



**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
FIRST SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2017**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY FOUR

BOOKLET B

TOTAL TIME: 1 hour 35 minutes



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. Mr Lee wanted Jack and me to wash the cups _____.
 - (1) myself
 - (2) himself
 - (3) ourselves
 - (4) themselves

2. "You may enter the room now. Our teacher _____ inside," I told my classmate.
 - (1) wait
 - (2) waits
 - (3) is waiting
 - (4) has waited

3. While everyone _____ computer games, Darren took out his book to read.
 - (1) plays
 - (2) will play
 - (3) has played
 - (4) was playing

4. My sister, as well as her friends, _____ the cartoon character, Pony.
 - (1) love
 - (2) loves
 - (3) loving
 - (4) are loving

5. There is _____ flour left after Mother baked the cake.
 - (1) a
 - (2) any
 - (3) none
 - (4) some

6. Janet ate so _____ apple pies that she skipped dinner.

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

7. I _____ her only once since last month.

- (1) see
- (2) am seeing
- (3) have seen
- (4) was seeing

8. Please _____ all your books and get ready for the test.

- (1) put on
- (2) put up
- (3) put away
- (4) put together

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. Let us seek another person's help since Jake is _____ to help us.

- (1) thrilled
- (2) anxious
- (3) insistent
- (4) reluctant

10. Ali was scolded by his parents for being _____

- (1) defiant
- (2) diligent
- (3) competent
- (4) courageous

11. The ice cubes _____ against the glass when I stirred my icy cold drink.

- (1) rustled
- (2) clinked
- (3) rumbled
- (4) crackled

12. Ai Ling could finally _____ her project and handed it to her teacher.

- (1) convey
- (2) dissolve
- (3) succeed
- (4) accomplish

13. A _____ of soldiers was sent to help out in the flood.

- (1) pack
- (2) troop
- (3) panel
- (4) troupe

14. The _____ stopped and searched a suspicious-looking ship while they were patrolling the seas.

- (1) stewards
- (2) travellers
- (3) fishermen
- (4) coastguards

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) he	B) I	C) she
D) us	E) we	F) you

Dear Ahmad,

I woke up late for school this morning. So, (15) _____ ran to the bus stop and was surprised to meet your sister there. (16) _____ had overslept too. Upon reaching the school gate, (17) _____ were greeted by the Discipline Master, Mr Teh. He wanted to meet us after school today. Do (18) _____ think Mr Teh will punish us? I hope he will give us a chance.

Your friend,

Chun Klat

Passage 2

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

Joe has a hut by the beach. He (19) [spend / spends] his weekends there. Whenever people (20) [ask / asks] why he likes to go there, he will say, "The air there (21) [is / are] so much fresher. The water and the waves (22) [provide / provides] a calming effect. That place makes me feel relaxed after a tough week at work."

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. That is the bag. I bought the bag last week.

_____ which

24. You cannot borrow these books. You do not have a library card.

Unless _____

25. The toy is very old. She still keeps the toy.

Although _____

26. The class monitor is punctual. The group leader is punctual too.

Both _____

SECTION E: COMPREHENSION (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Hen took her young chicks out to look for food. They looked for white ants, pecked at worms and picked up grains of rice or corn. However, in the evening, dark clouds were seen gathering.

5 At the mountains, the rain was already pouring down, so Hen took all her chicks and headed for home. They arrived at a stream but an overflow of water had come down from the mountains and the stream had grown into a wide river.

Hen could fly across easily but the wings of the chicks were not strong enough to fly yet. It was impossible to get across it. Hen contemplated. She suggested, "There's a friend called Mrs Cat who lives in a hut nearby. It's best we
10 spend the night with her."

Mrs Cat welcomed them warmly. Hen slept on the verandah with her chicks sheltered under her wings. Mrs Cat said, "It's a pity to sleep here where it's damp and windy. You'll catch a cold."

Hen distrusted her friend. She replied politely, "Don't worry. They're sound
15 asleep. Besides, they would dirty your bed." Inside the house, a kitten stirred and asked who the guests were. Mrs Cat whispered, "They are Hen and her chicks. We shall steal her plump chicks to eat when they're asleep!"

