



NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1 – 2014
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
Primary 4

Paper 2

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Class : Primary 4 _____

Date : 9 May 2014

Total Marks: _____ / 50

Parent's Signature

Duration: 1 hour 15 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

SECTION A: VOCABULARY (6 X 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and write the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided below.

1. The police officer _____ the suspect for four hours but the suspect did not say a word.

- (1) ordered
- (2) threatened
- (3) commanded
- (4) interrogated ()

2. When a fire broke out, everyone panicked except for Tommy, who remained _____ and helped others to leave the building.

- (1) as cold as ice
- (2) as wise as an owl
- (3) as cool as a cucumber
- (4) as stubborn as a mule ()

3. Mr Bloom's handwriting was so _____ that his students found it extremely difficult to read his comments.

- (1) illegal
- (2) illegible
- (3) illogical
- (4) illiterate ()

4. The bank robber forced the bank manager to _____ the keys to the safe.

- (1) hand up
- (2) hand out
- (3) hand over
- (4) hand down ()

5. The explanation in the old textbook was so confusing and complex that it was _____. It was no wonder that a new textbook was introduced last year.

- (1) over one's head
- (2) breaking one's back
- (3) believing one's eyes
- (4) biting one's head off ()

6. The evil conqueror ordered his troops to _____ set fire to the art pieces in the museum in order to destroy the history and culture of the place.
- (1) unwittingly
 - (2) accidentally
 - (3) intentionally
 - (4) unknowingly
- ()

SECTION B: GRAMMAR (8 X 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and write the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided below.

7. The children helped _____ to the cake even though the party had not started.
- (1) itself
 - (2) yourself
 - (3) ourselves
 - (4) themselves
- ()

8. " _____ men over there look suspicious," Jim remarked.
- (1) This
 - (2) That
 - (3) These
 - (4) Those
- ()

9. After he _____ his medicine, Gabriel went to bed.
- (1) takes
 - (2) took
 - (3) had taken
 - (4) was taking
- ()

10. There were very _____ people who could answer the question.
- (1) few
 - (2) less
 - (3) little
 - (4) least
- ()

11. The ugly _____ of the villain shocked the hero.
- (1) appear
 - (2) appeared
 - (3) appearing
 - (4) appearance
- ()

12. The pile of books _____ far too heavy for us. We need help.
 (1) is
 (2) are
 (3) was
 (4) were ()
13. The pupils are walking quietly _____ the corridor.
 (1) on
 (2) along
 (3) through
 (4) between ()
14. My dentist advised me to _____ my teeth twice a day.
 (1) brush
 (2) brushes
 (3) brushed
 (4) brushing ()

SECTION C: GRAMMAR CLOZE (PERSONAL PRONOUNS) (4 X 1 mark)

Read the following 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.

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| (A) we | (B) his | (C) him |
| (D) her | (E) hers | (F) they |

Charlie Bucket was amazed at the size of the chocolate factory. He wished that (15)_____ entire family could be there to see how beautiful the place was. A proud girl, Veruca Salt, then walked by and boldly declared that everything in the chocolate factory was (16)_____. Mr Willy Wonka was not pleased by what she said and glared at Veruca's parents, who had spoiled (17)_____ rotten. However, Mr and Mrs Salt thought that what (18)_____ had done was good for Veruca. Little did they know what was going to happen next.

Adapted from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl

SECTION D: GRAMMAR CLOZE (SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT) (4 X 1 mark)

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

As I sailed down the Amazon River, I was both delighted and afraid. The Amazon River (19) [is / was] the second longest river in the world and very little is known about it. I heard a splash and realised that a few river dolphins (20) [was / were] swimming beside my canoe. I reached out my hand to pat them and they playfully (21) [swam / swum] in circles to avoid my hand. The dolphins suddenly dived to the bottom of the river. They had (22) [saw / seen] the danger that was ahead. A large caiman, which is a close relative of the crocodile, was lying in wait along the riverbank. My troubles had just begun.

SECTION E: SYNTHESIS & TRANSFORMATION (2 X 1 mark)

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

23. Mr Tan decided to go on a diet. Mr Tan had put on a lot of weight recently.

_____ since

24. John lives in Singapore. John's family lives in Malaysia.

_____ but

SECTION F: EDITING (6 x 1) marks

Correct each word which is underlined for spelling, grammar or punctuation. Write the correct word in each of the relevant box.

