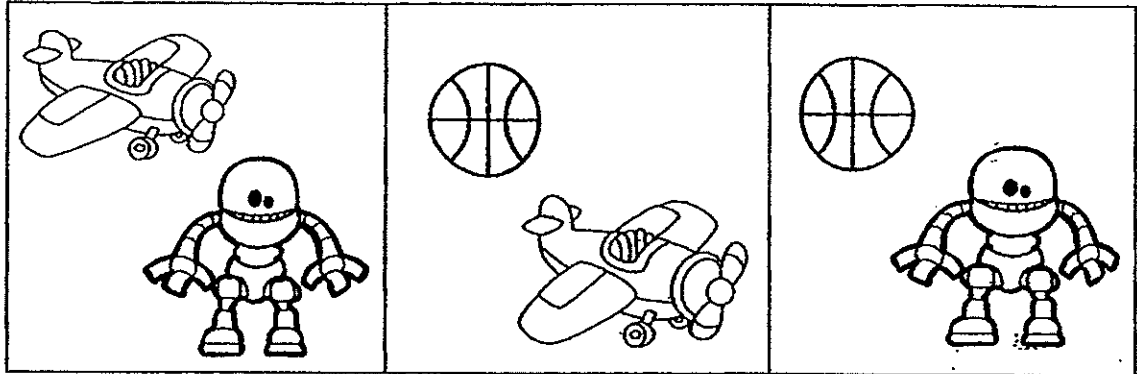
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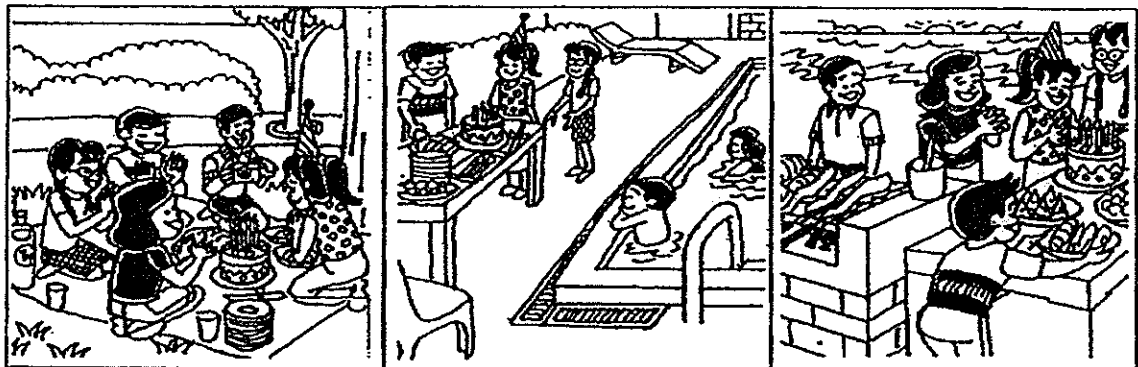
SECTION A: PICTURE MATCHING (4x1 marks = 4 marks)

