



**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
FIRST SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2012
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 Questions 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. _____ questions were asked in the test but I could only answer a few.
- (1) Few
 - (2) Little
 - (3) Many
 - (4) Much
6. _____ flowers here have just been picked from my garden. Would you like to have them?
- (1) This
 - (2) That
 - (3) These
 - (4) Those
7. Jane's brother was remorseful and said he had _____ to blame for the mistake.
- (1) myself
 - (2) herself
 - (3) himself
 - (4) themselves
8. "Turn down the music. Your sisters _____," said Mother.
- (1) is studying
 - (2) are studying
 - (3) was studying
 - (4) were studying
9. Mrs Tay _____ into the room where her baby was sleeping.
- (1) tiptoe
 - (2) tiptoes
 - (3) tiptoed
 - (4) tiptoeing
10. "These rice grains _____ awful!" grumbles Sally.
- (1) taste
 - (2) tastes
 - (3) tasted
 - (4) tasting

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. The intruder _____ himself so well that even the police could not recognise him when he walked by.
- (1) covered
 - (2) dressed
 - (3) pretended
 - (4) disguised
12. The ugly cygnet turned into a beautiful _____.
- (1) swan
 - (2) duck
 - (3) goose
 - (4) butterfly
13. A _____ of wild dogs attacked a lone jogger just now.
- (1) bevy
 - (2) pack
 - (3) flock
 - (4) brood
14. "I am so sorry, I shouldn't have said that," Gina uttered _____ to her mother.
- (1) angrily
 - (2) joyfully
 - (3) carelessly
 - (4) regretfully
15. The paramedics arrived at the _____ of the accident within minutes.
- (1) sight
 - (2) sport
 - (3) scene
 - (4) scenary
16. My cousin is never nervous. She is always _____.
- (1) as cold as ice
 - (2) as busy as a bee
 - (3) as quiet as a mouse
 - (4) as cool as a cucumber

SECTION F : COMPREHENSION (5 X 2 marks)

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

One Saturday morning, large orange flames were seen billowing out of the blackened windows of a café above the canteen. A bell had rung out within the building and it brought people hurrying out of the canteen and the shops on either side of it.

The people looked up at the building as they pointed, exclaimed and knocked against each other. Then more people came out through the glass doors that led to the offices. In their hurried state, many of them were pushing, spilling out onto the road, shouting and getting in the way of passing cars.

Frustrated drivers had a difficult time driving through. Many shouted at the crowd but their voices were drowned in the chaos. The drivers honked loudly to get through. Luckily no one was knocked down by the passing cars.

Suddenly, a shrill cry was heard. A man's coat was on fire and two people were beating *it* out for him. A crowd had gathered. A policeman and two traffic wardens tried to move everybody away from the building but to no avail.

Then a fire engine drew up and slowly, the people moved to give way to it. With it came two police cars and an ambulance, their sirens adding to the racket that had filled the street.

The chief of the firemen ran out of his vehicle as his assistant spoke through the loudspeaker. Soon, the smouldering building was cordoned off as the firemen made their way into it, armed with long hoses.

17. Where had the fire started?
- (1) It had started inside the café.
 - (2) It had started outside the café.
 - (3) It had started inside the canteen.
 - (4) It had started below the canteen.
18. What first alerted the people to leave the building?
- (1) the fire
 - (2) the firemen
 - (3) the fire alarm
 - (4) a man's scream
19. What did the drivers of passing cars do to get through the crowd?
- (1) They shouted at the crowd.
 - (2) They knock^{ed} down the crowd.
 - (3) They asked^{ed} the policemen for help.
 - (4) They sounded the horns of their cars.
20. In paragraph ^{four} ~~three~~, what did the word 'it' refer to?
- (1) the fire
 - (2) the smell
 - (3) the smoke
 - (4) the man's coat
21. Why did the people give way to the fire engine?
- (1) They were afraid of the firemen.
 - (2) They were afraid of the fire engine.
 - (3) They wanted to help the firemen fight the fire.
 - (4) They wanted to let the firemen put out the fire.



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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 (Including Listening MCQ)	/26
Booklet C:	/26
Oral	/16
Writing	/20
Total	/100

Parent's signature: _____

Any query on marks awarded should be raised by 21 May 2012. We seek your understanding in this matter as any delay in the confirmation of marks will lead to delays in the generation of results.

