



NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1- 2012
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
Primary 4

PAPER 2

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Date: 8 May 2012

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

1. Do not turn over the page until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. Answer all questions.

SECTION A: VOCABULARY (10 X 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (OAS)

1. After disturbing the beehive, the naughty boys were chased by a _____ of bees.
(1) troop (2) swarm
(3) flock (4) gaggle

2. Tommy suffered a deep cut and was bleeding _____, so we had to rush him to the hospital to get help to stop the bleeding.
(1) meagerly (2) profusely
(3) sufficiently (4) intermittently

3. Since your tooth is loose and aching, you should go to the dentist to _____ it immediately.
(1) extract (2) attract
(3) contract (4) distract

4. "Where were you last Friday night?" the police _____ the suspect.
(1) threatened (2) commended
(3) interrogated (4) reprimanded

5. "I can't believe it," she _____, unable to stop her tears.
(1) sobbed (2) sneered
(3) chuckled (4) wondered

6. The detective questioned John on how he had managed to _____ a brand new sports car despite having a low salary.
(1) inquire (2) respire
(3) require (4) acquire

7. You cannot _____. You must make a choice to either support the British or the American team.
(1) sit on the fence (2) hold your horses
(3) believe your eyes (4) bite someone's head off

8. The handwriting on the letter is extremely _____. I can't even decipher a single word.
(1) illicit (2) illegal
(3) illegible (4) illegitimate

9. We can use this room for our meeting as it is _____.
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| (1) valid | (2) varied |
| (3) vacant | (4) vacuum |
10. "It won't be long before we reach our final _____," announced the pilot.
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| (1) destiny | (2) descent |
| (3) desertion | (4) destination |

SECTION B: GRAMMAR (10 X 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (OAS)

11. Jane suggested to her husband, "_____! cook dinner at home tonight?"
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| (1) Will | (2) Must |
| (3) Shall | (4) Would |
12. It is a traffic rule that all vehicles _____ stop when the traffic light flashes red.
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| (1) may | (2) can |
| (3) must | (4) could |
13. My bag of marbles _____ missing. Please help me look for it.
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| (1) is | (2) was |
| (3) are | (4) were |
14. "After the bell rings, students should not hang _____ at the canteen but go straight back to class," announced the teacher.
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| (1) up | (2) in |
| (3) unto | (4) around |
15. Do not blame _____ for what has happened as there was nothing you could have done to prevent it.
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| (1) you | (2) your |
| (3) yours | (4) yourself |
16. We wanted to give my father a surprise, so my sister and I decided to plan his birthday celebration all by _____.
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| (1) herself | (2) himself |
| (3) ourselves | (4) themselves |
17. In history, Sun Tze was well-known to be a man of great _____.
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| (1) mind | (2) minded |
| (3) wisely | (4) wisdom |

18. This is a _____ question. None of us are able to solve it.
(1) challenge (2) challenger
(3) challenged (4) challenging
19. There were very _____ people in the canteen after recess.
(1) few (2) less
(3) little (4) least
20. Jeremy can play the violin, _____ he?
(1) do (2) can
(3) can't (4) don't

SECTION C: COMPREHENSION (5 X 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

The Fortune-Teller

A long time ago, the King of Persia lost his valuable diamond ring. It had been a gift from the queen and he was anxious to find it. He promised to give a bag of gold to anyone who could find it.

For months, no one could find the ring. One day, a man who claimed to be a fortune-teller came to the palace. He said that he could locate the ring. All he asked for was to stay in the palace for three days. After that, he promised that the ring would be found. The king was very pleased and allowed him to stay in a room in the palace. 5

The fortune-teller was not very clever, but he knew the trick of throwing his voice around so that it seemed that someone else was speaking a distance away. On the first day, he spent all his time studying an old book. Meanwhile, he had secretly asked the king to send all his servants to him one at a time, each on a simple errand. 10

Every day, as a servant came into the fortune-teller's room, a deep voice seemed to come from the ceiling saying, "He is the one!" 15

Each servant only looked surprised, did his errand and walked away. On the third day however, one servant turned pale when he heard the strange voice. He knelt down before the fortune-teller and asked for forgiveness. He added that he would have returned the ring, but he had feared for his life if the king had found out he had taken it. 20

"Do not be alarmed," said the fortune-teller. "Take the ring and make the turkey in the yard swallow it."

