



**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL  
SHORT LANGUAGE PAPER 2011**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**PRIMARY FOUR**

TOTAL TIME: 1 hour

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

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

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

Class : Primary 4

**SECTION A: GRAMMAR MCQ (7 X 1 m = 7 marks)**

For each question from 1 to 7, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the bracket provided.

1. There \_\_\_\_\_ nobody in the office. Where are the workers?  
(1) is  
(2) are  
(3) was  
(4) were ( )
2. Take this pen with you in case Sally \_\_\_\_\_ it.  
(1) need  
(2) needs  
(3) are needing  
(4) were needing ( )
3. Did you \_\_\_\_\_ anyone come in?  
(1) see  
(2) sees  
(3) saw  
(4) seen ( )
4. The tea is too sweet because I added too \_\_\_\_\_ sugar to it.  
(1) few  
(2) little  
(3) many  
(4) much ( )
5. I cannot go out to play. It \_\_\_\_\_ all day.  
(1) is raining  
(2) was raining  
(3) has been raining  
(4) had been raining ( )

6. Charlotte dropped the vase and it broke \_\_\_\_\_ many pieces.

- (1) in
- (2) to
- (3) on
- (4) into

( )

7. " \_\_\_\_\_ I get your ball back, will you do something for me?" the frog asked the prince.

- (1) As
- (2) If
- (3) Unless
- (4) Although

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**SECTION B: VOCABULARY MCQ (7 X 1 m = 7 marks)**

For each question from 8 to 14, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

8. The eagle gave a shrill cry before \_\_\_\_\_ down on its prey.

- (1) flitting
- (2) ambling
- (3) swooping
- (4) lumbering

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9. The car \_\_\_\_\_ into flames after it crashed into the wall.

- (1) tore
- (2) burst
- (3) ruptured
- (4) exploded

( )

10. Jenny gave a loud scream when a man snatched her handbag and \_\_\_\_\_ away.

- (1) ambled
- (2) scuttled
- (3) lumbered
- (4) sauntered ( )

11. Mr Raja was \_\_\_\_\_ to the hospital after he had food poisoning.

- (1) moved
- (2) treated
- (3) admitted
- (4) transferred ( )

12. The principal \_\_\_\_\_ the prizes to the winners on stage.

- (1) offered
- (2) presented
- (3) announced
- (4) recommended ( )

13. "The roar of thunder was so loud just now, it was \_\_\_\_\_!" he exclaimed.

- (1) striking
- (2) alarming
- (3) deafening
- (4) outstanding ( )

14. Smoking is \_\_\_\_\_ in all cinemas in Singapore. Offenders will be fined \$500.

- (1) accepted
- (2) admitted
- (3) permitted
- (4) prohibited ( )

**SECTION C: COMPREHENSION MCQ (5 X 2 m = 10 marks)**

For each question from 15 to 19, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the correct answer. Write the answer number in the brackets provided.

1 It was their weekly Sunday football game. Alex, Jon and Ben were kicking a ball in a field near a canal. It had rained heavily that morning and the canal was full of water. The boys had the field to themselves that day.

5 The boys were enjoying their game of football. Suddenly, Ben kicked the ball so hard that it flew over the railing and into the canal.

Holding on to the railing with one hand, Ben quickly used a stick to try and retrieve the ball but he lost his balance and landed in the canal with a loud splash.

"Help! Help!" shouted Ben.

10 Ben's cries soon attracted Alex and Jon. They rushed to the canal. However, they did not know how to swim, so they started calling for help.

A man who happened to be nearby came to their aid. He dived into the canal and managed to pull Ben safely to the side. Ben had drunk a lot of water and was quite shaken.

15 By the time Ben recovered and wanted to thank the man for saving him, the man was nowhere to be found. Ben and his friends never played near the canal after wet weather from then on.

15. The boys played football \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) twice a day
- (2) once a week
- (3) twice a week
- (4) during weekends

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16. Which of the following statements is true?

- (1) The boys kicked the ball into the canal.
- (2) The boys were playing football in the rain.
- (3) The boys were the only ones playing in the field.
- (4) The boys did not enjoy the game as the field was wet.

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17. Ben tried to retrieve the ball \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) all by himself
- (2) by getting into the canal
- (3) with the help of a passerby
- (4) with the help of the other two boys

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18. The man came to help when \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) he heard a very loud splash
- (2) he heard Ben shouting for help
- (3) he saw Ben falling into the canal
- (4) he heard Alex and Jon shouting for help

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19. 'Ben had drunk a lot of water and was quite shaken.' The underlined word shows that Ben was \_\_\_\_\_.

