



**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL  
SECOND SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2011  
PRIMARY THREE**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**BOOKLET B: LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION  
(MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS)**

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.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( )  
Class: Pr 3 ( )  
Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

You would have completed Question 1 to 4 from Booklet A: Listening. Continue with the next section, Section D.

**SECTION D: GRAMMAR (6 X 1 mark)**

For each question from 5 to 10, 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).

5. Last week, the children cleaned the classroom before \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- (1) decorate
  - (2) decorates
  - (3) decorated
  - (4) decorating
6. My cousin dived gracefully \_\_\_\_\_ the deep end of the swimming pool.
- (1) into
  - (2) across
  - (3) around
  - (4) between
7. He bought \_\_\_\_\_ some ice cream but did not share them with his friends.
- (1) myself
  - (2) herself
  - (3) himself
  - (4) themselves
8. Susan's eyes \_\_\_\_\_ when she overheard her parents talking about having a barbecue at the beach.
- (1) lit up
  - (2) lit off
  - (3) lit out
  - (4) lit with
9. \_\_\_\_\_ it is illegal to kill dolphins, many poachers still continue in the act.
- (1) Until
  - (2) When
  - (3) While
  - (4) Although
10. The performers have been \_\_\_\_\_ all day for the concert tonight.
- (1) rehearse
  - (2) rehearsed
  - (3) rehearses
  - (4) rehearsing

**SECTION E: VOCABULARY (6 X 1 mark)**

For each question from 11 to 16, 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).

11. He felt ashamed after committing the \_\_\_\_\_ act.
- (1) heroic
  - (2) selfless
  - (3) cowardly
  - (4) courageous
12. Jennifer is interested in watching the film after reading the \_\_\_\_\_ about it.
- (1) report
  - (2) review
  - (3) analysis
  - (4) broadcast
13. Our extremely \_\_\_\_\_ teacher did not excuse anyone of us for forgetting our homework.
- (1) strict
  - (2) severe
  - (3) tolerant
  - (4) compassionate
14. "How dare you stare at me!" the school bully \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) barked
  - (2) hooted
  - (3) cheered
  - (4) whimpered
15. My brother asked me if I could \_\_\_\_\_ him to a fun fair that was held at his school.
- (1) trail
  - (2) track
  - (3) instruct
  - (4) accompany
16. My aunt has a grandfather clock which \_\_\_\_\_ every hour.
- (1) toots
  - (2) beeps
  - (3) tinkles
  - (4) chimes

**SECTION F : COMPREHENSION (5 X 2 marks)**

Read the passage below and answer the questions 17 to 21 that follow.

There was not enough sugar left in the jar so Mother handed me some coins to get some from the nearby mini-mart. "Your brother can't go. He has yet to complete his homework!" she said. She wanted to make some tea to complement those delicious cookies that my brother and I would have gobbled up, with or without tea.

The cookies were out of bounds till the packet of sugar was bought. I quickly grabbed the packet of sugar and walked briskly towards the counter. I reached into my pocket eagerly. "Oh no! I must have forgotten to bring the money that Mother gave me!" I said aloud anxiously.

A delay in the arrival of sugar at home would mean a delay in tasting the cookies too. It was then that the shopkeeper looked at me. It seemed that he understood my problem. "Aren't you Mrs Raja's daughter? Have you forgotten to bring your money? Here, take the sugar and give me the money tomorrow," he said kindly. It was my lucky day. I thanked him and ran home as fast as I could.

17. The author's mother wanted her to buy a packet of sugar because \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) she wanted to make tea
  - (2) she wanted to bake cookies
  - (3) she wanted to punish the author
  - (4) she was annoyed with the author
18. The author loved her mother's \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) tea
  - (2) cakes
  - (3) scones
  - (4) cookies
19. Which word in the passage means 'hurriedly'?
- (1) kindly
  - (2) briskly
  - (3) eagerly
  - (4) anxiously
20. The author knew that her mother would not let her \_\_\_\_\_ until she had bought the packet of sugar.
- (1) taste the cookies
  - (2) have a cup of tea
  - (3) help to make the tea
  - (4) help to bake the cookies
21. Which of the following statements is true?
- (1) The shopkeeper felt that the author was a forgetful girl.
  - (2) The shopkeeper thought that the author resembled Mrs Raja.
  - (3) The shopkeeper did not want to accept any payment for the sugar.
  - (4) The shopkeeper realised that the author did not have any money with her.



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**BOOKLET C: LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION  
(OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS)**

TOTAL TIME: 1 hour 35 mins

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Class: Pr 3 ( )

Booklet A: Note-taking and Unseen Dictation	/12
Booklet B: Multiple-choice Questions (Including Listening MCQ)	/26
Booklet C: Language Use and Comprehension	/26
Oral	/16
Writing	/20
Total	/100

**SECTION G: GRAMMAR CLOZE (8 X 1 mark)**

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to G) in each blank. **USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.**

(A) him	(B) I	(C) it	(D) my
(E) our	(F) they	(G) we	

**Passage 1**

Dear Josephine,

My family and I are in Paris. It is really exciting. The hotel is lovely. I am writing this postcard to you while (22) \_\_\_\_\_ are waiting for the double-decker tour bus. Yesterday, we had French food. (23) \_\_\_\_\_ brother did not enjoy it. We also met some French people. (24) \_\_\_\_\_ were very warm and friendly. The weather here is perfect. I love (25) \_\_\_\_\_ here.

