



**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL  
2006 SECOND SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT  
PRIMARY THREE**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**BOOKLET A:**

TOTAL TIME: 1 hour 35 mins

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.  
Follow all instructions carefully.  
Answer all questions.

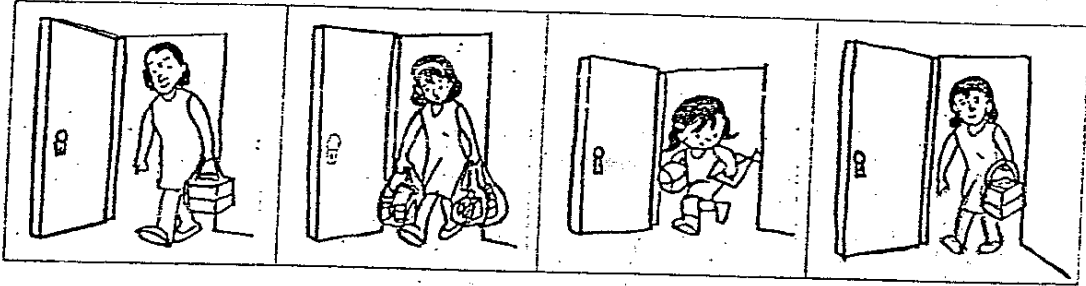
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

Class: Pr 3 ( )

SECTION A: PICTURE MATCHING (4 X 1 mark)

Listen carefully to your teacher and choose the picture which matches the statement(s) that he/she is going to read to you. Shade the number of the correct answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

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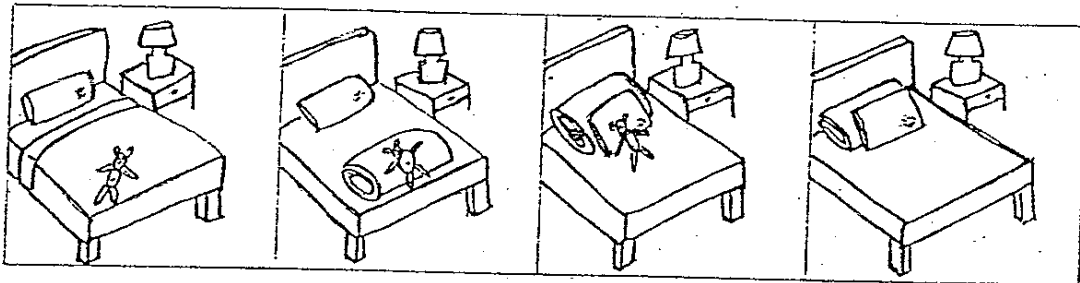
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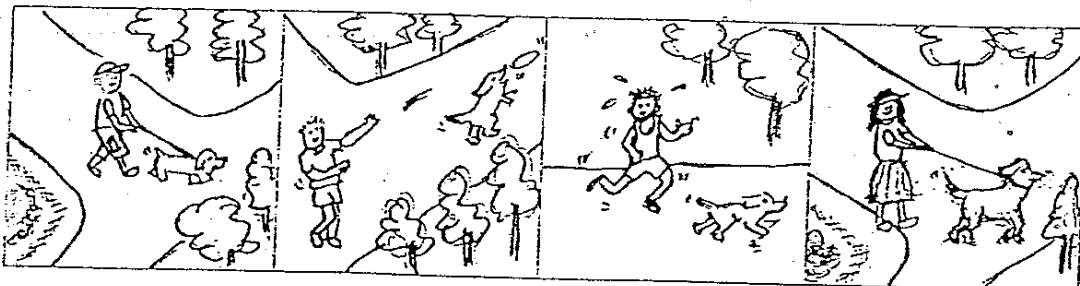
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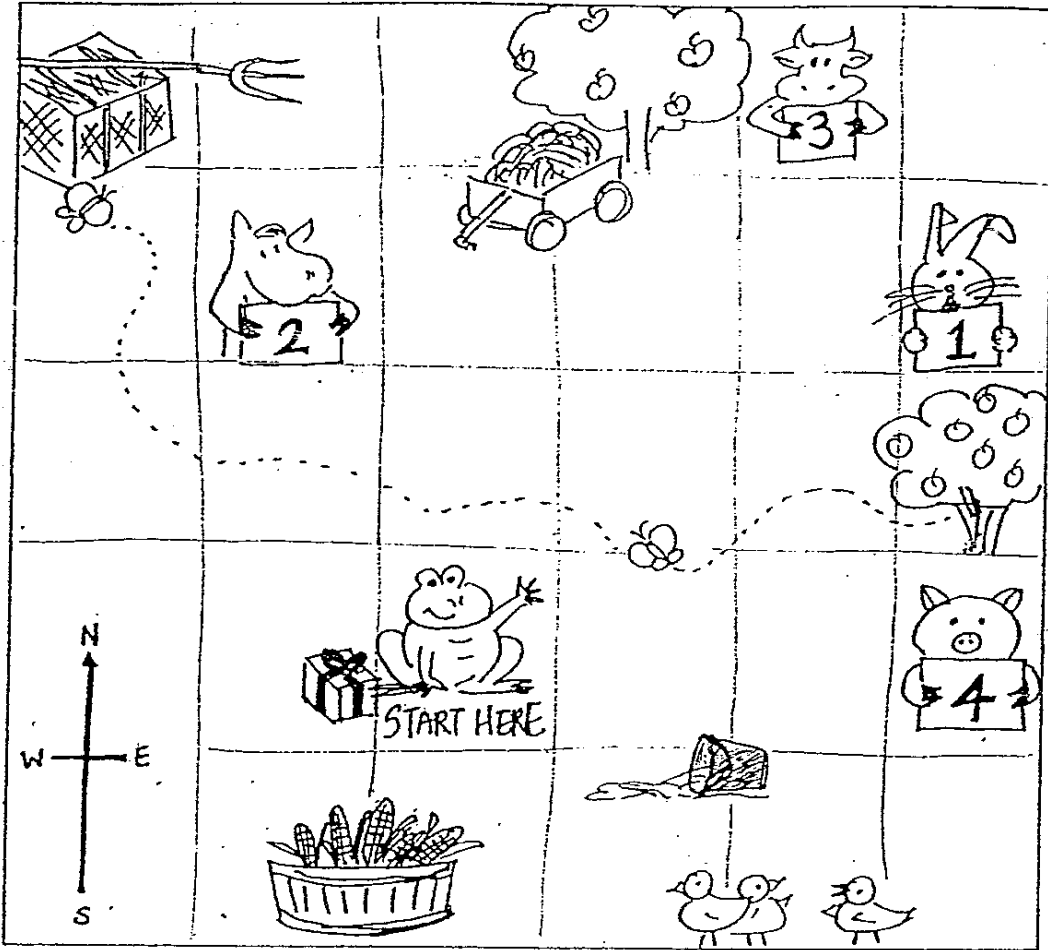
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For Sections B and C, please write the answers in this question booklet.

