



NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2 – 2014
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
Primary 4

Paper 2

Name : _____ ()

Class : Primary 4 _____

Date : 24 October 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. Celine was so _____ when Andrew called her names that she threw her water bottle at him.

- (1) furious
- (2) frightened
- (3) disappointed
- (4) embarrassed ()

2. The winners for the dance competition will be decided by a distinguished _____ of judges.

- (1) band
- (2) class
- (3) panel
- (4) squad ()

3. Much to his embarrassment, the shy pupil _____ in his speech when he tried to answer the teacher's questions.

- (1) uttered
- (2) muttered
- (3) stumbled
- (4) stuttered ()

4. Ken is leaving for China next month. His family will surely miss his _____ in the house.

- (1) absence
- (2) presence
- (3) attendance
- (4) appearance ()

5. Fandi had to _____ the invitation to Amanda's birthday party as he would be away.

- (1) turn in
- (2) turn back
- (3) turn down
- (4) turn away

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6. Jiawen's handwriting was so _____ that it was almost impossible for her parents to read what she had written.

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

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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. My sister and I followed Aunt Kerrie's recipe and baked the cookies _____.

- (1) myself
- (2) herself
- (3) ourselves
- (4) themselves

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8. My niece _____ upset when I played a prank on her during lunch yesterday.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

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9. Aaron and his sister _____ relieved when they found their lost puppy.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

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10. "Be quiet. Mr Chua _____ us what to do for the practical test right now," said the class monitor.
- (1) told
 - (2) tells
 - (3) has told
 - (4) is telling
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11. Gabriel _____ to the park for a soccer game with his friends last Saturday afternoon.
- (1) goes
 - (2) went
 - (3) has gone
 - (4) was going
- ()
12. While everyone _____ the movie in the living room, Julie stayed in her bedroom to read.
- (1) watches
 - (2) will watch
 - (3) has watched
 - (4) was watching
- ()
13. _____ girls sitting over there in the stadium have the best view of the badminton tournament.
- (1) This
 - (2) That
 - (3) These
 - (4) Those
- ()
14. The coffee was too sweet because I had put too _____ sugar in it.
- (1) few
 - (2) little
 - (3) much
 - (4) many
- ()

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) us | (C) you |
| (D) your | (E) they | (F) them |

Thank you for writing to Singa and the Kindness Cubbies. Hope that
(15)_____ are enjoying school. We hope that you are spreading kindness to
(16)_____ friends too!

Did having patience ever help you overcome any difficulties or obstacles?
(17)_____ will be happy if you can share your experiences with us. Send
(18)_____ your letters, drawings, pictures or questions on patience! We are
looking forward to receiving your entries soon!

Adapted from Kindsville Times Issue 2/2014

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.

Chinese New Year is a happy occasion for many people. As I (19) [have / had]
to make small talk with my relatives, I am not really looking forward to it. The last time I
(20) [meet / met] my relatives was almost a year ago. Whenever I talk to unfamiliar
people, I (21) [become / became] tongue-tied. My face will also turn as red as the
hongbao I (22) [receive / received]. Oh, what am I going to do?

Adapted from Little Red Dot, February 2014

SECTION E: SYNTHESIS & TRANSFORMATION (2 X 2 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. "My father will be flying off to Japan tomorrow," Amy told her teacher.

Amy told her teacher that _____

24. Frank does not eat fish. His sisters do not eat fish too.

Neither Frank _____

SECTION F: EDITING (4 x 1) marks

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

Ever heard of the phrase “a friend in need is a friend indeed”? It is used to describe people who stick by you in times of trouble and who will not leave you in the lurch – real friends.

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For instantz, the search for the missing Flight MH370 in the oceans is likened to searching for a 1.5-litre bottle in a space the size of Singapore. Fortunately, many

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international friends, including Singapore, have volunteer to help by sending search planes or using satellites.

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On a daily basis, you can learn who your true friends are if you are in a crysis.

A true friend is one who will support you, even when you are the target of a school bully.

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A real buddy do not mind explaining a difficult Mathematics problem or teaching you how to do your homework, even if it means you end up scoring better than he does.

Do you have such friends? Treasure these gems!

Adapted from Little Red Dot, April 2014

SECTION G: COMPREHENSION 1(10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

A schoolboy's assignment is now featured in a café in Kovan Avenue. In February, nine-year-old Gerard Meehan from Stella Maris Primary School was inspired by a cloze passage assignment about cheesecakes, which came with a recipe for a no-bake cheesecake.

