



**NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL  
2015 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
Primary 3**

**Paper 2**

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ (     )

Class : Primary 3 \_\_\_\_\_

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Total Marks: \_\_\_\_\_ / 50

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Parent's Signature

Duration: 1 hour 15 minutes

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**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. It was a hot day. I had a glass of lemonade to \_\_\_\_\_ my thirst.

- (1) kill
- (2) cure
- (3) remove
- (4) quench

( )

2. There was a loud \_\_\_\_\_ of feet as the students rushed up the stairs.

- (1) rattling
- (2) hissing
- (3) shuffling
- (4) crackling

( )

3. The old man was \_\_\_\_\_ injured when a lorry knocked him down.

- (1) severely
- (2) carelessly
- (3) cautiously
- (4) recklessly

( )

4. Mrs Tan looked at the \_\_\_\_\_ for a suitable printer to buy.

- (1) menu
- (2) recipe
- (3) directory
- (4) catalogue

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5. After the fire, many <sup>villagers</sup> ~~villages~~ were seen lying around \_\_\_\_\_ in pain.

- (1) groaning
- (2) grumbling
- (3) mumbling
- (4) muttering

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6. The newspaper reported the \_\_\_\_\_ act of a young man who saved a child from a burning house.

- (1) fiery
- (2) heroic
- (3) cowardly
- (4) invincible

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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. \_\_\_\_\_ would you like for desert, ice cream or cake?

- (1) Why
- (2) What
- (3) When
- (4) Where

( )

8. Wayne is so clever that I am sure he can solve the problem sum \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) myself
- (2) himself
- (3) yourself
- (4) ourselves

( )

9. The back door is open. \_\_\_\_\_ must have sneaked into the house last night because the expensive vase is missing.

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

( )

10. Tammy can sing very well, \_\_\_\_\_ ?

- (1) isn't she
- (2) can't she
- (3) doesn't she
- (4) couldn't she

( )

11. You must hurry \_\_\_\_\_ you will be late for the meeting.

- (1) or
- (2) so
- (3) but
- (4) and

( )

12. I ran into Uncle Lucas when I \_\_\_\_\_ going to the market.

- (1) is
- (2) am
- (3) was
- (4) were

( )

13. "For your own safety, if you see any unattended bags lying around, you \_\_\_\_\_ report to the staff immediately," instructed the station officer.

- (1) will
- (2) can
- (3) may
- (4) must

( )

14. My best friend, John, gave me this book for \_\_\_\_\_ birthday.

- (1) my
- (2) her
- (3) our
- (4) your

( )

**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 M) in each blank. The letter (I) has been omitted to avoid confusion in marking.

**Passage 1**

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) buy	(B) buys	(C) bought
(D) buying	(E) will buy	(F) was buying

Mary was very proud and vain. She would think of (15) \_\_\_\_\_ the most beautiful clothes so that her friends would admire her. One day, she walked into a boutique and started trying out the clothes.

"Hmm... which of these dresses should I (16) \_\_\_\_\_ for the party tonight?" she mumbled to herself.

After trying out many dresses, Mary (17) \_\_\_\_\_ the most expensive one. Along the way, she saw a beautiful diamond necklace on display in a jewellery shop.

"I (18) \_\_\_\_\_ it to match my expensive dress!" she chirped.

She strode into the shop smugly and asked to buy the necklace. When she realised that she did not have enough money to buy the necklace, she turned red with embarrassment and scampered out of the shop.

**Passage 2**

**USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.**

<b>(G) at</b>	<b>(H) by</b>	<b>(J) from</b>
<b>(K) in</b>	<b>(L) through</b>	<b>(M) to</b>

One of the most popular places of interest in Singapore is the Singapore Zoological Gardens. Unlike many zoos, most of the animals here are kept (19) \_\_\_\_\_ large enclosures where they can roam freely. These enclosures are surrounded (20) \_\_\_\_\_ water and rock walls to prevent the animals (21) \_\_\_\_\_ escaping.

A large number of snakes are exhibited at the Reptile House. Visitors can see many species of snakes (22) \_\_\_\_\_ the glass panels. Only the most dangerous animals like panthers and leopards are kept in cages.

**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) body	(B) carry	(C) croak	(D) enemy
(E) insect	(F) perch	(G) shriek	(H) skin

Frogs are amphibians that live in water and on land. They are cold-blooded, which means that their (23) \_\_\_\_\_ temperature is the same as the surrounding temperature. The frog's front legs are short. They are used to prop the frog up when it sits. They use their long strong back legs to swim and hop. If an (24) \_\_\_\_\_ approaches, they can leap away quickly. The frog's main diet is insects. They do not need to drink water as their (25) \_\_\_\_\_ absorbs water into their body.

In the daytime in summer, frogs (26) \_\_\_\_\_ on lily pads and sleep, but at night time, they (27) \_\_\_\_\_ loudly to attract a mate. The female frog lays eggs in still water. These eggs then hatch into tadpoles. Gradually, the tadpoles develop legs and lose their tails.

**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. Mike was walking home one day ( where / when ) he heard a shrilling scream.
29. The selfish girl does not care ( mush / many ) for others.
30. We must learn to respect and ( appreciate / appreclate ) Singapore's diverse and unique culture in order to live in harmony.
31. Wei Ming immediately ( recognised / reconised ) the pen with his name written on it.
32. Aunt Sally thanked the taxi driver ( profusly / profusely ) for returning her wallet.