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.**

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|-----------|---------|---------|--------|
| (A) her | (B) his | (C) me | (D) my |
| (E) their | (F) we | (G) you | |

Passage 1

It was a great day for an outing to the beach. John and (22) _____ family woke up very early to prepare for the trip.

"I can't wait to swim! Let's have a competition!" challenged John.

"Yes! And I can't wait to beat (23) _____ to that!" replied May.

"All right, children. Can one of you please help (24) _____ load this basket into the car?" asked Mother. "Let's hurry! (25) _____ have to get there before it gets too warm. Now, what else do we need?"

"DADDY!" chorused the siblings in unison.

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|-----------|-------------|-----------|--------|
| (A) about | (B) against | (C) among | (D) on |
| (E) to | (F) up | (G) with | |

Passage 2

This is an email from Tom to his friend, Kirk.

Hi Kirk,

I have just returned from the overnight camping trip you missed. We had a fantastic time at the camp. Let me share two of the highlights (26) _____ you.

On the first day, we went hiking. We spotted a chameleon. It was hidden

(27) _____ some leaves. I had wanted to keep it as a pet but was advised

(28) _____ it. We also had to pitch our own tents. Larry and I were the

first to get our tent^s (29) _____, so we were the first to get to roast marshmallows.

That was cool, right? I will share more details with you when we meet.

Your good friend,

Tom

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.

(A) blocks	(B) bright	(C) daylight
(D) far	(E) food	(F) hole
(G) house	(H) living	(J) near
(K) people	(L) summers	(M) taking

Have you ever heard of the land of Alaska? Alaska is known to have very cold winters and short, hot (30) _____.

For two whole months in a year, there is absolutely no (31) _____.
The sun seems to be (32) _____ a long break during that period.

Most of the (33) _____ who live there are called Eskimos. The Eskimos find the bulk of their (34) _____ from the sea. They have to look very hard to find food. Sometimes, they make a (35) _____ in the ice to catch fish from the sea under it.

The Eskimos make their houses out of thick (36) _____ of frozen snow. The Eskimo's (37) _____ is called an igloo.

Wouldn't you like to visit Alaska?

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.

What was supposed to be a quiet Sunday morning turned into a drama-filled couple of hours for Mr Felix Tang. The unforgettable incident involved chases, both in a car and on foot, before the arrest of three robbery suspects.

Taxi driver, Mr Tang, 55, had picked three passengers up at 7.30 am yesterday from Katong Shopping Mall. He was about to drop them off at West Coast Park when he was held at knifepoint.

Mr Tang was then forced to hand over about \$200, his cellphone and also the key to his taxi. Although stranded, the quick-thinking taxi-driver stopped a passing car on West Coast Highway.

The kind driver, Mr Ali, then called the police before agreeing to drive around to look for the suspects. Minutes later, the alert men soon spotted the trio. Mr Tang gave chase. A student, Michel Theo, who had heard Mr Tang's cries for help, instinctively joined in.

When the three suspects tried to escape by taking a bus, Michel stopped the bus by standing in front of it. Mr Tang then did the same when the suspects tried to board a taxi.

The police arrived shortly and caught the two men and a woman, who were aged between 18 and 24. They were taken away soon after.

The following night, Mr Ali and Michel were each given a plaque and commended by the police for their quick actions.

Mr Tang who had remained calm throughout the incident thanked the police and the kind duo for their help. If not for all of them, the suspects would not have been caught.

Write your answers in complete sentences.

38. Where did the three suspects ask Mr Tang to send them to?

39. What was the first thing Mr Tang did after he was robbed?

40. Why did Mr Tang not chase the suspects using his own taxi?

41. How did Mr Tang stop the suspects from escaping in a taxi?

42. On which day did Michel and Mr Ali receive their plaques?

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS CAREFULLY
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ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2012

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Booklet A

5) 3	6) 3	7) 3	8) 2	9) 3	10) 1	11) 4	12) 1	13) 2
14) 4	15) 3	16) 4	17) 1	18) 3	19) 4	20) 1	21) 4	

22) B 23) G 24) C 25) F 26) G 27) C 28) B 29) F
30) L 31) C 32) M

33) K 34) E 35) F 36) A 37) G

38) They asked Mr Tang to send them to West Coast Park.

39) Mr Tang quickly stopped a passing car on West Coast Highway to tell the driver about the three suspect.

40) The suspect took his car keys.

41) Mr Tang stopped the taxi by standing in front of it.

42) They received their plaques on Monday night.