**Section B: Note-taking (4 X 1 mark)**

Listen carefully now. Q5 to Q8 is a note-taking test. Q9 is a dictation test. Each blank in Q5 to Q8 should be filled with **ONE** word. As you listen, fill in the blanks with the information given.

Q5 Type of instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

Q6 Tool needed to poke a hole: \_\_\_\_\_

Q7 Other material needed: 10-cm square piece of \_\_\_\_\_ bag

Q8 Way to produce sound: Hum into the \_\_\_\_\_ end of the  
cardboard roll

**Section C: Dictation (6 marks)**

Take down the passage in full as you listen to it being read out.

Q9. Besides experimenting with different materials to produce different sounds, you may also include the kazoo in other activities.

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

**SECTION D: GRAMMAR (5 X 1 mark)**

For each question from 5 to 9, 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. Miss Lee told Henry and I to behave \_\_\_\_\_ during the enrichment class.
- (1) myself
  - (2) himself
  - (3) ourselves
  - (4) themselves
6. There are \_\_\_\_\_ boys than girls in the class.
- (1) any
  - (2) some
  - (3) many
  - (4) fewer
7. The pupils \_\_\_\_\_ given a National Day souvenir last Friday.
- (1) is
  - (2) was
  - (3) are
  - (4) were
8. I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ a million dollars. I would donate half of my fortune to charity.
- (1) has
  - (2) had
  - (3) have
  - (4) am having
9. What did Johnson \_\_\_\_\_ for dinner?
- (1) ate
  - (2) eat
  - (3) eats
  - (4) eating

SECTION E: VOCABULARY (5 X 1 mark)

For each question from 10 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).

10. Matthew found a \_\_\_\_\_ of pups behind his house.
- (1) herd
  - (2) flock
  - (3) shoal
  - (4) litter
11. To play the role of an old man, John had to \_\_\_\_\_ himself using a beard and a walking stick.
- (1) cover
  - (2) change
  - (3) disguise
  - (4) camouflage
12. A big \_\_\_\_\_ gathered at the scene of the accident.
- (1) mob
  - (2) gang
  - (3) crowd
  - (4) audience
13. When Little John threw the pebble into the pond, \_\_\_\_\_ could be seen on the water.
- (1) tide
  - (2) flood
  - (3) ripples
  - (4) current
14. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the story is in a faraway land where the trees can walk and birds can talk.
- (1) setting
  - (2) conclusion
  - (3) characters
  - (4) introduction

SECTION F: PUNCTUATION (3 X 1mark)

For question 15 to 17, each circle  indicates a missing punctuation mark. Choose the correct punctuation for each sentence. Shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

15. Hurry, send the injured man to the emergency room

- 1) [?] question mark
- 2) [, ] comma
- 3) [. ] full stop
- 4) [!] exclamation mark

16. "Do you know how to get to Holland Village  asked Pei Pei.