We will be back next week!

Love,

Sue

(A) along	(B) by	(C) on	(D) of
(E) that	(F) to	(G) with	

**Passage 2**

Announcement at a museum :

Attention all visitors! You are cordially invited to The Van Bastian Art Exhibition (26) \_\_\_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> December. Admire the grand collection of over 400 masterpieces drawn (27) \_\_\_\_\_ the famous Dutch painter, Hans Van Bastian. He will also give a demonstration (28) \_\_\_\_\_ his unique painting techniques. Do not lose this golden opportunity (29) \_\_\_\_\_ see a great master at work. Admission is free but seats are limited. Please call 67654321 for reservation.

**SECTION H: COMPREHENSION CLOZE (8 X 1 mark)**

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to M) in each blank. The letter 'I' has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

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|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| (A) baked   | (B) curved   | (C) down    |
| (D) grinned | (E) mood     | (F) morning |
| (G) panting | (H) prepared | (J) sighed  |
| (K) stomach | (L) threw    | (M) turned  |

Jake's bicycle screeched as he cycled speedily down the lane. He whistled merrily as the weather was fine and he was in a good (30) \_\_\_\_\_. Jake cycled across the road and (31) \_\_\_\_\_ left cautiously as there were a few cars on the road. People were still in bed as it was only six o'clock in the (32) \_\_\_\_\_.

Jake was (33) \_\_\_\_\_ a little by the time he reached Ron's house. Ron was his new classmate. He was waiting at the gate for him. He (34) \_\_\_\_\_ widely when he saw Jake. They cycled to school together.

"My mother (35) \_\_\_\_\_ these sandwiches for you," said Ron. He handed Jake a brown paper bag when he got (36) \_\_\_\_\_ from the bicycle. Jake gobbled up a sandwich as he was hungry. He had left home on an empty (37) \_\_\_\_\_. The boys passed a library and a bakery on their way. The bell rang just as they reached the school gate.



**SECTION I : COMPREHENSION OPEN-ENDED (5 X 2 marks)**

For each question from 38 to 42, read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

When I was watching my favourite television programme, I was interrupted by the ringing of the telephone. My mother picked up the receiver. "Jane dear, it's Sarah!" she said, smiling. Sarah was my best friend since Primary 1.

When I took the receiver, Sarah's voice was bursting with excitement. She was breathless as she spoke. She mentioned that she had seen two furry puppies in a box behind the park in our neighbourhood and instructed me to go there immediately.

True enough, there were two furry puppies in a cardboard box. One was creamy white with black spots and the other was black with a white paw. They had long ears. Sarah and I looked around to see if the owner was around. Then, we realized that someone had abandoned them.

We carried the puppies to Sarah's house as her parents did not mind having pets in the house. Sarah's sister squealed with delight when she saw the puppies. She promised her mother that she would take good care of them.

Sarah got some milk for the puppies and they lapped it up hungrily. Meanwhile, she looked at me and said, "Jane, let's name them Spotty and Patches."

Write your answers in complete sentences.

38. What was Jane doing when the telephone rang?

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39. Why did Sarah sound breathless on the telephone?

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40. What does the word **them** in paragraph 3 refer to?

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41. Why did Jane and Sarah decide to take the puppies to Sarah's house?

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42. Which sentence in the passage shows that Sarah's sister was very happy to see the puppies?

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**CHECK YOUR ANSWERS CAREFULLY**

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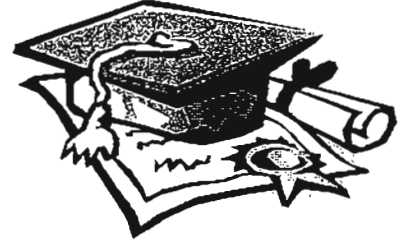


# ANSWER SHEET

**EXAM PAPER 2011**

**SCHOOL : NANYANG  
SUBJECT : PRIMARY 3 ENGLISH**

**TERM : SA 2**



**Booklet A**

**Q1 to Q5 – Listening ( NO ANSWERS)**

**Booklet B**

Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
4	1	3	1	4	4	3	2	1	1	4	4	1

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21
4	2	1	4

**Booklet C**

Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
G	D	F	C	C	B	D	F	E	M	F	G	D

Q35	Q36	Q37
H	C	K

**38) Jane was watching her favorite television programme when the telephone rang.**

**39) Sarah was very excited.**

**40) The word "them" refers to the puppies.**

**41) Sarah's parents did not mind having pets in the house.**

**42) the sentence is " Sarah's sister squealed with delight when she saw the puppies".**

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