



**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL  
2007 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**PRIMARY FOUR  
BOOKLET A: LISTENING**

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.

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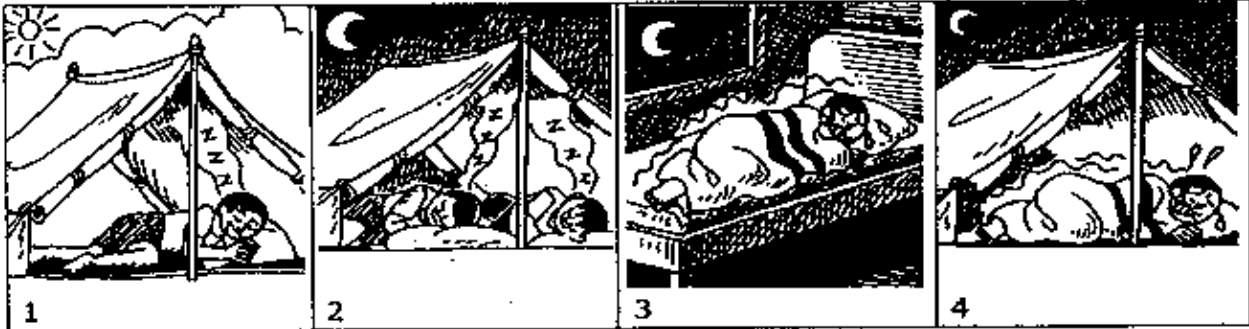
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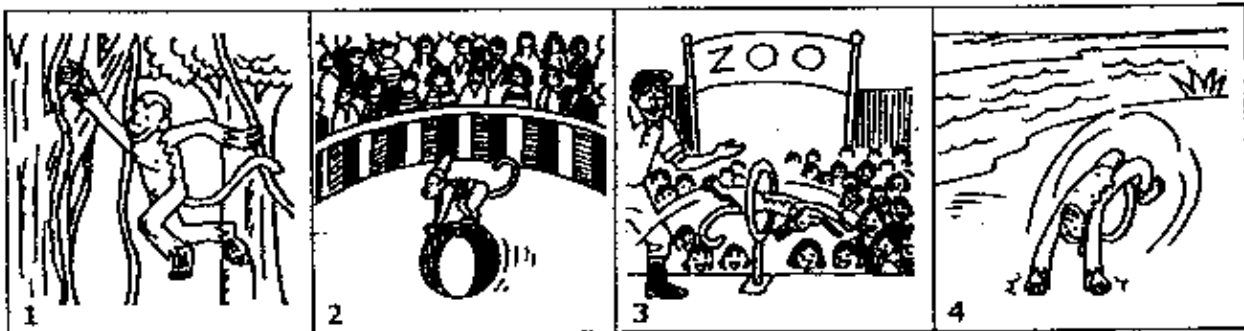
SECTION A: PICTURE MATCHING (4 X 1 mark = 4 marks)

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.**

1.



2.



3.



4.



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

**SECTION B: NOTE-TAKING (4 x 1 m = 4 marks)**

Listen carefully now. Do not write anything. Q5 to Q8 is a note-taking test.  
Q9 is a dictation test.

Your best friend, Karen, is not feeling well and is unable to attend her first CCA meeting. Both of you are in the same CCA group and you offer to help her take down details at the meeting.

Each blank in Q5 to Q8 should be filled with **one** word. As you listen, fill in the blanks with the information given.

<b>Hockey CCA</b>	
Date of commencement	: 11 <sup>th</sup> January.
Q5. Frequency of training sessions	: _____ a week.
Q6. Date to return consent form	: _____ January.
Q7. Venue to meet CCA teacher	: _____.
Q8. Duration of training session	: _____ hours.

**SECTION C: UNSEEN DICTATION (6 marks)**

Write out the journal entry in Q9 **in full** as you listen to it being read out.

Q9. I am so excited. My school team will be competing in the National  
Competition next week. \_\_\_\_\_

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**BOOKLET B: LANGUAGE USE AND  
COMPREHENSION (MULTIPLE CHOICE  
QUESTIONS)**

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**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 m = 5 marks)**

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. My friend talked so \_\_\_\_\_ that my teacher scolded him.
- (1) loud
  - (2) loudly
  - (3) louder
  - (4) loudest
6. He \_\_\_\_\_ walks to school but he is cycling today as he is late.
- (1) never
  - (2) hardly
  - (3) seldom
  - (4) usually
7. My brother and his friends repaired the bicycle \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) itself
  - (2) himself
  - (3) ourselves
  - (4) themselves
8. The little girl \_\_\_\_\_ the police officer for help when she was lost.
- (1) approach
  - (2) approaches
  - (3) approached
  - (4) will approach
9. The children always \_\_\_\_\_ a nap in the afternoon when they are tired.
- (1) took
  - (2) take
  - (3) takes
  - (4) will take

SECTION E: VOCABULARY (5 x 1 m = 5 marks)

