



NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL EXAMINATION 1 - 2010
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
Primary 3
PAPER 2

Total Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

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Date: 11 May 2010

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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 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. The experienced driver _____ swerved the car and avoided crashing into the oncoming lorry.
- (1) skilfully (2) gracefully
(3) carelessly (4) dangerously ()
2. Sally _____ along the beach leisurely while enjoying the beautiful sunset.
- (1) strolled (2) staggered
(3) slithered (4) scampered ()
3. The library users were _____ by the two boys who were running among the shelves. They could not concentrate in their reading.
- (1) dissatisfied (2) distracted
(3) disqualified (4) disinterested ()
4. He _____ in horror when he saw a snake in his backyard.
- (1) gasped (2) growled
(3) grinned (4) groaned ()
5. After reading a fable about a tiger's foolishness, I have learnt that I should not be too _____ and believe everything I hear.
- (1) cunning (2) trusting
(3) believing (4) knowing ()
6. The _____ passer-by helped the old lady who fell on the pavement.
- (1) confident (2) confused
(3) conceited (4) concerned ()

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. "My father is busy now. He _____ the garden and cannot come to the telephone," Tim told his uncle.
- (1) weeds (2) is weeding
(3) weeded (4) was weeding ()
8. The burglar was as _____ as a rat when he broke into the house.
- (1) sneaky (2) sneakier
(3) sneakily (4) sneakiest ()
9. The waiter asked the customer, "What _____ you like to have for lunch?"
- (1) could (2) would
(3) should (4) might ()
10. Although he is very rich, he does not have a car and _____ the bus to work every day.
- (1) take (2) took
(3) takes (4) taken ()
11. As there is _____ water left in the pail, we need to fill it up again.
- (1) few (2) less
(3) much (4) little ()
12. Did Mr Tan's children _____ on a trip to Taiwan last June?
- (1) go (2) goes
(3) went (4) gone ()

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.

Seen from space, the Earth is just *a mass of blue*. The Earth is a planet on which the lands make up a small part compared to the oceans surrounding them. Do you know that an *unbelievable* 80 percent of all the life on Earth is found hidden beneath the waves?

The oceans provide us with food. We can also get other useful products from the oceans. The seas affect our weather and together with the rivers, they keep the Earth suitable for living things to live on. Without the oceans, there would be no life on Earth. 5

People are damaging the oceans at a fast pace. As a result, harm is done to our planet. It is very worrying as the harm people do is largely not visible but very serious. A healthy ocean is home to different types of animals and plants. Our oceans are now no longer in their natural state. Sadly, *they* may be gone all too soon. 10

We need to take care of our oceans because without them, life on Earth cannot exist. 15

Adapted from <http://www.greenpeace.org/international/campaigns/oceans>

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. In line 1, the Earth is described as "a mass of blue" because _____
- (1) the oceans support life on Earth
 - (2) the oceans make up a big area of the planet
 - (3) we have not been taking good care of the oceans
 - (4) of the living things that are found beneath the waves
- ()

14. The word "unbelievable" is used in line 3 probably to show that _____
- (1) the fact may be untrue
 - (2) people will not believe the fact
 - (3) many people may find it surprising
 - (4) it is difficult to find out what lies below the waves
- ()
15. The main idea in paragraph 2 tells us that oceans are important to _____
- (1) the rivers
 - (2) our weather
 - (3) all living things
 - (4) mainly human beings
- ()
16. According to the information in paragraph 3, the cause for worry in line 10 occurs because the harm done to the oceans _____
- (1) is very fast
 - (2) affects our weather
 - (3) is not clearly seen, yet very serious
 - (4) makes the Earth unsuitable for living things to live on
- ()
17. The word "they" in line 12 refers to the _____
- (1) lands
 - (2) waves
 - (3) oceans
 - (4) animals and plants
- ()

Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (8 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 M) in each blank. The letter 'I' has been omitted to avoid confusion in marking.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) approaching	(D) disloyal	(G) pounce	(K) retreating
(B) attack	(E) dug	(H) rapidly	(L) sweep
(C) discovered	(F) faithful	(J) realised	(M) terror

A wealthy man decided to go on a safari in Africa. He took his (18) _____ pet dog, Lucky, along for company. Although Lucky was small, it was very smart and loyal. One day, Lucky started chasing butterflies and before long he (19) _____ that he was lost.