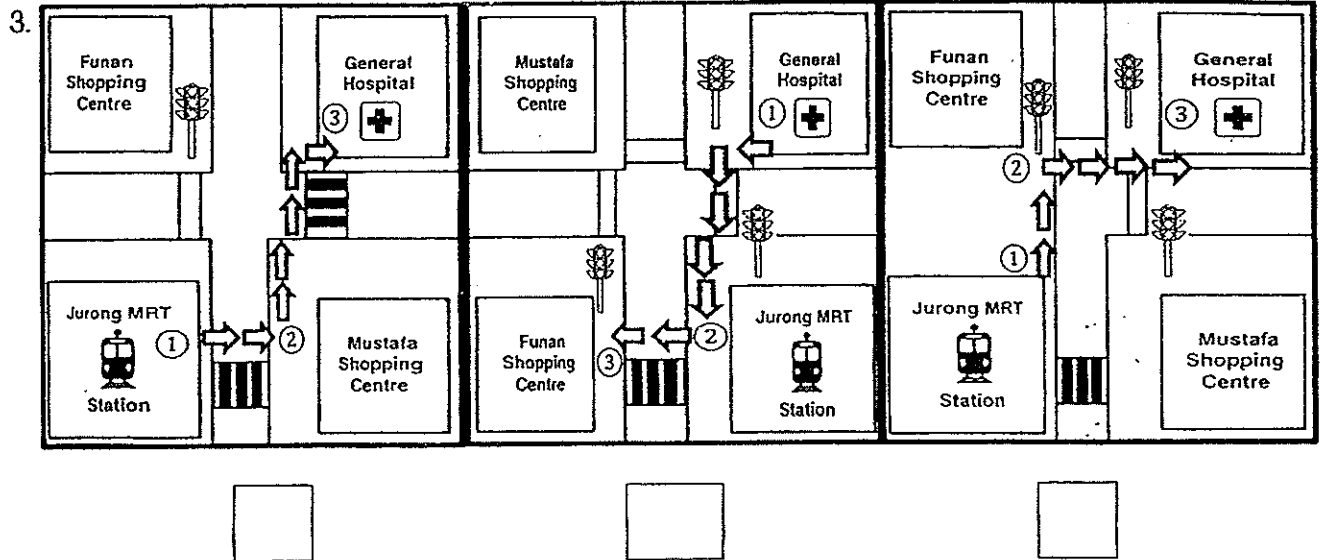
For Questions 1, 2 and 3, listen carefully to your teacher and choose the picture which matches the statement(s) that he/she is going to read to you. Put a tick in the box for the correct picture.

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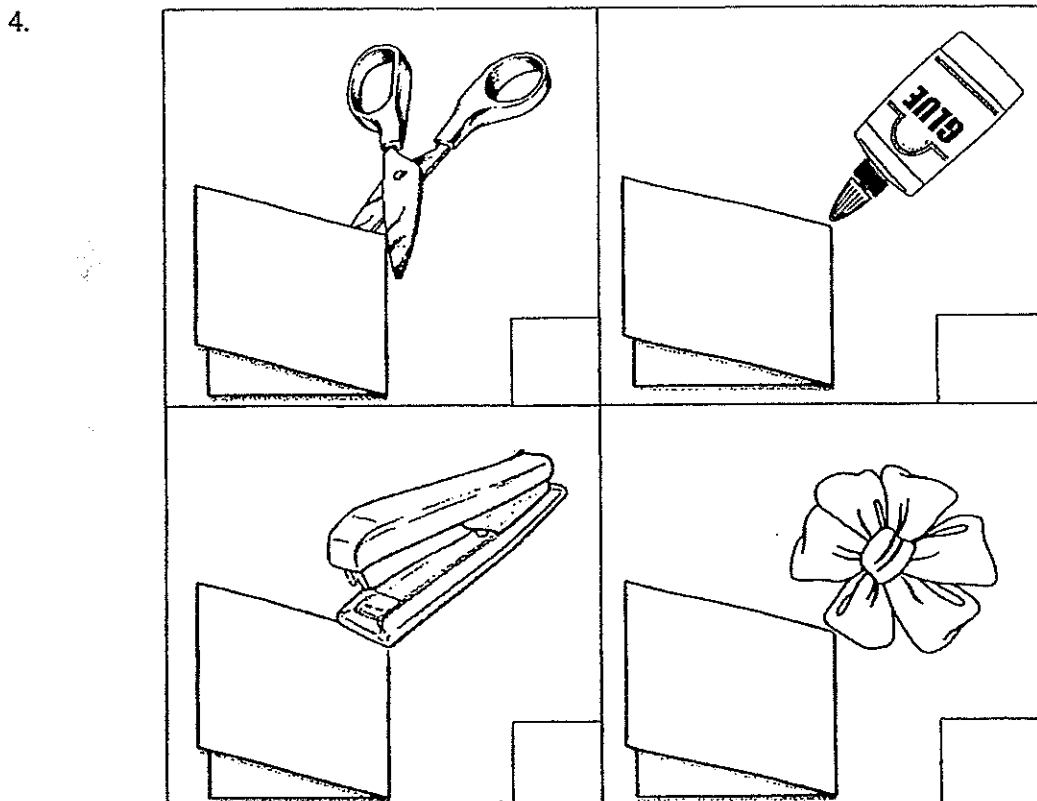