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. The early immigrants to Singapore had to take a long sea \_\_\_\_\_ that was risky and dangerous.
- (1) trip
  - (2) cruise
  - (3) voyage
  - (4) expedition
11. The tourists stood in awe of the grand and \_\_\_\_\_ palace.
- (1) amazing
  - (2) fantastic
  - (3) magnificent
  - (4) astonishing
12. Mrs. Lim \_\_\_\_\_ angrily at her son for misbehaving in the restaurant.
- (1) gaped
  - (2) gazed
  - (3) glared
  - (4) glanced
13. "Excuse me, Mei Ling, do you think I could \_\_\_\_\_ your pen?" I asked.
- (1) lend
  - (2) take
  - (3) loan
  - (4) borrow
14. Although someone had seen him take the watch, he \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- (1) denied
  - (2) refused
  - (3) rejected
  - (4) disowned



SECTION F: PUNCTUATION (3 x 1 m = 3 marks)

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

15. The old man said  I will grant you three wishes."

- (1) [ : ] colon
- (2) [ , ] comma
- (3) [ " ] open inverted commas
- (4) [ , " ] comma and open inverted commas

16. "You were not rude to your teacher, were you  " Mother wanted to know.

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

17. " Let's take the dog for a walk  suggested Ravi excitedly.

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

SECTION G: SYNONYMS (3 x 1m = 3 marks)

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

Scotland is famous for its highlands and lakes. There is a (Q18) still, dark lake in Scotland called Loch Ness which has been (Q19) infamous for years. The reason is simple: it is rumoured to be the home of a horrible creature known as the Loch Ness Monster, sometimes (Q20) affectionately called Nessie. The Loch Ness Monster is thought to be something like the dragon from old European mythology.

18. still

- (1) calm
- (2) lifeless
- (3) inactive
- (4) stationary

19. infamous

- (1) unknown
- (2) notorious
- (3) unpopular
- (4) mysterious

20. affectionately

- (1) fondly
- (2) simply
- (3) cheerfully
- (4) humorously

SECTION H: COMPREHENSION (4 x 1 mark = 4 marks)

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

For questions 21 to 24, shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

In the savannahs of Africa, the giraffe must count as one of the most visible of land creatures. In these wide open spaces where one's horizon is seldom blocked except by some trees and there the giraffe stands out prominently. It has an advantage over other animals in the savannahs as it is able to see things from afar.

With its extremely long neck, slender body and distinctive spots, the giraffe is a strange-looking animal which never fails to fascinate us. Despite its peculiar appearance, it is a graceful and pleasing sight. With a well-proportioned body and long legs, the giraffe saunters across the grassland with the ease and calm of a gazelle.

When grazing for food, it becomes clear how the giraffe's long neck is put to excellent use. The animal can reach the tall branches of leaves where no other land-bound creature has access to.

Its long limbs also come into practical use when the giraffe needs to escape from its predators. Though not the swiftest land mammal, it can still run a good mile. Alternatively, it can simply use its powerful legs to kick the offenders.

21. The giraffe is able to see far and wide because \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) of its height
- (2) of its good eyesight
- (3) it lives in wide open spaces
- (4) it is one of the most visible of land creatures

22. From the passage, we can conclude that the savannah is a large area of \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) grassland
- (2) desert land
- (3) forested land
- (4) swampy land

23. The giraffe appears graceful because of its \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) distinctive spots
- (2) peculiar appearance
- (3) extremely long neck
- (4) well-proportioned body

24. The giraffe's long neck enables it to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) run fast
- (2) look elegant
- (3) balance itself
- (4) reach for food



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**BOOKLET C: LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION  
(OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS)**

TOTAL TIME: 1 hour 35 mins

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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Booklet A: Note-taking and Unseen Dictation	/10
Booklet B (Including Listening MCQ)	/24
Booklet C:	/30
Writing	/20
Oral	/16
Total	/100

SECTION I: GRAMMAR CLOZE (5 X 1m = 5 marks)

There are 5 blanks, numbered 25 to 29. From the words given in the box, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to H) on the blank. **Each word can be used once only.**

(A) on

(B) of

(C) also

(D) hence

(E) or

(F) for

(G) although

(H) however

Llamas are very important animals to the mountain people of South America. They are members (25) \_\_\_\_\_ the camel family. Llamas are small animals. (26) \_\_\_\_\_, they are still able to carry a load of more than fifty kilogrammes. They can (27) \_\_\_\_\_ climb well. Like camels, llamas can go (28) \_\_\_\_\_ days without water. In the mountains, they live on green plants.

Large flocks of llamas are found in the Andes Mountains of South America. When they are tired (29) \_\_\_\_\_ their burdens are too heavy, they can be very stubborn. They will lie down and refuse to move.

SECTION J: MODIFIED CLOZE (8 x 1m = 8 marks)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

One day, All Baba was gathering wood in a forest. His donkeys  
(30) \_\_\_\_\_ grazing happily nearby. As he was chopping down a tree,  
he (31) \_\_\_\_\_ some noises coming from a distance. He stopped to  
(32) \_\_\_\_\_ intently. He heard people talking and horses galloping.  
Instinctively, he (33) \_\_\_\_\_ the wood he gathered in the thick  
undergrowth and carefully climbed up a tree to wait and watch.

