



NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2 - 2008
PRIMARY 4

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2

Name: _____ ()-

Class: Primary 4 _____

Date: 23 October 2008

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Parent's Signature

Total Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Write your name and register number in the space provided.
2. Do not turn over the page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions carefully.

SECTION A: VOCABULARY (7 X 1) marks

Choose the most suitable answer and shade the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the OAS provided.

1. Peter was so angry when Alan called him names that he _____ a glass bottle at him. Luckily, it missed him.
- (1) waved
(3) hurled
- (2) raised
(4) wielded
2. Anna managed to catch a _____ of her favourite swimmer, Michael Phelps, at the airport when he was in town recently.
- (1) sight
(3) scene
- (2) glance
(4) glimpse
3. Jane was _____ after her failed attempts to buy a ticket for the concert despite queuing in the hot sun for hours.
- (1) ignorant
(3) astounded
- (2) exasperated
(4) dumbfounded
4. We had been playing computer games for hours until Father _____ and commanded us to stop.
- (1) split our sides
(3) put his foot down
- (2) lost heart
(4) held his tongue
5. The architect realised that he did not have ample time to complete the project and requested for the deadline to be extended.
- The word which can substitute the underlined word is "_____".
- (1) any
(3) some
- (2) much
(4) enough
6. As the traffic lights were out of order, an accident nearly occurred at the busy road _____.
- (1) interaction
(3) intervention
- (2) intersection
(4) interchange
7. With all the decorations and lighting, the little town was _____ into a fairyland after dark.
- (1) transported
(3) transplanted
- (2) translated
(4) transformed

SECTION B: GRAMMAR (7 X 1) marks

Choose the most suitable answer and shade the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the OAS provided.

8. Look! That lady _____ to you now.
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| (1) is waving | (2) are waving |
| (3) was waving | (4) were waving |
9. Judy _____ home just now as she was not feeling well.
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| (1) goes | (2) went |
| (3) was going | (4) has gone |
10. The competitors were not allowed to begin _____ they heard the referee blow his whistle.
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| (1) yet | (2) so that |
| (3) until | (4) because |
11. "This is a problem, _____ it?" Mary asked the lady at the counter.
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| (1) does | (2) is |
| (3) don't | (4) isn't |
12. Everyone _____ present at the party last Saturday.
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| (1) was | (2) is |
| (3) were | (4) are |
13. If Alan _____ the piano for us, we will be able to take part in the singing competition this time.
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| (1) play | (2) played |
| (3) plays | (4) will play |
14. The organisers were disappointed when _____ students turned up for the event as it was raining heavily.
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| (1) little | (2) few |
| (3) much | (4) many |

SECTION C: COMPREHENSION (5 X 2) marks

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Chris, Adam and me, Brad have been best friends since attending the same class when we were five. We have a lot of fun even though we always seem to get into trouble.

Like the time we played soccer for an hour after school. Things got tricky when our mothers could not locate us - we did not tell anyone where we were. We were in deep trouble when we got home.

Another time, we had fun throwing chunks of dirt. Chris ended up with a big bruise. His mother wasn't too pleased. Neither was mine when she saw how dirty my clothes were.

Something happened at Easter which makes me wonder. It doesn't seem right that my friends should steal. They said they had only 'pinched' those Easter eggs - but isn't it the same?

My dad owns a bicycle shop. He tells me that every little thing people 'shoplift', he will have to pay for it. Dad works hard at his job. The last thing he needs is people stealing his stuff.

My friends think pinching is a joke. They tried to get me to do it but it didn't feel right. Are they still my 'best friends'?

Choose the most suitable answer and shade the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the OAS provided.

15. The boys were _____ when they were five.

- 1) classmates
- 2) neighbours
- 3) soccer fans
- 4) trouble-makers

SECTION D: VOCABULARY CLOZE (4 X 1) marks

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to I) in each blank.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) filling	(D) initially	(G) process
(B) inconsiderate	(E) packing	(H) rarely
(C) inconvenient	(F) part	(I) teeming

A recent newspaper report highlighted the lack of social graces, in particular, table manners of Singaporeans at food courts. During the lunch hour, when the food courts are (20) _____ with hungry people, cleaners scurry to clear the remnants left behind on the tables by diners. Some (21) _____ diners spit out bones on the table and do not place them back into their bowls. This makes the cleaning (22) _____ unpleasant. People also tend to leave their trays and crockery on the table, rather than return them. Many Singaporeans (23) _____ thank the cleaners for cleaning up after them. They feel it is a service that they are entitled to as customers – an attitude that should be changed.