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For Question 4, look at the set of pictures. Your teacher is going to read to you a set of instructions. Listen carefully. Then choose the pictures that show the correct sequence of what he/she has read. Write the number 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the boxes provided



SECTION B: NOTE-TAKING (4 x 1m = 4 marks)

Q5 to Q8 is a note-taking test.

Q9 is a dictation test.

As you listen, fill in each blank numbered Q5 to Q8 on your answer sheet with a suitable word or words based on the information given. Listen carefully to the teacher.

Graduation Ceremony 2014

Q5. Theme: _____

Q6. Venue: _____

Q7. Duration of the ceremony: _____

Q8. Information that prize winners
must submit to the school: _____ they need

SECTION C: UNSEEN DICTATION (6 marks)

Write out the passage in Q9 **in full** as you listen to it being read out.

Q9. During the commemoration of Racial Harmony Day, _____

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CHECK YOUR ANSWERS CAREFULLY.
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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

BOOKLET B

TOTAL TIME: 1 hour 35 minutes

Name: _____ () Class : Pr 4 ()

Parent's Signature: _____

Booklet A : Listening Comprehension	/14
Booklet B : Language Use & Comprehension (Part 1 and Part 2)	/50
Writing	/20
Oral	/16
TOTAL	/100

Any query on marks awarded should be raised by 7 November 2014. We seek your understanding in this matter as any delay in the confirmation of marks will lead to delays in the generation of results.

PART 1

SECTION A: GRAMMAR (8 x 1 m = 8 marks)

For each question from 1 to 8, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the correct answer. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

1. _____ teenagers across the street are going for a school excursion.
 - (1) This
 - (2) That
 - (3) These
 - (4) Those

2. "We made the sandwiches _____!" exclaimed the children proudly.
 - (1) myself
 - (2) himself
 - (3) ourselves
 - (4) themselves

3. John and his sister _____ computer games when the lightning flashed.
 - (1) play
 - (2) will play
 - (3) are playing
 - (4) were playing

4. "Please turn down the volume of the radio. The baby _____," Mrs Tan told her son.
 - (1) slept
 - (2) sleeps
 - (3) is sleeping
 - (4) was sleeping

5. Last night, Tommy _____ given a reward for his honesty because he returned a wallet he had found in a taxi.
 - (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were

6. Meili showed _____ interest in her studies. She spends most of her time playing video games.

- (1) few
- (2) little
- (3) more
- (4) much

7. Mr Gopal bought _____ interesting toys from the toy fair yesterday.

- (1) few
- (2) little
- (3) many
- (4) much

8. Before leaving for work that morning, Mrs Tham _____ her maid what to prepare for dinner in the evening.

- (1) told
- (2) tells
- (3) will tell
- (4) is telling

SECTION B: VOCABULARY (6 x 1 m = 6 marks)

For each question from 9 to 14, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the correct answer. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