- (1) [ ? ] question mark
- (2) [ , " ] comma and close inverted commas
- (3) [ . " ] full stop and close inverted commas
- (4) [ ? " ] question mark and close inverted commas

17. When the children are sound asleep  Mrs Lim takes a break and reads her favourite story book.

- 1) [?] question mark
- 2) [, ] comma
- 3) [. ] full stop
- 4) [?" ] question mark and close inverted commas

SECTION G: SYNONYMS (3 X 1 mark)

For questions 18 to 20, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word. Shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

Mandy the monkey loves to sing. One day, she saw Ricky the rabbit looking very (18) depressed. Mandy went over and followed Ricky, pretending to be heading in the same direction. Then Mandy started humming a (19) light-hearted tune. When Ricky heard Mandy, his face brightened up (20) at once. Ricky thanked Mandy for the lovely song.

18. **depressed**

- (1) unhappy
- (2) confused
- (3) impressed
- (4) mischievous

19. **light-hearted**

- (1) cheerful
- (2) exciting
- (3) familiar
- (4) beautiful

20. **at once**

- (1) totally
- (2) gradually
- (3) unexpectedly
- (4) immediately



SECTION H: COMPREHENSION (4 X 1 mark)

Read the passage below and answer the questions 21 to 24 that follow.

Steve Irwin was well-known as the "Crocodile Hunter" on television. He was a committed conservationist, running a wildlife park for crocodiles and other Australian fauna, including kangaroos, koalas and possums. He also used some of his wealth to buy land for use as natural habitat.

He would usually be in khaki shorts, shirt and heavy boots in his television programmes. He would creep up to lions, chase and be chased by komodo dragons, and stare eye-to-eye with poisonous snakes. Often, his trademark finish was to hunt down one of the huge crocodiles that live in the rivers and beaches in Australia. He would leap onto its back, grab **its** jaws with his bare hands and tie its mouth with a rope.

On 4<sup>th</sup> September 2006, Steve Irwin died doing what he loved best, getting close to one of the dangerous animals he had dedicated his life to protecting. His heart was pierced by the poisonous spine of a stingray while shooting a new television programme, "Ocean's Deadliest" on the Great Barrier Reef.

*Adapted from www.asia1.com.sg*

21. Steve Irwin bought land to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) build houses for himself
- (2) build a television station
- (3) provide homes for animals
- (4) provide homes for crocodiles only

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22. The word 'its' (in paragraph 2) refers to the \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) lion
- (2) snake
- (3) crocodile
- (4) komodo dragon

23. How was Steve Irwin killed? He was \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) attacked by lions
- (2) poisoned by snakes
- (3) pierced by a stingray
- (4) attacked by a crocodile

24. Steve Irwin passed away while shooting a new television programme

"\_\_\_\_\_".

- (1) Stingrays
- (2) Crocodile Hunter
- (3) Ocean's Deadliest
- (4) Great Barrier Reef

SECTION I: GRAMMAR CLOZE (5 X 1 mark)

Read the passage below carefully. Choose the answers from the words given in the box. Each word is given a letter name (A to E). Write the letter for the correct word in each blank.

Passage 1

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY

(A) however	<del>(B)</del> while	(C) and
(D) so	<del>(E)</del> then	<del>(F)</del> because
(G) although		

One night, when the Tan family was out having supper, a burglar broke into their house. He opened the window (25) \_\_\_\_\_ crept into the house. He used the torch (26) \_\_\_\_\_ it was dark. (27) \_\_\_\_\_ he sneaked into one of the bedrooms. (28) \_\_\_\_\_ he was searching the room, he heard some footsteps coming towards the room. He quickly hid under the bed. (29) \_\_\_\_\_, nobody entered the room. The burglar heaved a sigh of relief.

SECTION J: VOCABULARY CLOZE - WITH HELPING WORDS (4 X 1 mark)

Read the passage below carefully. Choose the answers from the words given in the box. Each word is given a letter name (A to H). Write the letter for the correct word in each blank.