That evening, as he sat down to dine with the king, the fortune-teller requested that the turkey be brought in. As he slit open the turkey with a sharp knife, the diamond ring dropped onto the table. Everyone was taken aback. The king was so happy that he doubled the promised reward. 25

(adapted from *Excel in English*)

Choose the most suitable answer and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (OAS)

21. Why was the King of Persia anxious to get his ring back?
- 1) It was his only ring.
 - 2) It was worth a bag of gold.
 - 3) It was a gift from the queen.
 - 4) He needed it to marry the queen.
22. What was the fortune-teller's special skill?
- 1) He was very clever.
 - 2) He could throw his voice around.
 - 3) He could claim to be a fortune-teller.
 - 4) He spent his time studying an old book.
23. The word "he" in line 18 refers to _____.
- 1) the king
 - 2) the turkey
 - 3) the servant
 - 4) the fortune-teller
24. What was the servant's reason for not returning the king's ring?
- 1) He had sold the ring.
 - 2) He wanted to keep it for himself.
 - 3) He intended to feed it to the turkey.
 - 4) He feared that the king would punish him severely.
25. Which word has the same meaning as the phrase "taken aback" in line 24?
- 1) excited
 - 2) worried
 - 3) shocked
 - 4) disappointed

SECTION D: VOCABULARY CLOZE (5 X 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the most appropriate word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to H) in each blank.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) beverages	(B) climates	(C) cooled	(D) fragrant
(E) grown	(F) heated	(G) picked	(H) pungent

Tea is a drink made from the dried leaves of the tea plant. Grown best in warm and humid (26) _____, a mature tea plant can grow up to sixteen metres if left undisturbed. During harvesting, only the top five centimetres of the plant are (27) _____ for its shiny, tender leaves.

China, India, and Sri Lanka produce most of the world's tea supply, due to their suitable weather conditions. Tea's (28) _____ aroma and rich taste have made it one of the most popular (29) _____ in the world. Tea is well-received in many countries because of its healing properties, although there are claims that its caffeine content can be harmful.

Once picked, tea leaves are first left to dry on shelves. The crispy, dried leaves are next (30) _____ thoroughly in a hot oven. This gives tea leaves their characteristic black colour.

(adapted from *Preston Test Topics - English*)

SECTION E: GRAMMAR CLOZE (10 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 J) in each blank. The letter (I) has been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

Passage 1

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

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| (A) it | (B) our | (C) ourselves |
| (D) Them | (E) themselves | (F) They |
| (G) us | (H) we | (J) you |

The boat ride to Pulau Rawa was long but (31)_____ was quite pleasant. After being in the boat for about forty-five minutes, we saw the island in front of (32)_____. Peering ahead, we could see many coconut trees growing around the several low hills on the island. The boat soon reached the island, and (33)_____ were greeted by islanders. (34)_____ brought us to the huts where we would stay for two days. Later at night, we lit our campfire by (35)_____ and enjoyed a lovely barbequed meal.

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

Passage 2

Finally, the new library was ready. A lot of money (36) [was / were] spent on constructing the building and its facilities. Excitement was in the air as (37) [a / the] opening ceremony was about to begin. Everyone in the neighbourhood had turned up for the opening ceremony, (38) [eager / eagers] to see what was in store for them.

The Wong siblings, Nancy, Mary, Lucy and James, (39) [look / looked] forward to the event. All of them, except Mary, (40) [had / have] brought their cameras and had started snapping pictures from the moment they had arrived.