- ~~1~~ cold
- ~~2~~ sorry
- ~~3~~ relieved
- ~~4~~ shocked

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**SECTION D: GRAMMAR CLOZE (8 X 1 m = 8 marks)**

**Passage 1**

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

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|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| A) jog        | B) jogs        | C) have jogged  |
| D) is jogging | E) was jogging | F) were jogging |

Sean and his brother love to jog. They (20) \_\_\_\_\_ regularly at least once a week at the Botanical Gardens. Sometimes, Sean (21) \_\_\_\_\_ with his friend, Brian, too.

Last Sunday, Sean, together with his brother, (22) \_\_\_\_\_ at East Coast Park. While they (23) \_\_\_\_\_, they saw many people cycling along the tracks.

**Passage 2**

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

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| A) any    | B) a few | C) some |
| D) little | E) many  | F) much |

Last week, we went to a carnival. There were (24) \_\_\_\_\_ stalls at the carnival. (25) \_\_\_\_\_ were food stalls and others were game stalls. I wanted to have some ice cream but could not find (26) \_\_\_\_\_ selling it, so I bought candies instead.

Soon, we had our lunch. There was so (27) \_\_\_\_\_ food to choose from that we ended up buying too many dishes. Fortunately, we were all hungry and finished everything.

**SECTION E: VOCABULARY CLOZE (8 X 1 m = 8 marks)**

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to N) in each blank. The letters "I" and "L" have been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking. USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

<del>A)</del> screaming	<del>B)</del> urged	<del>C)</del> warning	<del>D)</del> delighted
<del>E)</del> crowded	<del>F)</del> a few	<del>G)</del> heard	<del>H)</del> saw
<del>I)</del> frightened	<del>J)</del> lift	<del>K)</del> manner	<del>L)</del> talking

Sally was a telephone operator. One day, while at work, she (28) \_\_\_\_\_ a booming noise and raised her head. All around her, people stopped (29) \_\_\_\_\_ on the phone. All of them heard the loud sound but no one knew what it was. Suddenly, Sally (30) \_\_\_\_\_ thick smoke spurting out of the vents near the office windows. She knew that something was terribly wrong and (31) \_\_\_\_\_ everyone to leave the building immediately.

Sally felt (32) \_\_\_\_\_. She grabbed her handbag and headed down the stairs. She saw her friend Daniel heading towards the (33) \_\_\_\_\_. She advised him not to take it as the smoke and flames could trap him inside.

They moved quickly towards the staircase. It was (34) \_\_\_\_\_ but the people were all moving in an orderly (35) \_\_\_\_\_. Everyone remained very calm even though they were all anxious to get out of the building as quickly as possible.



**SECTION F: COMPREHENSION (5 X 2 m = 10 marks)**

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

1 Peter's father was a fisherman. One day, when Peter's father was fishing, Peter heard a loud wailing siren, a warning signal meaning a tsunami was approaching. Although he had never witnessed one, he knew what it was. Peter had learnt in school that a tsunami, a very dangerous large wave, had once wrecked many houses on his island. The last one that hit his island was over seven metres high!

5 When Peter heard the siren, he quickly ran to the top of the high cliff that overlooked the ocean. He knew that he was safe on the cliff. However, he did not know if his father would be safe.

10 Peter's mother tried to console him by telling him not to be worried because a tsunami would be more dangerous for islands than it would be for boats in the ocean. She told him that the tsunami would be very small out in the deeper part of the ocean, and his father would probably not even know that a tsunami was passing right under his boat.

15 She was right. Peter's father came home safely that night.

Answer these questions. Write your answers in complete sentences.

36. How did Peter know that a tsunami was coming?

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37. Where did Peter learn about tsunamis?

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38. Which word in the first paragraph has the same meaning as 'destroyed'?

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39. What did Peter do to make sure he was safe?

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40. Why would Peter's father probably not know about the tsunami?

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# ANSWER SHEET

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## **EXAM PAPER 2011**

**SCHOOL : NANYANG**  
**SUBJECT : PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH**

**TERM : CA1**

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1	2	1	4	3	4	2	3	2	2	3	2	3	4	2	3	1

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
4	4	A	B	E	F	E	C	A	F	G	N	H	B	J	K	F

35)M

36)He heard a loud wailing siren, which meant that a tsunami was approaching.

37)He learnt in school that a tsunami is a very dangerous large wave.

38)The word is "wrecked".

39)He quickly ran to the top of the high diff that over looked the ocean.

40)The tsunami would be very small at the deeper part of the ocean and Peter's father was at the deeper part of the ocean.