Robinson Crusoe thought that he was alone on the island. He felt so lonely and he

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would give anything to have a kompaneon. "Nobody knows that I am here," Robinson

26)

wept as he sat on the ground. Suddenly, a man run towards him and shouted for

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help. Robinson quickly waved his arms and shouted, " Its safe here! Come!"

As they hid in the tall bushes, the man pointed out that he had just escaped from

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his enermis. Even though Robinson and the man did not speak the same language,

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they soon became friends and went from thick and thin together. In the end, with the

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help of his asistent and friend, Robinson Crusoe was able to return home to England

safely. They even went on new adventures together after returning to England.

Adapted from Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe

SECTION G: COMPREHENSION 1(10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Roald Dahl wrote several drafts of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* before he finished the one we know so well today. In the final draft, Charlie Bucket is one of the five lucky children who won a Golden Ticket to Mr Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory. When Roald Dahl was writing the book, he originally had the idea for more children to enter the factory. He enjoyed thinking and writing about all the different types of children he could imagine.

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However, he found that there were too many children for the story to flow well. With each new draft, he reduced the number of children from fifteen to ten, then to six, before ending up with the five children in the published story.

Even though the number of children was eventually reduced to five, Roald Dahl did write draft scenes for all the rude and naughty children who were eventually cut from the finished book. Today, these scenes can be found in the Roald Dahl archives. Three of these children who did not appear in the book were called Marvin Prune, Clarence Clump and Miranda Mary Piker, of which Miranda was only removed in the final draft.

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"I remember one small girl I slung out of the book, who was called Miranda Mary Piker. She was the filthiest, rudest and unruliest creature you could imagine," Roald Dahl explained. In one of the early drafts, Miranda Mary Piker went swimming in the chocolate river and fell down the chocolate waterfall. Mr Willy Wonka's helpers, the Oompa-Loompas, then falsely claimed that she had been turned into Peanut Brittle, to the horror of her parents.

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Roald Dahl loved the character of Miranda Mary Piker so much that he made her the star of a special chapter entitled "Spotty Powder", which was only released a long time after *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* was published. If you are interested in reading this secret chapter, do check out the book *Spotty Powder and Other Splendiferous Secrets* by Roald Dahl!

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Adapted from: www.Roalddahl.com

31. How many children did Roald Dahl originally planned to have in the factory?

[1m]

32. Which word has the same meaning as "dirtiest"? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

She was the filthiest, rudest and unruliest creature you could imagine.

(B)

33. Why did Roald Dahl eventually reduce the number of children to five? [1m]

- (1) He wanted the story to flow better.
- (2) He did not enjoy writing about the different children.
- (3) Miranda Mary Piker was too difficult to write into the story.
- (4) He wrote many drafts and the publisher liked the one with five children. ()

34. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

The final character to be removed from the draft was _____ [1m]

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Marvin Prune

Charlie Bucket

Miranda Mary Piker

35. According to the passage, what two things did Miranda Mary Piker do in the chocolate factory?

1) _____ [1m]

2) _____ [1m]

36. Name the title of a book written by Roald Dahl that is mentioned in the passage.

[1m]

37. According to the passage, which of the following sentence is true? [1m]

- (1) Miranda Mary Piker did not turn into a Peanut Brittle Bar.
- (2) Roald Dahl did not enjoy writing about Miranda Mary Piker.
- (3) Roald Dahl reduced the number of children to five after the first draft.
- (4) The scenes about the children who were not in the final story were lost forever.

38. Which word from paragraph 4 tells you that Miranda's parents feared for her safety?

[1m]

39. Write 1,2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the sequence of events that occurred in the passage. (1m)

_____ *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* was published.

_____ Roald Dahl reduced the number of children in the story from six to five.

_____ *Spotty Powder and Other Splendiferous Secrets* was published.

SECTION H: COMPREHENSION 2 (10 marks)

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

Prince Henry got off his horse angrily and glared at his guards. They had been travelling in the forest for hours and not one of them knew the way out of the forest. Earlier that day, their forest guide had stolen a bag of gold from the prince and ran away, leaving them lost in the forest. Sir Arthur, the brave knight and the only one who knew the forest well, had gone off to pursue the thief.