SECTION F: EDITING FOR SPELLING, PUNCTUATION AND GRAMMAR (10x 1 mark)

Each of the underlined words contains a grammatical error. Each bold word contains a spelling error. A wrong or missing punctuation mark is indicated by a circle. Put the correct punctuation mark or word in each of the boxes.

(41)

(42)

One night, while I was fast asleep . I was awakened by a fire engines' siren. I

(43)

wondered where the **immerjancy** was and I got up quickly to find out what was going on.

(44)

I looked out of the window and could not belief my eyes. The row of houses just around

(45)

the **kornur** of my block was on fire.

(46)

My **purlse** quickened as I watched huge tongues of flames leap into the night sky.

(47)

A crowd had gathered. Some were crying louder while some children were screaming for

(48)

their parents. Firemen **skrambled** to and fro as they worked tirelessly to put out the fire.

(49)

Although the fire was under control after two hours, many of a houses were

(50)

destroyed. Many **viktims** had lost all their belongings in the fire.

SECTION G: SYNTHESIS (5 X 2 marks)

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

51. John opened the window. He let the bee out.

to _____

52. Tommy went on a picnic with his friends. It was a Saturday.

Since _____

53. She slept for only an hour last night. She is very energetic today.

yet _____

54. You hear the whistle. You should start running.

When _____

55. We will not be late if you eat your lunch quickly.

so that _____

SECTION H: COMPREHENSION OE (5 x 2 marks)

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions 56 to 60.

David, Jeremy and Robert were in their fishing boat about five miles away from the Australian coast. They had been fishing since the previous night. When dark clouds started gathering, David suggested they stop fishing and head for the shore. However, Jeremy and Robert wanted to catch more fish. The group decided to continue fishing for another hour – that proved to be their mistake.

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The storm took them almost unawares. They had already started going back to shore when a sudden gust of wind shook the boat. In a twinkling of an eye, the boat was flipped upside down, and the three men found themselves struggling in the water. David managed to reach the boat and cling to it, but Jeremy and Robert drifted away from the boat and disappeared from sight.

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David's left arm had been wounded when the boat turned over, and he wearily scanned his surroundings for any sign of help. Then he saw something that made his hair stand on end – a shark. The smell of his blood must have attracted the shark. He splashed the surface of the water around him and hoped that it would drive the shark away. The shark did swim away, but moments later it came back. It was only a matter of time before he would be attacked.

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Then to his horror, he saw what looked like a whole school of sharks approaching him from another direction. Though not a religious man, David said a prayer. But when the school of "sharks" came closer, he saw to his relief that they were not sharks but dolphins.

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They came and placed themselves between him and the shark. This went on for about half an hour, until the shark decided to give up and swim away. The dolphins had saved David's life!

Three hours later, David was rescued by the crew of a helicopter patrol, who had already saved Jeremy and Robert. When he recounted his tale to them, David told his friends that he had once read about dolphins rescuing humans from sharks, but had not believed it – until it happened to him.

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(adapted from "Saved by Dolphins" by CESSA)

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

56. How did the storm cause the boat to be flipped upside down?

57. Which word in paragraph 2 has the same meaning as 'held on tightly'?

58. What had attracted the shark towards David?

59. Why did David decide to say a prayer?

60. Who does the word "them" in line 26 refer to?

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ANSWER SHEET

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- 35)C 36)was 37)the 38)eager 39)looked
- 40)had 41), 42)'s 43)emergency 44)believe
- 45)corner 46)pulse 47)loudly 48)scrambled 49)the 50)victims
- 51)John opened the window to let the be out.
- 52)Since it was a Saturday, Tommy went on a picnic with his friends.
- 53)She slept for only an hour last night, yet she is very energetic today.
- 54)When you hear the whistle, you should start running. .
- 55)Eat your lunch quickly so that we will not be late.
- 56)A sudden gust of wind caused the boat to be flipped upside.
- 57)The word is "clung".
- 58)The smell of David's blood from his wound attracted the shark towards him.
- 59)He thought a school of sharks was approaching him and he was horrified.
- 60)It refers to his friends Jeremy and Robert.