He had a good view of the foot of the mountain. Soon a band of fierce-looking  
men on horses (34) \_\_\_\_\_ into view. They had dark faces and they all  
(35) \_\_\_\_\_ daggers and curved swords with wide blades. All Baba  
counted thirty-nine of them. Then he saw one more. The huge figure that appeared  
last was obviously the (36) \_\_\_\_\_ of the gang. He looked more evil and  
ferocious than the (37) \_\_\_\_\_. On reaching the foot of the mountain, he  
gave a signal and his men dismounted.

*Adapted from All Baba and the Forty Thieves*

SECTION K: EDITING - SPELLING (3 X 1m = 3 marks)

There are 3 words that are underlined in the passage below. They are spelt wrongly. Write the correct spelling of each word in the boxes provided.

Dinosaurs are just one of the many groups of animals that no longer  
(38)

exceist. Scientists do not always know why animals become extinct. They try to  
(39)

look at different kinds of evidance for answers. They usually begin their search by  
(40)

looking for clues from the rocks. Rocks reviel the unusual conditions that might  
have taken place while the animals lived.

SECTION L: SENTENCE COMBINING (2 x 2 m = 4 marks)

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

41. The bus was very late. The pupils waited patiently.

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

42. She was talking loudly. The librarian told her to keep quiet.

\_\_\_\_\_ as  
\_\_\_\_\_



SECTION M: COMPREHENSION (5 x 2 m = 10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

~~After dinner, Jessie ran up to her room and brought down a portrait. She took it over to her grandfather and held it out to him.~~

"Grandfather," she said softly. "We found this in the attic today. We're all wondering who this lovely lady is."

~~Mr Alden stared at the picture. He seemed to have drifted off into another world.~~ Looking at her grandfather's sad face, Violet immediately said, "It doesn't matter, Grandfather. We'll take the picture back to the attic."

She picked up the painting, but Mr Alden held out a hand to her. "It's all right, Violet. You can leave it here."

"Is this our grandmother?" she asked.

Grandfather smiled. "Yes it is. It was painted when she was a very young woman, and very beautiful."

"Why was it up in the attic?" Benny asked.

Grandfather sighed. "Well, children, it's a long story. All of you sit down and I'll tell you." ~~Benny sat on Mr Alden's feet, Jessie and Henry sat on a sofa next to Grandfather's easy chair. They all looked at him, waiting for him to go on.~~

Grandfather cleared his throat. "I gave your grandmother the necklace she is wearing in the portrait as a wedding present. Your grandmother loved it so much she had this portrait painted of her wearing her precious wedding present. A year after our wedding, we had a big party to celebrate our first anniversary and, of course, she wore the necklace."

"When the party was over, she put the necklace in its velvet box in her dressing table drawer. She intended to put it in the safe the next day."

"What happened then?" Benny asked breathlessly.

"Well," Mr Alden continued, "~~she was curious, the next day, he took the necklace out of the box. He looked at it for a moment, then he opened the safe to put the velvet jewelry box in it. But it was empty. The necklace was gone.~~"

"Oh, no!" Jessie cried out.

Grandfather sighed. "~~Once the necklace disappeared, your grandmother couldn't bear to look at the painting. So we took it down and put it in the attic. After all these years, I have forgotten it was still there.~~"

*Adapted from The Mystery of the Hidden Painting by Gertrude Chandler Warner*

Answer these questions. Write your answers in complete sentences.

43. What did Jessie show her grandfather?

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44. Which sentence in the passage tells you that Grandfather was deep in thought when he saw the painting?

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45. How many grandchildren were listening when grandfather told his story?

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46. When did their grandmother find out that her necklace was missing?

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47. Why was Grandmother unable to look at the painting again after the necklace had disappeared?

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# ANSWER SHEET

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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)

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| 5) 2  | 30) were   | 36) leader   |
| 6) 4  | 31) heard  | 37) others   |
| 7) 4  | 32) listen | 38) exist    |
| 8) 3  | 33) hid    | 39) evidence |
| 9) 2  | 34) came   | 40) reveal   |
| 10) 3 | 35) had    |              |

11) 3  
12) 3  
13) 4  
14) 1  
15) 4  
16) 3  
17) 4  
18) 1  
19) 1  
20) 1  
21) 1  
22) 1  
23) 4  
24) 4  
25) E  
26) H  
27) C  
28) F  
29) E

41) Although the bus was very late, the pupils waited patiently.

42) The librarian asked us to keep quiet she said in a loud voice.

43) Jess showed him a portrait of a young lady.

44) The sentence "I seem to have drifted off to another world."

45) Four grandchildren were listening when grandfather told his story.

46) She realized it was missing one night after she had celebrated her first wedding anniversary.

47) She did not want to be reminded of her loss.