



**NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1 – 2012
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
Primary 3**

Paper 2

Name : _____ ()

Class : Primary 3 _____

Date : 08 May 2012

Total Marks: _____ / 48

Parent's Signature

Duration: 1 hour-30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

Section A: Vocabulary MCQ (6 X 1 mark)

For questions 1 to 6, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Write the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

1. Jane is able to prepare this delicious dish by following the instructions in the _____.
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|----------------|------------------|-----|
| (1) recipe | (2) thesaurus | () |
| (3) dictionary | (4) encyclopedia | () |
2. Ahmad was so angry with his friend for accusing him that he _____ out of the room.
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|-------------|--------------|-----|
| (1) stormed | (2) strolled | () |
| (3) sneaked | (4) shuffled | () |
3. The girl always hides behind her mother whenever she sees strangers. She is as _____ as a mouse.
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|------------|--------------|-----|
| (1) angry | (2) timid | () |
| (3) gentle | (4) fearless | () |
4. "Aaahhh! There is a bee in the room!" _____ my sister in fright.
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|--------------|--------------|-----|
| (1) shrieked | (2) grumbled | () |
| (3) laughed | (4) chuckled | () |
5. Peter bought a _____ of drawers to put his discs.
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|-----------|------------|-----|
| (1) pack | (2) bundle | () |
| (3) chest | (4) group | () |
6. We can do our part to protect the endangered animals by not destroying their natural _____.
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|----------------|---------------|-----|
| (1) country | (2) habitat | () |
| (3) population | (4) community | () |

Section B: Grammar MCQ (6 X 1 mark)

For questions 7 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Write the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

7. _____ animal can run faster, the cheetah or the lion?
(1) Which (2) What ()
(3) How (4) When
8. Liming _____ off the lights and went to bed.
(1) switches (2) switch ()
(3) switched (4) was switching
9. As they _____ watching the show, they heard a loud noise.
(1) is (2) are ()
(3) was (4) were
10. It is an offence to litter. We _____ not throw the food wrapper on the floor.
(1) might (2) could ()
(3) would (4) should
11. "Do not run _____ the corridor. There are many potted plants placed here."
(1) at (2) into ()
(3) over (4) along
12. "I did the painting all by _____." Ben told his classmates with pride.
(1) myself (2) himself ()
(3) ourselves (4) themselves

Section C: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 2 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 13 to 17. Your answers must be based on the passage.

An old fisherman was out at sea. He had not caught any fish for the past three days except for an old boot. So, he hoped to catch at least a fish that day. He waited patiently and suddenly he felt something pulling at his line. He pulled hard and out came a bottle.

He was very sad. He thought it must be another one of his unlucky days again. However, he still tried his luck. He waited patiently and again he felt a sudden pull on his line. He quickly pulled with all his might. To his horror, he saw a big puffer fish! 5

“Oh! I am very unfortunate. What can I do with a puffer fish? It’s poisonous.”

The old fisherman let the fish free. He decided to try his luck for the last time before he went home. He threw his line and once again waited patiently. He was tired and was about to fall asleep. Just then, something pulled at his line. He gave a hard pull. What a surprise he had! There was a box at the end of it! 10

He opened the box and had a second big surprise. There was gold in the box! He was very happy and he quickly rowed to shore. It was not an unlucky day for him after all! 15

For each question from 13 to 17, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Write the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

13. The fisherman caught a bottle on the _____ day.

- (1) first
- (2) second
- (3) third
- (4) fourth

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14. The fisherman let the fish free because he _____.

- (1) was sleepy
- (2) knew it was poisonous
- (3) had caught enough fish
- (4) knew he would find a box with gold

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15. What was at the end of the fisherman's line when he pulled it up the third time?
A/An _____.

- (1) box
- (2) bottle
- (3) old boot
- (4) puffer fish

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16. The word "it" in line 13 refers to the _____.

- (1) box
- (2) line
- (3) puffer fish
- (4) old fisherman

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17. It was not an unlucky day for the fisherman after all because he _____.

- (1) caught some fishes
- (2) let a puffer fish free
- (3) found a box with gold in it
- (4) had a few pulls on his fishing line

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Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (8 X 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the most suitable word given in the box and write its letter (A to M) in each blank. The letter (I) has been omitted to avoid confusion in marking.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) burned	(D) destroyed	(G) horrified	(K) relationship
(B) caught	(E) flames	(H) materials	(L) terms
(C) country	(F) grudge	(J) problem	(M) village

Xiao Wei and Jiaming lived in a small (18) _____ in China.

