



**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
SECOND SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2018
ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

PRIMARY 4

PAPER 1: COMPOSITION
TOTAL TIME: 50 minutes

Name: _____ () Pr 4 ()

Instructions:

1. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
2. Read the instructions carefully.

Continuous Writing (20 marks)

Write a composition of at least 120 words about an **honest act**.

The pictures, not arranged in sequence, are provided to help you think about the topic. Your composition should be based on one or more of these pictures.

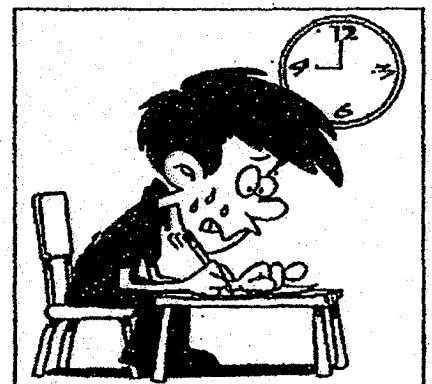
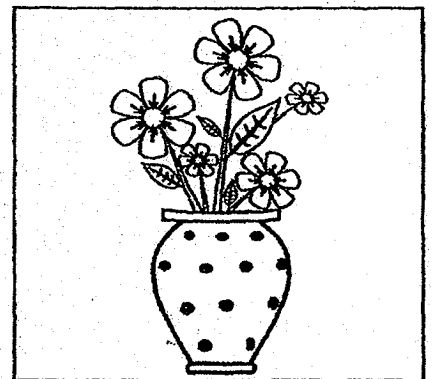
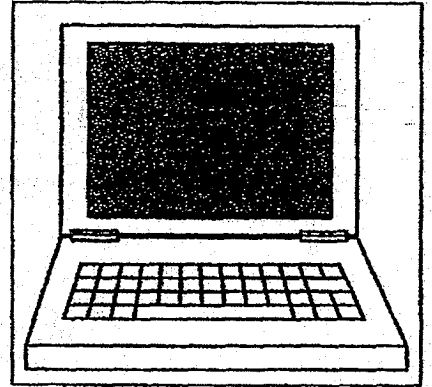
Consider the following points when you plan your composition:

- Who was honest?
- What was the honest act?
- What happened in the end?

You may use the points in any order and include other relevant points as well.

Helping words:

- stared
- confessed
- in a dilemma
- reprimanded
- relief washed over me





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BOOKLET A: LISTENING COMPREHENSION

DURATION FOR BOOKLET A : 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

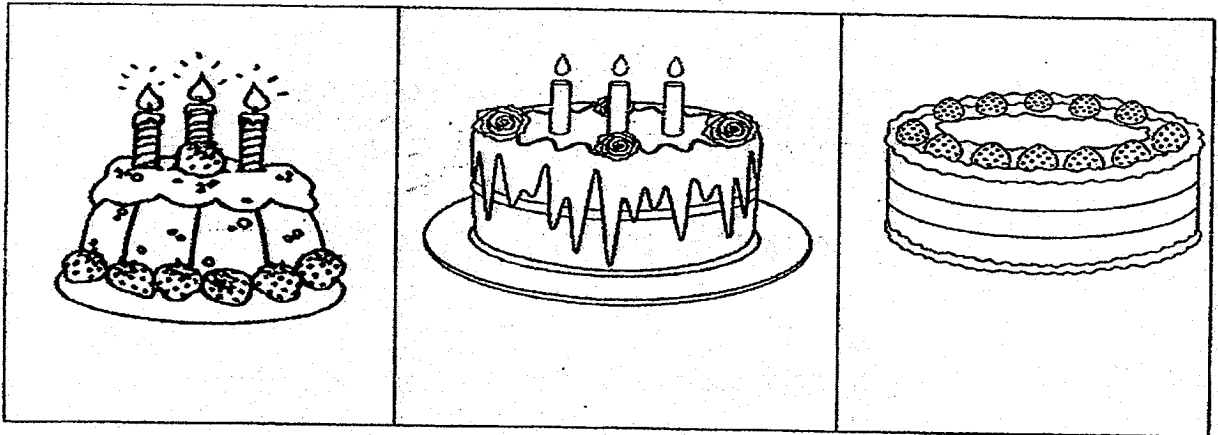
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Parent's Signature : _____