9. Mrs Devi printed out the _____ for the fruit cake to be given to her neighbour.

- (1) order
- (2) menu
- (3) recipe
- (4) message

10. The _____ turned up early to watch the soccer match.
- (1) followers
 - (2) spectators
 - (3) performers
 - (4) competitors
11. After the long march, the soldiers were _____ and needed a rest.
- (1) relaxed
 - (2) restless
 - (3) energised
 - (4) exhausted
12. The old lady sighed sadly and said that she _____ very little of her happy childhood.
- (1) forgot
 - (2) imagined
 - (3) wondered
 - (4) remembered
13. Police _____ off the site of the accident so that they could look for evidence.
- (1) drew
 - (2) covered
 - (3) cordoned
 - (4) surrounded
14. Although she had been warned not to be late for school, she _____.
- (1) repeated
 - (2) refrained
 - (3) persisted
 - (4) persevered

PART 2

SECTION C: GRAMMAR CLOZE (8 X 1m = 8 marks)

Passage 1

Read the 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) his	B) it	C) our
D) she	E) they	F) you

Below is an announcement made by a promoter at a flower shop.

"Opening sale is now on! Hurry to Susie's Flower Shop today. (15)_____ is open from 9 am to 6 pm. Enjoy a twenty per cent discount on all the carnations. (16)_____ come in various colours and are very lasting. If (17)_____ enjoy floral arrangement, please proceed to the Activity Room. It is (18)_____ pleasure to present a door gift to you. Thank you."

Passage 2

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

Jimmy is a couch potato. Every day, he (19) [spend / spends] hours glued to the television screen, watching programme after programme. Cartoons (20) [is / are] his favourite. His teachers (21) [has / have] advised him to spend his time wisely. Sadly, Jimmy (22) [do / does] not listen to them. He continues to watch television whenever he is at home.

SECTION D: SENTENCE-COMBINING (4 X 2m = 8 marks)

For each of the questions from 23 to 26, combine the sentences to make **one** sentence using the word (s) given. The meaning of the sentences must be the same as the sentences given.

23. The athletes were very tired. They could not run the last lap of the race.

_____ too tired to _____

24. Ahmad had entered the country illegally. He was arrested by the police.

_____ because

25. The baton rolled down the stairs. Robin dropped the baton.

_____ that _____

26. Devi read late into the night. She wanted to finish the book she was reading.

_____ so that _____

SECTION E: COMPREHENSION (10 x 1m = 10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Eleven-year-old Adam had spent almost a year collecting butterflies. Every time he caught a butterfly, he would pin it onto the walls of his room. The wallpaper showed yellow trees on a pale blue background. At a glance, the butterflies seemed to be part of the design. However, upon closer inspection, a yellow-coloured blot surrounding the butterflies could be seen. It was the oil that had oozed out from the bodies of the dead butterflies.

One day, Adam brought home a strange-looking caterpillar that looked like a shrivelled dragon. Immediately, he rushed to his room and placed it in a special glass container. Then he waited for the change to begin. The creature would then change from a caterpillar into a butterfly. Every morning, Adam fed it with an assortment of leaves from red maple, white oak and black cherry. After a few days, a silken cocoon was formed.

A few months later, Adam noticed some movement inside the cocoon. Slowly, the cocoon split at the top. A pair of antennae emerged from it, followed by two forelegs. Then a furry abdomen and a pair of crumpled wings appeared.

Adam watched excitedly. This specimen was unique and fascinating. What distinguished it from a moth was its crab-like claws on each hindwing and forewing. Adam took it out of the jar and added it to his collection. It had a place of honour upon a yellow tree.

For Q27-28, tick (✓) what you would see on the wallpaper at a glance or when viewed closely. The first example has been done for you.
[2m]

What you would see on the wallpaper (Paragraph 1)		at a glance	when viewed closely
Example	the yellow-coloured blot around the butterflies was obvious		✓
27.	the butterflies seemed to be painted on the wallpaper		
28.	the oil from dead butterflies' bodies could be seen		

29. Which word has the same meaning as 'unusual'? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

One day, Adam brought home a <u>strange-looking</u> caterpillar that looked like a (A) <u>shrivelled</u> dragon. (B)
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30. Name one type of leaf which Adam fed the caterpillar with.