Jiaming's small brick house was just next to Xiao Wei's wooden house. The two men were not on good (19) _____ with each other. Once Xiao Wei's goat went into Jiaming's garden and ate up all his plants. Jiaming was very angry and he bore a (20) _____ against Xiao Wei.

One day, while Xiao Wei was away, his house (21) _____ fire. Jiaming saw smoke and (22) _____ coming out of the house. He did not try to put out the fire nor call for help. He went to visit a friend after watching the fire for a few minutes. Jiaming felt that his house would be safe since it was built using stronger (23) _____.

When Jiaming returned, he was (24) _____. Not only was Xiao Wei's house completely (25) _____, so was his.

Section E: Grammar Cloze (8 X 1 mark)

Read the following passages carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to M) in each blank. The letter (I) has been omitted to avoid confusion in marking.

Passage 1

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) swim	(B) swam	(C) swims
(D) swimming	(E) is swimming	(F) will be swimming

My hobby is (26) _____. When I was four, I learned to (27) _____.

Last month during the school holidays, I (28) _____ four times a week with my siblings and we enjoyed ourselves thoroughly. I (29) _____ at the public pool near my grandma's house tomorrow.

Passage 2

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(G) in	(H) for	(J) while
(K) against	(L) where	(M) through

It was the first overseas trip for Sam and Sarah. Both of them checked (30) _____ their luggage to ensure they had packed all the necessary items (31) _____ their trip. Their father called for a taxi and the family headed towards Changi Airport. Sam and Sarah waited patiently (32) _____ their father queued at the row to check (33) _____ their luggage. They would be flying to Hong Kong for a four-day trip.

Section F: Comprehension OE (5 x 2 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 34 to 38.

Kangaroos have powerful hind legs and short, thumbless forelimbs. They can travel at speeds of up to 48 kilometres per hour and can leap some 9 metres, using their long tails for balancing. Their bodies are covered in thick, coarse, woolly hair that can be in shades of grey, brown or red.

Kangaroos are found in Australia and Tasmania, as well as on surrounding islands. They live in varied habitats, from forests and woodland areas to grassy plains and savannas. On average, kangaroos live in the wild for six to eight years. Kangaroos live and travel in organised groups or "mobs", dominated by the largest male. 5

Kangaroos are marsupials, which mean that females carry newborns, or "joeys", in a pouch on the front of their abdomens. Usually, female kangaroos give birth to one joey at a time. After birth, the joey crawls into its mother's pouch, where it will nurse and continue to grow and develop. Red joeys do not leave the pouch for good until they are more than eight months old. Grey joeys wait until they are almost a year old. 10 15

Unfortunately, kangaroos are in danger of becoming extinct. Humans hunt kangaroos for their meat and hides. Domestic herbivores such as sheep, cattle and rabbits increase competition for many plants. This may result in food shortage especially in times of drought.

Source: <http://www.kidsplanet.org/factsheets/kangaroo.html>

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

34. What are the two physical characteristics of kangaroos?

35. How do kangaroos travel?

36. Why are kangaroos also known as 'marsupials'?

37. Which word from the passage refers to 'long period of dry weather'?

38. Based on the passage, give one reason why kangaroos are in danger of extinction?

End-of-Paper



ANSWER SHEET

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Section A Vocabulary MCQ							
1. (1)	2. (1)	3. (2)	4. (1)	5. (3)	6. (2)		
Section B Grammar MCQ							
7. (1)	8. (3)	9. (4)	10. (4)	11. (4)	12. (1)		
Section C Comprehension MCQ							
13. (4)	14. (2)	15. (1)	16. (2)	17. (3)			
Section D Vocabulary Cloze							
18. M	19. L	20. F	21. B	22. E	23. H	24. G	25. D
Section E Grammar Cloze							
26. D	27. A	28. B	29. F	30. M	31. H	32. J	33. G
Section F: Comprehension (Open-ended)							
34	Q: What are the two physical characteristics of kangaroos? A: They have short, thumbless forelimbs and thick, coarse woolly hair.						
35	Q: How do kangaroos travel? A: They travel in organized groups, dominated by the largest male.						
36	Q: Why are kangaroos also known as 'marsupials'? A: They are also known as marsupials because female kangaroos carry their undeveloped newborns in a pouch on the front of their abdomens, where it will nurse and continue to grow and develop.						
37	Q: Which word from the passage refers to 'long period of dry weather'? A: The word is 'drought'.						
38	Q: Based on the passage, give one reason why kangaroos are in danger of extinction?						

	A: One reason why kangaroos are in danger of extinction is because they are hunted for their meats and hides. Another reason is food shortage, especially in times of drought, caused by increased competition for plant food due to the presence of other herbivores.
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