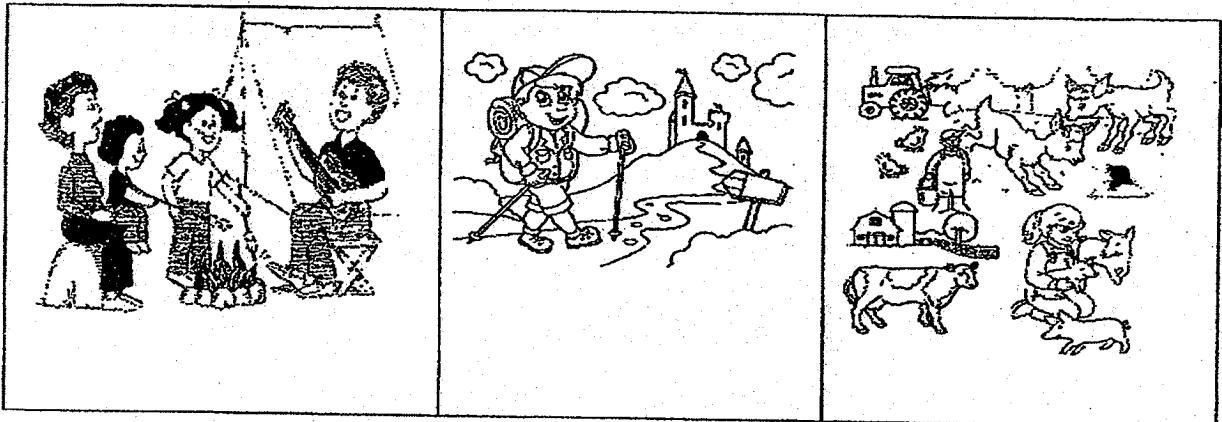
Section A: Picture-matching (4 X 1 mark)

Look at the set of pictures. Listen to the statements being read out. Then, choose the picture that describes what has been read. Put a tick in the box for the correct picture.