_____ [1m]

For Q31-32, tick (✓) whether the statements describe the caterpillar or the cocoon. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

Statement		Caterpillar	Cocoon
Example	A pair of antennae emerged from it after it split at the top.		✓
31.	It ate different types of leaves.		
32.	There was some movement inside it.		

33. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

The _____ appeared from the cocoon after the antennae emerged. [1m]

	abdomen
	two forelegs
	crumpled wings

34. Which parts of the creature could the crab-like claws be found?

i. _____ [1m]

ii. _____ [1m]

35. Which is the most suitable title for the passage? [1m]

Title	Tick
Adam's Hobby	
The Caterpillar	
All About Insects	

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SECTION F: COMPREHENSION (5 X 2m = 10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Rosie was home and about to have breakfast when I dropped in to see her. She asked me to join her. As I had already had mine, I sat down for a cup of coffee. I was captivated by what Rosie was having. She was enjoying a bowl of hard-boiled eggs followed by large gulps of coffee. I was afraid that I might have appeared a little rude watching her eat but curiosity got the better of me.

It was the eggs that caught my attention. I could see they were hard-boiled and roughly mashed. However, the end result was rather black. It puzzled me.

"I like my eggs this way – hard-boiled, roughly mashed and with a generous dash of black soy sauce," Rosie explained.

Now, I realised why the mash was black. Rosie went on to tell me about her grandfather. He used to make soy sauce and supply it to the villages nearby. He had a special recipe and made his sauce from black beans. He would steam the beans over a brick stove. When the beans cooled, he would mix them with a special mould. The mould caused the beans to ferment and, after four to five days, the beans would be covered with a powdery fungus, which he would wash away gently.

Rosie's grandfather would then dry the beans, salt them and pour them into large ceramic jars which were covered with plastic sheets and tied loosely. These would then be kept in the backyard to allow the beans to brew for six months.

Rosie's grandfather did not think much of the soy sauce that was produced in factories in large quantity because it was made from normal soya beans and wheat. Besides, preservatives were used.

Answer these questions. Write your answers in complete sentences.

36. What did Rosie's breakfast consist of?

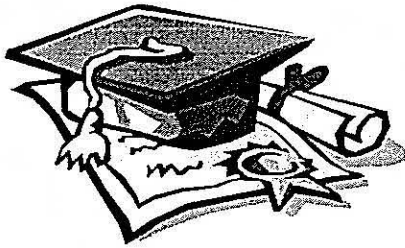
37. Why were Rosie's mashed hard-boiled eggs black?

38. Which phrase in Paragraph 4 tells you that Rosie's grandfather was no longer making and supplying soy sauce?

39. What does the word 'these' in Line 20 refer to?

40. Why didn't Rosie's grandfather hold the soy sauce produced by factories in high regard?

**CHECK YOUR WORK CAREFULLY
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ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2014

SCHOOL : NANYANG

PRIMARY : P4

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

TERM : SA2

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

Q18
C

19)spends 20)are 21)have 22)does

23)The athletes were too tired to run the last of the race.

24)Ahmad was arrested by the police because he had entered the country illegally.

25)The baton that Robin dropped rolled down the stairs.

26)Devi read late into the night so that she could finish the book she was reading.

27)at a glance

28)when viewed closely

29)A

30)leaves from the red maple

31)Caterpillar

32)Cocoon

33)two forelegs

34)i)The crab-like could be found on each hindwing.

ii)The crab-like claws could be found on each forewing.

35)Adam's Hobby

36)Rosie's breakfast consisted of a bowl of hand-boiled eggs and coffee.

37)Rosie's mashed hard-boiled eggs were black as she added a generous dash of black soy sauce.

38)The phrase is "used to".

39)It refers to the large ceramic jars with the dry and salted beans in them.

40)Rosie's grandfather did not hold the soy sauce produced by factories in high regard as the soy sauce produced by the factory was made at normal soy a beans, wheat and preservatives were used.