USE EACH WORD **ONCE** ONLY

(A) legs	(B) time	(C) poured	(D) splashed
(E) head	(F) days	(G) frightened	

Almost everyone can learn to swim. The first thing is to believe that you can! Some people are (30)\_\_\_\_\_ of the water at first. That is why a lot of (31)\_\_\_\_\_ must be spent getting used to it. Having water (32)\_\_\_\_\_ on your face is one of the things you must get used to. Ducking your (33)\_\_\_\_\_ under water is the next thing to learn. After a while, you will start to enjoy being under water.

SECTION K: MODIFIED CLOZE (4 X 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Mrs Brown loved cooking. One day, she bought a non-stick baking tin. The tin was black on the inside. It was made of something that would prevent pies from sticking to the tin. This made it (34)\_\_\_\_\_ to wash the tin.

One day, Grandpa (35)\_\_\_\_\_ to stay. After dinner, he wanted to help (36)\_\_\_\_\_ the dishes and the baking tin. When Mrs Brown came back to the kitchen much later, Grandpa was still washing up. "You've (37)\_\_\_\_\_ a long time washing up," she said.

"I've finished now," said Grandpa. "This baking tin took a long time to clean but I've got all the nasty black stuff off now."

SECTION L: EDITING – SPELLING (3 X 1 mark)

There are 4 words that are underlined in the sentences below. They are spelt wrongly. Write the correct spelling of each word in the boxes provided.

38. Annie has been writing her dairy every day since she was eight.

39. At around midnight, Mr. And Mrs. Tan were awoken and alarmed by

some noice at the back of their house.

40. Nallie was very embarrassed when John speeled the beans on why

she had come to school late yesterday.

SECTION M: SENTENCE COMBINING (2 X 2 mark)

Rewrite the two sentences of each question below into a sentence by using the word given.

41. Ben was not discouraged. He did not win the race.

Although \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

42. You continue to play in class. Your toys will be taken away.

\_\_\_\_\_ if \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Section N: Comprehension Open-ended (5 X 2 marks)

For each question from <sup>43</sup> 45 to <sup>47</sup> 49, read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

A high-speed train rushed through the local station. Swoosh! In the waiting room, Alfie stretched himself in his basket and yawned. That could be the overnight express train to London. "It must be about half-past five," he thought. He snuggled down again, glad to have a nice warm bed on such a cold morning.

<sup>Alfie</sup> About a quarter of an hour later, a train chugged through the station and Bruce knew it was time to get up. Alfie had to be on duty before the rest of the railway workers.

For the last two days, Hack, the new Leading Railman, had not given him his early morning saucer of milk and half-tin of cat food. Alfie hoped for better luck this morning, otherwise he might be forced to prowl around the village doorsteps in search of a bottle of milk to knock over. However, he did not want to do that.

A leap onto a bench, a quick jump, a scramble through a partly opened door and Alfie, the handsome grey and white-striped cat, was on the platform. He arrived on the platform just as Hack was opening the workers' room. Alfie followed the man into the room.

"Meow! Meow! Meow!" cried Alfie, as he weaved in and out of the man's legs.

"Go away!" shouted Hack. "I have no time for spoilt cats. I have to sweep the platforms now." Then, he walked away to take a broom.

Alfie was aghast. "Was a cat expected to keep the station clear of mice and be friendly to passengers on an empty stomach?"

*Adapted from "The Railway Cat" by Phyllis Arkle*

Write your answers in complete sentences.

43. Where did Alfie sleep in the railway station?

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44. What was Alfie's breakfast?

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45. What does "that" (in paragraph 3) refer to?

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46. What did Alfie look like?

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47. What was Alfie's job at the railway station?

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**CHECK YOUR ANSWERS CAREFULLY.  
END OF PAPER**

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**Answer Sheets**  
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5) 3	6) 4	7) 4	8) 2	9) 2
10) 4	11) 3	12) 3	13) 3	14) 1
15) 4	16) 4	17) 2	18) 1	19) 1
20) 4	21) 3	22) 3	23) 3	24) 3
25) C	26) F	27) E	28) B	29) A
30) G	31) B	32) D	33) E	

34) easier	35) came	36) wash	37) spent
38) diary	39) noise	40) spilled	

- Q41. Although Ben did not win the race, he was discouraged.  
Q42. Your toys will be taken away if you continue to play in class.  
Q43. Alfie slept in the waiting room.  
Q44. Alfie's breakfast was a saucer of milk and half-tin of cat food.  
Q45. It refers "*to prowling around the village looking for bottles of milk to knock over*".  
Q46. Alfie was a handsome grey and white-striped cat.  
Q47. His job was to clear the station of mice and be friendly to passengers.