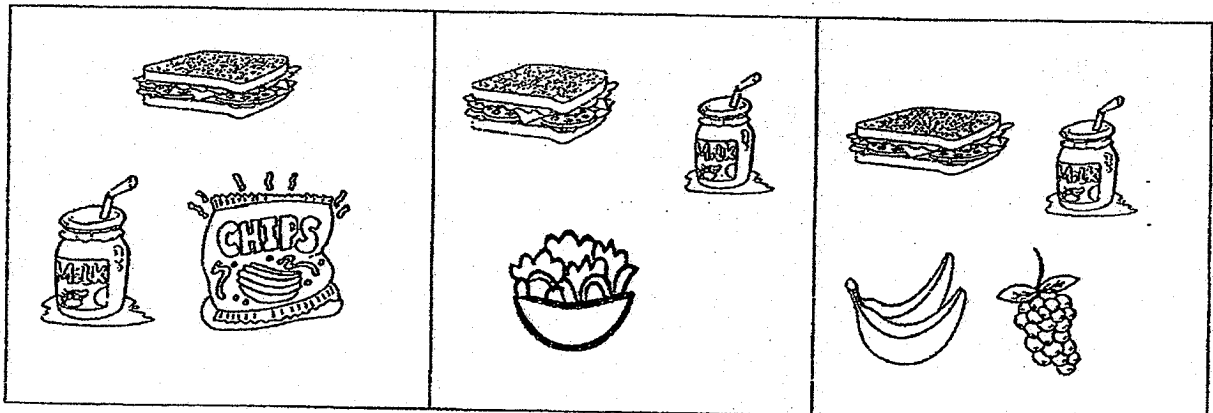
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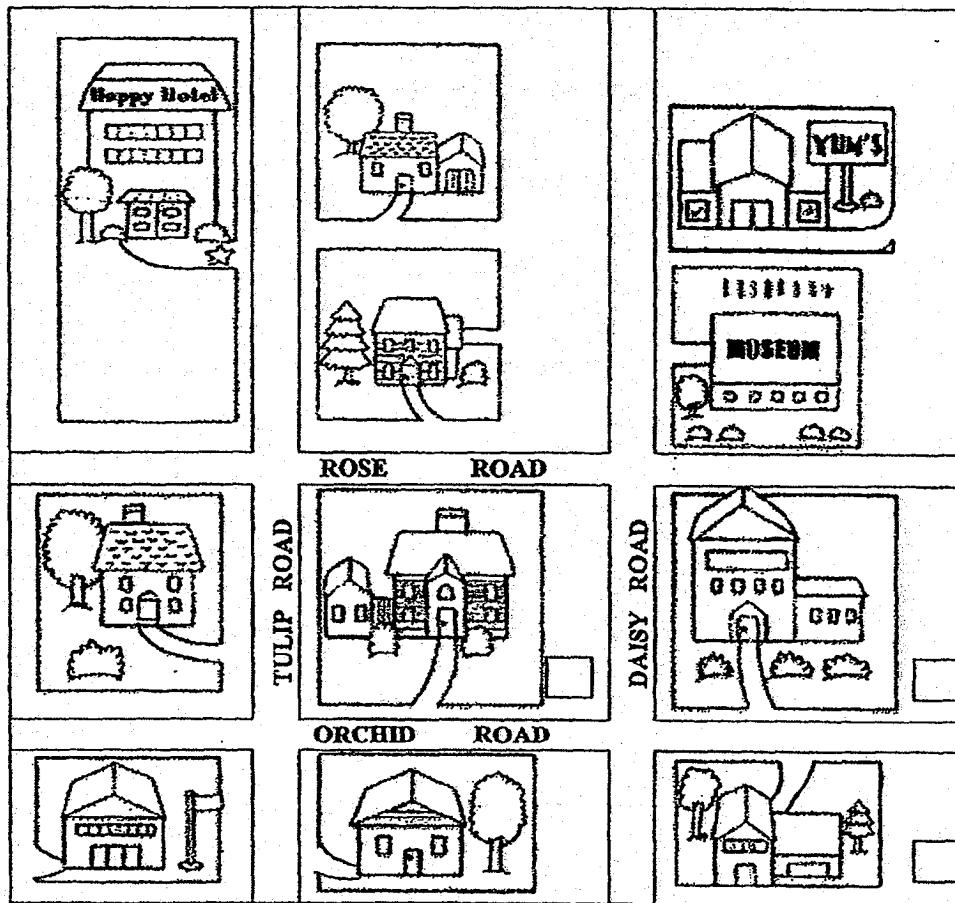
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4. Listen to the directions given carefully. Then put a tick in the box for the correct answer.



Section B: Note-taking (4 X 1 mark)

Listen carefully now Q5 to Q8 is a note-taking test. Q9 is a dictation test

An announcement regarding the upcoming school's Family Day was made during the morning assembly As you listen, fill in each blank numbered Q5 to Q8 with a suitable word or words from the information given.

- Q5. Title of the movie : _____
- Q6. Teacher-in-charge of telematch : _____
- Q7. Venue for cooking competition : _____
- Q8. Maximum amount each person can spend on the ingredients : _____

Section C: Dictation (6 marks)

Take down the passage in full as you listen to it being read out.

Q9. **Last year, instead of going abroad for our holiday, my parents
decided to stay at home.** _____



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BOOKLET B: LANGUAGE USE & COMPREHENSION

DURATION FOR BOOKLET B: 1 hour 15 minutes

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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 5 November 2018. 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 (6 x 1 m = 6 marks)

For each question from 1 to 6, four options are given. Choose the correct answer. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

1. We _____ the museum later on in the afternoon.

- (1) visit
- (2) visited
- (3) are visiting
- (4) were visiting

2. We have cleared all our belongings except for _____ books in the next room.

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

3. Jane _____ in the park this morning when she found the injured puppy.

- (1) jogs
- (2) jogged
- (3) is jogging
- (4) was jogging

4. "My son and I managed to replace the spoilt tap _____," Mrs Lim told her neighbour.