SECTION E: GRAMMAR CLOZE (4 X 1) marks

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to I) in each blank.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) you	(D) it	(G) our
(B) my	(E) they	(H) she
(C) her	(F) them	(I) his

Scrapbooking is the practice of displaying photos, stories and other memorabilia in a scrapbook-style album. It is a hobby which some people fancy. (24) _____ keep scrapbooks to preserve their memories in a special place for a long time. Others feel scrapbooking is an excellent creative outlet for (25) _____ as scrapbooks can be very elaborate in layout and design.

16. The boys got into trouble over the soccer game as _____.
- 1) they did not go home early
 - 2) they were not allowed to play with their friends
 - 3) they were not allowed to play soccer after school
 - 4) they did not inform their mothers where they were
17. Brad's mother was upset about the dirt fight because _____.
- 1) he got hurt
 - 2) Chris got hurt
 - 3) his clothes got dirty
 - 4) she did not like the boys to fight
18. Brad's friends stole _____.
- 1) some things from Dad's shop
 - 2) money from Dad's wallet
 - 3) Easter eggs from a shop
 - 4) some chickens for Easter
19. Brad is uncertain if he should call the boys his best friends anymore as they _____.
- 1) were always teasing him
 - 2) stole from his friend's shop
 - 3) were always getting him into trouble
 - 4) tried to make him do things that he thought were wrong

Elaine has been scrapbooking for five years and owns a successful scrapbooking store. In the store, (26) _____ can find fanciful papers, stickers and other related materials. (27) _____ also personally conducts a variety of scrapbooking courses on weekends.

SECTION F: EDITING (4 x 1) marks

Each of the underlined words contains either a punctuation or grammatical error. A wrong or missing punctuation mark is indicated by a circle. Put the correct punctuation mark or word in each of the boxes. -

A few years ago, a great tsunami struck a small town along the sea. It hit the town

(28) _____

in the early hours of a morning just when people were getting ready for work. As many of

(29) _____

the homes were near the sea, they bear most of the impact from the tsunami. Within

(30) _____

minutes all the homes were destroyed. Many of those killed in the disaster were the

(31) _____

towns aged folks who could not run fast enough to escape the gigantic waves.

SECTION G: SYNTHESIS (4 X 1) marks

For each of the items, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of each sentence must be the same as the given one(s).

32. Robin does not drink coffee. His brother does not drink coffee too.

Neither Robin _____

33. Max said, "I am visiting my sister in Perth tomorrow."

Max said that he _____

34. The little boy's story was very ridiculous. No one believed him.

_____ that

35. It was a public holiday. Bernice went cycling with her friends.

SECTION H: COMPREHENSION (5 x 2) marks

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Black tea is one of the most popular kinds of tea in the world. Today, it can be bought almost everywhere. But how is it produced? First, tea leaves are plucked and placed in baskets before they are transported to a factory.

At the factory, the tea leaves have to be dried quickly. This is done by spreading the leaves on racks and cooled for 6 to 10 hours. Sometimes, fans direct warm air onto the tea leaves for faster drying. Extra care has to be taken to monitor the temperature and moisture during drying. Otherwise, fungi may grow on the tea leaves, making them unfit for consumption. 5

Then, the withered tea leaves are 'broken' to let the natural juices out. There are two ways to do this. Tea leaves are either rolled into large pieces or cut and torn into small pieces. They are then laid on racks for 3 to 4 hours where they are gently turned until they turn brown-red. Finally, they are dried or 'fired' by passing through hot air containers. The tea leaves, now dark brown or black, are ready to be placed into chests. 10

36. What does the word "it" in line 2 refer to?

37. At the factory, what do they use to dry the tea leaves more quickly?

38. Why do tea leaves need to be dried thoroughly?

39. How many ways can tea leaves be 'broken' ?

40. When are tea leaves ready to be 'fired'?

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ANSWER SHEET

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TERM : SA 2

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

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27
3	4	I	B	G	H	E	F	A	H

28)the

29)bore

30),

31)town's

32)Neither Robin nor his brother drinks coffee.

33)Max said that he was visiting his sister in Perth the next day.

34)The little boy's story was so ridiculous that no one believe him.

35)Bernice went cycling with her friends since it was a public holiday.

36)It refers to black tea.

37)They use fans which direct warm air to dry the tea leaves more quickly.

38)This prevents fungi from growing on the tea leaves, making them unfit for consumption.

39) There are two ways tea leaves can be "broken."

40) When the tea leaves turn brown-red, they are ready to be 'fired'.