Hen heard it and immediately piled up some stones where they had been
20 sleeping before she left with her chicks. Shortly after, Mrs Cat crept out and pounced on "them"! She attacked them with all her might, only to realise that she had been outwitted!

For Q27-28, what did the chicks do when Hen took them out? Tick (✓) your chosen answer. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

What the chicks did:		worms	ants	rice
Example	looked for		✓	
27.	pecked at			
28.	picked up			

29. Why was it impossible for the chicks to get across the wide river?

[1m]

30. Which word has the same meaning as 'considered carefully'?
Circle either (A) or (B).

[1m]

Hen contemplated. She suggested. "There's a friend called Mrs Cat who
(B)
lives in a hut nearby."

31. State one of the conditions that made the verandah an unsuitable place for sleeping.

[1m]

32. In paragraph 5, which word has the same meaning as 'suspicious of'? [1m]

For Q33-34, read each statement and tick (✓) "True" or "False". The first one example has been done for you. [2m]

	Statement	True	False
Example	Due to the rain, the stream grew into a wide river.	✓	
Q33	Mrs Cat did not welcome Hen and her chicks and made them sleep on the verandah.		
Q34	Mrs Cat was Hen's faithful friend.		

35. Explain fully what Mrs Cat wanted to do and how she was outwitted by Hen in the end. [2m]

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

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

5 A man was driving along a road when he saw an old lady stranded on the side of the road. He stopped his dented and dirty truck next to her luxurious car. He smiled while approaching her. The old lady was worried as nobody had stopped for hours. Moreover, he looked so poor and shabby. The man could see how frightened she was, so he tried to calm her, "I'm here to help you, don't worry. My name is Bryan Anderson".

10 The tyre was flat. He changed the tyre skillfully. When the job was done, she offered to pay him. Bryan smiled and said, "if you really want to pay me back, the next time you see someone who needs help, give that person the needed assistance."

The next evening, the old lady stopped by a small cafe. That place looked dingy but busy. The only waitress there was heavily pregnant. She had a sweet friendly smile although she had stood on her feet the whole day. The old lady was impressed. Then she remembered Bryan.

15 The old lady finished her meal and paid with a hundred dollar note. The waitress went to get change and when she came back, the old lady was gone. She had left a note on the napkin, "You don't owe me anything. Somebody once helped me, just like now I'm helping you. If you really want to pay me back, do not let this chain of love end with you." The waitress found four more one
20 hundred dollar notes under the napkin.

The waitress wondered how the old lady could know how much she and her husband needed it, especially when the baby would soon arrive. That night, when her husband reached home, she exclaimed, "I've good news for you, Bryan Anderson!"

Answer these questions. Write your answers in complete sentences.

36. Where was the old lady when the man saw her?

37. Besides his appearance, what showed that the man was not rich?

38. Why did the old lady offer to pay the man?

39. How did the pregnant waitress impress the old lady?

40. What was the old lady's act of kindness?

**CHECK YOUR WORK CAREFULLY
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Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
3	3	4	2	4	3	3	3	4	1
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18		
2	4	2	4	B	C	E	F		

- 19) spends 20) ask 21) is 22) provide
23) That is the bag which I bought last week.
24) Unless you have a library card, you cannot borrow these books.
25) Although the toy is very old, she still keeps it.
26) Both the class monitor and the group leader are punctual.
27) Worms
28) Rice
29) It is impossible because their wings were not strong enough.
30) (A)
31) damp
32) distrusted
33) False
34) False
35) Mrs Cat wanted to eat hen's plump chicks when they were sleeping but she was outwitted when the hen ran and put stones where they were sleeping, causing her to pounce on the stones while creeping out.
36) The old lady was stranded on the side of the road.
37) He had a dented and dirty truck.
38) It was because the man helped change the tyre of the car.
39) The old lady was impressed by the pregnant lady who stood on her feet the whole day with a sweet friendly smile despite the fact that she was heavily pregnant.
40) The old lady's act of kindness was to let the chain of love continue.