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

5. John has _____ money to spend as he does not earn a lot.

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

6. Aminah _____ the only pupil who did not take the physical fitness test yesterday
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were

SECTION B: VOCABULARY (8 x 1 m = 8 marks)

For each question from 7 to 14, four options are given. Choose the correct answer. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

7. This carton of milk will _____ in two days' time.
- (1) finish
 - (2) cease
 - (3) wither
 - (4) expire
8. Mary was caught in the rain and was _____ from head to toe.
- (1) watered
 - (2) sprayed
 - (3) drenched
 - (4) immersed
9. A van _____ with a lorry and caused a traffic jam.
- (1) banged
 - (2) collided
 - (3) knocked
 - (4) smashed
10. After a long and tiring flight, my family and I finally reached our _____.
- (1) ending
 - (2) destiny
 - (3) closure
 - (4) destination

11. You have to pay your train _____ at the beginning of the journey.

- (1) bill
- (2) fee
- (3) fare
- (4) cost

12. The injured athlete _____ to the finish line.

- (1) trotted
- (2) limped
- (3) marched
- (4) scampered

13. The basketball players trained very hard in order to win the _____ for their school.

- (1) friendship
- (2) leadership
- (3) championship
- (4) sportsmanship

14. The _____ at the stadium applauded the winning team to show their support.

- (1) members
- (2) spectators
- (3) competitors
- (4) pedestrians

PART 2

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

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 EACH WORD ONCE ONLY)

A) down	B) for	C) in
D) of	E) out	F) to

Passage 1

Below is a report about pandas.

Wild pandas are found in thick bamboo forests in China. Their favourite food is bamboo shoots. They can eat up to forty kilogrammes (15) _____ bamboo a day. Pandas eat different parts of the bamboo according (16) _____ the seasons. On the other hand, captive pandas are fed a richer diet and do not have to look (17) _____ food. In the hot summer, they are fed ice with apples to cool them (18) _____. Pandas in captivity spend less time eating and more time sleeping.

Passage 2

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

There is a shortcut from my house to the main road. This shortcut (19) [take / takes] me through a row of old houses. The residents of these old houses (20) [show / shows] great pride in their estate. They (21) [grow / grows] beautiful flowers in their gardens. The estate (22) [is / are] very clean and neat. What a pleasant estate!

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. Lily fell down. She did not cry.

_____ although
_____.

24. Adam did not go to the party. Ben did not go to the party.

Neither _____ nor
_____.

25. Ali ate too much food. He became ill.

_____ because
_____.

26. You study hard. You may win the scholarship.

If _____
_____.

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SECTION E: COMPREHENSION (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions 27 to 35.

When Terry and Jim finally reached the top, they smelled smoke. Jim looked around for the source. "Terry!" he whispered, "The Community House .

Terry saw it too. They had been in its basement just fifteen minutes ago. Where was everybody? Had the children started on their breakfast yet? These questions raced through Terry's mind as they bolted down the hill.

All the doors were ablaze, but the boys broke in through the basement door. Where were the children? The flames were getting more intense, and the thick smoke caused Jim to gasp. Then, a piercing scream came from the first floor. Terry and Jim darted upstairs and found five children huddling in the corner, wailing in fear.

Terry pushed open the window and they lifted the children out to safety. Then both of them leaped out of it as well. That was when they heard a child scream. Terry started to go back in but Jim grabbed and restrained him. The last thing Terry remembered was Jim dragging him away from the burning house before he fainted.