**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. There are many artefacts in the museum. Only a few of them are on display.

\_\_\_\_\_ but  
\_\_\_\_\_

34. Janet received a pleasant surprise on her birthday. Janet was elated.

\_\_\_\_\_ because  
\_\_\_\_\_



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**Section G: Comprehension 1 (8 marks)**

*Read the passage below and answer questions 35 to 40.*

A long time ago, there lived a miser called Franklin. He was very wealthy but he gave his servants very little to eat. One day, he decided to sell all his land in exchange for gold. He then put the gold into a big crate. He dug a hole in his garden, put the crate of gold into the hole and covered it with soil. Every day, he would go to the place where he had buried his gold, dig up the crate and look at his gold, to make sure it was there. However, he never planned to use his hidden wealth. 5

Soon, one of his servants, Bob, discovered the secret hiding place. When Franklin went out one day, Bob stole the crate of gold and ran away.

When Franklin returned and discovered what Bob had done, he felt deceived and became depressed. Not knowing what to do, he approached his wise and trustworthy neighbour, Julius. 10

Julius said, "Franklin, stop crying over spilt milk! What is done cannot be undone. Just put an empty crate in the same hole and imagine it to be your lost gold because you never had any intention of using it, anyway. You have to treat your servants kindly so that they will not betray your trust." 15

Franklin realised what Julius had said made sense and he told himself that life had to go on. From then on, he changed his attitude and treated his servants kindly.

35. What was stolen from Franklin?

(1m)

36. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

\_\_\_\_\_ betrayed Franklin's trust. (1m)

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Bob

Julius

37. Which word in paragraph one has the same meaning as 'rich'?

(1m)

38. According to the passage, which of the following is true? (2m)

- (1) Franklin spilt milk.
- (2) Franklin's servant dug up Franklin's crate of gold.
- (3) Franklin was made fun of because he lost his gold.
- (4) Franklin buried his crate of gold in his neighbour's garden.

39. According to the passage, what kind of person was Julius?

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (2m)

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

When Franklin returned and discovered what Bob had done, he felt <u>deceiyed</u> and (A) became <u>depressed</u> . (B)
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**Comprehension 2 (8 marks)**

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

On the way home from school, Lydia discovered something enticing by the side of the road. It was a huge pile of sand. How extraordinary to find sand there, so far from the sea! Lydia was thrilled. She took a few steps back and ran at great speed towards the pile of sand and leaped onto it. However, it was not sand after all. Instead, it was a heap of grey wet cement. She sank into it and found herself covered in the sticky mixture right up to her chest, like a statue. The more she struggled to get out, the more she was stuck. There was nothing she could do but to stay still.

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As evening fell and it began to get dark, Father came looking for Lydia and was astonished to find her head sticking out of the heap of cement. Father first tried to pull her out by hand but his foot started to get stuck in the cement. Then, Father found a pole and asked Lydia to hold onto one end of it while he pulled her out. Lydia was covered with grey cement.

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"I thought I told you once before, look before you leap!" chided Father.

The "once before" that Father was referring to happened during recess in school last term. Lydia saw a pile of newspaper lying by the side of the canteen. Without a second thought, she jumped right on it. However, the newspaper was left there by the cleaner to cover a puddle of vomit that a student had thrown up earlier. Lydia's shoes smelt of vomit for the rest of that day.

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"Sorry dad, I won't jump on anything again," promised Lydia.

Father was relieved that Lydia was safe. It was quite dark by the time they reached home.

*Adapted from 'Totto-chan' by Tetsuko Kuroyanagi*

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

41. According to the author, what does 'it' in line 17 refer to? (1m)

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Lydia was reprimanded by Father.

\_\_\_\_\_ Lydia got stuck in a heap of grey wet cement.

\_\_\_\_\_ Lydia was attracted to something by the side of the road.

43. What did Lydia do in the incident that Father referred to as 'once before'? (2m)

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44. Which word in paragraph one has the opposite meaning of 'bored'? (1m)

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) The huge pile of sand which Lydia jumped into was actually a student's vomit.		
(b) Father successfully got Lydia out of the cement by pulling her hand.		

46. Based on the passage, what lesson did Lydia learn in the end? (1m)

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**EXAM PAPER 2015**

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**TERM : SA2**

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Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
1	3	4	1	D	A	C	E	K	H
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27			
J	L	A	D	H	G	C			

28) when    29) much    30) appreciate    31) recognized    32) profusely

33) There are many artefacts in the museum but only a few of them are on display.

34) Janet was elated because she received a pleasant surprise on her birthday.

35) The gold    36) Bob    37) wealthy    38) 2    39) wise and trustworthy

40) A

41) It refers to the pile of newspaper.

**42) 3**

**2**

**1**

**43) Lydia jumped onto a pile of newspaper without thinking.**

**44) Thrilled**

**45) a) False. The huge pile of newspaper which Lydia jumped into was actually a student's vomit.**

**b) False. Father successfully got Lydia out of the pile of cement by asking Lydia hold onto one end of the pole while he pulled her out with it.**

**46) Lydia learnt to look before she leaps.**