Excited to try out the recipe, Gerard had pestered his mother for weeks to try the recipe together until she finally agreed. He said, "I wanted to make it to let my teachers try. I also wanted to give the recipe to Hatter Street." Hatter Street is a café in Kovan Avenue. 5

He had asked Ms Yvette Chua, the owner of the café, to try out his recipe. To his surprise, Ms Chua decided to sell a modified version of his cheesecake. Naming it after him, the cheesecake, which sells for \$5.50 a slice, is called Gerard Says. 10

"His passion for baking got me intrigued. I feel very touched that someone so young aspires to be a chef," said Ms Chua.

Gerard has always liked baking and asks his parents to let him bake every week. He wants to be like Ms Chua. 15

The cheesecake usually goes on sale on Thursdays, the day Gerard usually visits the café for his weekly fix of waffles and dessert. Mrs Kaur, Gerard's teacher, said, "Some of the teachers also went down just to try the cheesecake."

Adapted from: Little Red Dot

29. Where is the café located? [1m]

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

(1) Gerard wants to be a chef, just like Ms Chua.

(2) Gerard usually visits Hatter Street on Thursdays.

(3) Some of Gerard's teachers are regular customers of Hatter Street. ()

36. Which word from paragraph 3 tells you that the cheesecake sold was not the original version? [1m]

37. Write 1,2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the sequence of events that occurred in the passage. [1m]

_____ 'Gerard Says' goes on sale at the café every Thursday.

_____ Gerard Meehan did a cloze passage assignment about cheesecakes.

_____ Gerard pestered his mother to try the recipe and she finally agreed.

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SECTION H: COMPREHENSION 2 (10 marks)

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

An old Chinese custom in which young girls had their feet tightly bound was banned by the Chinese government in 1912. The practice started about a thousand years before the ban, during the reign of Emperor Li Yu of the Southern Tang Dynasty.

The emperor's heart was said to be captivated by a concubine, Yao Niang, after she performed a ballet-like lotus dance on the points of her feet while they were bound in white silk. Thus, many women in the palaces began to bind their feet in order to be seen as graceful.

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During subsequent dynasties, foot binding grew even more popular, spreading from court circles to the wealthy before eventually moving to the countryside, where young girls realised that binding their feet could allow them to marry into wealthy families.

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The binding process began when a girl was very young, between the ages of three and five. A child's foot bones can be bent at this age and her arches have not developed yet. Toenails were clipped extremely short before an adult family member – usually the mother, an aunt or a grandmother – broke the four smallest toes on each foot. The girl's feet were then plunged into a pan filled with animal blood and herbs while the adult dipped long rectangular silk or cotton bandages into the pan. When the girl's feet were removed from the pan, the bandages were wrapped tightly around the broken toes and pulled tightly under the heel.

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Clean bandages were applied every two days, over the next two years. Once the healing process is over, the child is left with deformed feet of four tiny toes and one large toe, which makes it extremely difficult for her to move.

Adapted from: Little Red Dot

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

38. What was the old Chinese custom that was banned by the Chinese government in 1912? [1m]

39. Which word from **paragraph 2** has the same meaning as "attracted"? [1m]

40. Write 1,2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the sequence of events that occurred in the story. [1m]

_____ An adult family member broke the four smallest toes on each foot.

_____ Rectangular bandages were wrapped tightly around the toes.

_____ Toenails were clipped extremely short.

41. 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]

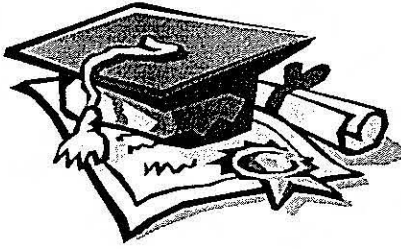
	Statement	True/False	Reason
(i)	Women in the palace bound their feet in order to attract Emperor Li Yu.		
(ii)	Young girls in the countryside bound their feet to increase their chances of becoming wealthy.		

(iii) All the toes were broken during the foot binding process.

42. Why did the binding process begin when a girl was between the ages of three and five? [2m]

43. What caused girls with bound feet to move with difficulty after healing? [2m]

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ANSWER SHEET

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SCHOOL : NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL

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TERM : SA2

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
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B																

19. have

20. met

21. become

22. receive

23. Amy told her teacher that her father would be flying off to Japan the next day.

24. Neither Frank nor his sisters eat fish.

25. instance

26. volunteered

27. crisis

28. does

29. Kovan Avenue

30. 3

31. A

32. Gerard Meehan

33. Waffles
Dessert

34. Gerard Says

35. 3

36. Modified

37. 3

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38. The old China custom in which young girls had their feet bound was banned by the Chinese government.

39. Captivated

40. 2

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41. i) False

Women bound their feet in order to appear graceful.

ii) True

Young girls in the countryside who bound their feet could marry into wealthy families.

iii) False

The four smallest toes on each foot were broken during the foot binding process.

42. A child's foot bones can be bent between these ages and her arches have not developed yet.

43. The deformed feet of four tiny toes and a large toe caused the difficulty.