When Terry woke up from the hospital bed, everything was spinning. "Where's Jim?" he asked the nurse. Then, Terry remembered the scream. She reassured him, "Your friend was injured while dragging you away from the fire, but he should be fine. A firefighter had also saved Millie, the last trapped child. Both Jim and Millie are recovering well in the hospital."

27. Where were Terry and Jim when they realised the Community House was on fire? [2m]

28. From paragraph 2, which **word** tells us that Terry and Jim ran very fast down the hill?

[1m]

For questions 29 to 30, tick to indicate if each statement is true or false.

[2m]

The first example has been done for you.

		True	False
Example	The Community House was on fire.		
29.	The fire started in the morning.		
30.	Terry spotted the fire first.		

31. Which word has the same meaning as 'crying'? Circle either (A) or (B).

[1m]

Terry and Jim darted upstairs and found five children huddling in the corner, wailing in fear.

(A)

32. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks to indicate the order of events that took place in the story. [1m]

Terry and Jim saw the Community House on fire.

Terry and Jim were in the basement of the Community House.

Terry and Jim broke the basement door to get into the burning house.

33. From paragraph 3, which **two-word** phrase describes the thing that made Jim gasp? [1m]

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34. What does 'it' in line 12 refer to? [1m]

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35. Who were hospitalised after the rescue? [1m]

Jim and Millie

Terry, Jim and Millie

Terry, Jim and the firefighter

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

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 36 to 40.

There was a king of Scotland named Robert Bruce. His country was invaded by the English, who wanted to rule their northern neighbour. Many fierce battles were fought but the English were victorious time after time. The king had tried to save Scotland from his enemies, but he lost every battle. Most of his soldiers had been killed or wounded. To save himself from the same fate, Robert Bruce had to flee to a small island. Eventually, the defeated Scottish armies had to retreat.

Robert Bruce found a deserted hut and had to seek shelter there from the pouring rain. He lay down on the floor of the hut and thought to himself, "I've fought six battles and I have been defeated all six times by the English. I might as well give up."

He was thinking about his difficult situation when he suddenly noticed a tiny spider hanging from a swinging thread, trying to spin its web. However, the thread broke and the spider fell to the ground. The spider crawled up the wall and tried again. Again, it failed and fell.

Undaunted, the spider tried once more. Robert Bruce forgot his problems and watched it with fascination. Six times the spider attempted to spin a web and six times it failed.

"Surely it will not try again," thought the king. "The spider must be discouraged by now." Much to his amazement, the spider persisted. Finally, on the seventh try, the little creature achieved what it had set out to do.

"Little spider, thank you for the lesson you have taught me. Like you, I have failed many times, but I must try again till I too can succeed."

Therefore, Robert Bruce went back into battle and eventually drove his enemies out of Scotland.

36. Why did the English attack Scotland?

37. According to paragraph 1, what could have happened to Robert Bruce if he had not fled to a small island?

38. What was the reason that made Robert Bruce want to give up fighting the English?

39. From paragraph 5, explain why Robert Bruce was amazed by the spider.

40. What lesson did Robert Bruce learn from the spider?

END OF PAPER

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3	4	4	3	2	3	4	3	2	4
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
3	2	3	2	D	F	B	A	takes	show
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Q23)	Lily did not cry although she fell down.
Q24)	Neither Adam nor Ben went to the party.
Q25)	Ali became ill because he ate too much food.
Q26)	If you study hard, you may win the scholarship.
Q27)	Terry and Jim were on the top of a hill when they realised the community House was on fire.
Q28)	bolted
Q29)	True
Q30)	False
Q31)	Wailing (B)
Q32)	2, 1, 3
Q33)	thick smoke
Q34)	the window
Q35)	Terry, Jim and Millie
Q36)	The English wanted to rule their northern neighbour.
Q37)	Robert Bruce could have been killed or wounded.
Q38)	Robert Bruce had been defeated six times by the English.

Q39)	Robert Bruce thought that the spider would be discouraged but it persisted in spinning its web.
Q40)	Robert Bruce learnt that even though he had failed many times, he must try again till he too could succeed.