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Prince Henry thought that the forest would be dangerous when the night fell. Rumours said that strange creatures roamed the forest at night. "There is only one more hour before the sun sets! Can anyone think of a way out of this forest?" Prince Henry roared at his guards. Suddenly, a loud howl of great pain was soon heard in the distance. Prince Henry and his men started trembling in fear.

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"Guards! Form a circle around me now!" Prince Henry commanded. However, none of the guards moved towards the prince. Instead, they started running off in different directions. The howls of pain became louder and Prince Henry could hear heavy footsteps approaching. Prince Henry knelt down and started praying for help. As the prince started praying, he realised that the footsteps had stopped right in front of him. He did not dare to look up and hoped that the creatures would leave him alone. "My prince, why are you kneeling?" a familiar voice was heard. Prince Henry looked up and saw Sir Arthur. Sir Arthur presented the forest guide, who had been tied up and dragged along the forest floor.

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The whimpering forest guide then cried, "Please, Prince Henry, forgive me for stealing your gold! Release me and I will guide you out of the forest before the creatures come." Prince Henry was terrified and agreed to free the forest guide. However, Sir Arthur stopped him "Do not believe him. He's lying. There are no such things as strange creatures in these woods. Those tales are made up by this devious man so that he could steal from the villagers in the night and blame the thefts on those creatures," Sir Arthur explained. Prince Henry was furious when he heard that and decided to double the punishment on the forest guide. Sir Arthur smiled, and then, dragging the thief along, led the way for the prince to return to his palace safely.

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All answers must be based on the given text. Answer in complete sentences.

40. Why did Prince Henry get off his horse angrily? (1m)

41. Which word from paragraph 1 has the same meaning as "to chase after"? (1m)

42. Write 1,2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the sequence of events that occurred in the story. (1m)

_____ Prince Henry and his guards were lost in the forest.

_____ The forest guide stole a bag of gold.

_____ Sir Arthur went after the thief.

43. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. (3m)

| Statement | True/False | Reason |
|---|------------|--------|
| Strange creatures attacked people in the forest at night. | | |
| The guards were not loyal to Prince Henry. | | |
| The forest guide led Prince Henry and Sir Arthur safely out of the forest in the end. | | |

44. Why did Prince Henry and his guards tremble in fear in line 10? (2m)

45. Why did the forest guide make up the tales of the strange creatures in the forest? (2m)

End-of-Paper

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Section A:

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| Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q5 | Q6 |
| 4 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 3 |

Section B:

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| Q7 | Q8 | Q9 | Q10 | Q11 | Q12 | Q13 | Q14 |
| 4 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 |

Section C:

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| Q15 | Q16 | Q17 | Q18 |
| B | E | D | F |

Section D:

Q19) is

Q20) were

Q21) swam

Q22) seen

Section E:

Q23) Mr Tan decided to go on a diet since he had put on a lot of weight recently.

Q24) John lives in Singapore but his family lives in Malaysia.

Section F:

Q25) companion

Q26) ran

Q27) It's

Q28) enemies

Q29) through

Q30) assistant

Section G:

Q31) fifteen

Q32) (A) filthiest

Q33) 1

Q34) Miranda Mary Piker

Q35) 1) She went swimming in the chocolate river

2) She fell down the chocolate waterfall

Q36) Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Q37) 1

Q38) horror

Q39) 2, 1, 3

Section H:

Q40) He was lost in the forest and not one of them knew the way out.

Q41) Pursue

Q42) 3, 1, 2

Q43)

| Statement | True/False | Reason |
|---|------------|---|
| Strange creatures attacked people in the forest at night. | False | The strange creatures were made up by the forest guide. |
| The guards were not loyal to Prince Henry. | True | When Prince Henry told them to circle around him, they ran off in different directions. |
| The forest guide led Prince Henry and Sir Arthur safely out of the forest in the end. | False | The forest guide was punished and Sir Arthur led the way for the prince to return to his palace safely. |

Q44) They heard a loud howl and thought that it was from the strange creatures which might attack them.

Q45) He did that to steal things from villagers in the night and blame the thefts on the creatures.