Soon, Lucky noticed a leopard running (20) _____ in his direction. He knew that the leopard wanted him for lunch. Lucky thought, "I'm in deep trouble now!" Then he (21) _____ some bones on the ground close by. Lucky immediately sat down to chew on the bones with his back facing the (22) _____ leopard.

Just as the leopard was about to (23) _____ on Lucky, Lucky exclaimed loudly, "Wow, that was one delicious leopard! I wonder if there are any more around here."

Hearing this, the leopard stopped his (24) _____. A look of (25) _____ came over him, and he crept away into the trees.

"Whew," says the leopard. "That was close. That dog nearly had me!"

Adapted from <http://www.funnychcleanjokes.com>

Section E: Grammar Cloze (8 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 M) in each blank. The letter 'I' has been omitted to avoid confusion in marking.

Passage 1

USE A WORD **ONCE** ONLY.

(A) write	(B) wrote	(C) writes
(D) writing	(E) was writing	(F) have written

The only activity that I love more than reading is (26) _____. I first discovered my interest when my teacher encouraged me to (27) _____ a short story for the school magazine. Since then, I (28) _____ many short stories and articles. One day, I hope to become a great author like the late Sir Arthur Conan Doyle who (29) _____ about the adventures of the great detective Sherlock Holmes.

Passage 2

USE A WORD **ONCE** ONLY.

(G) who	(H) which	(J) how
(K) where	(L) whose	(M) what

Raju picked up a wallet on the street. He wondered (30) _____ wallet it was. He did not know what to do. He decided that the best place to go to was the nearest police post. "But (31) _____ is the nearest police post?" Raju asked himself. He asked a man, (32) _____ was standing outside a shop, (33) _____ he could get there. He soon found the police post and handed the wallet over.

Section F: Comprehension OE (5 x 2 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 34 to 38.

In the forest, the owl is thought to be the wisest of all the creatures. One evening, Owl sat on a branch. It was a cloudy night and Owl watched the ground, hoping to spy a mouse. It was famished and was looking for a meal.

Mouse moved without a sound. However, Owl's sharp eyes spotted it. Owl swooped down and seized Mouse in its beak. Tried as *it* might, Mouse could not escape. 5

"Please don't eat me," begged Mouse. "Cow told me that you are wise and told me to seek you out."

Owl doubted that this was true. "Why do you want to find me?" it asked, trying to keep its beak around Mouse. "You are the wisest creature in the forest and you know everything," replied Mouse. "For instance, you know that every time you eat a mouse, a star goes out in the sky." 10

"But there are thousands of stars in the sky," frowned Owl.

"That's true," said Mouse. "But every time a star goes out, it becomes darker at night and harder for you to see a mouse." 15

Owl thought that if it ate Mouse and thousands of its friends, the sky would be completely dark. Then how would it see at night? Owl allowed Mouse to escape.

Adapted from a text from Total Literacy Pte Ltd

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

34. Which **sentence** in the first paragraph tells you that the owl was hungry?

35. Why could Owl spot Mouse even though it was moving quietly?

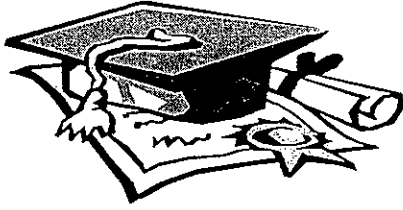
36. What does the word 'it' in line 5 refer to?

37. Which **word** in the passage has the same meaning as "thought that something might not be true"?

38. According to Mouse, why would it be dark if Owl ate Mouse and his friends?

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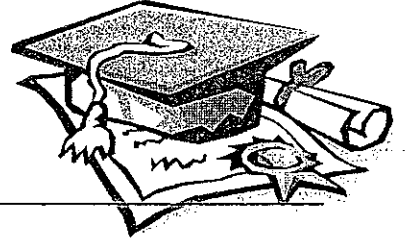


ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2010

**SCHOOL : NAN HUA PRIMARY
SUBJECT : PRIMARY 3 ENGLISH**

TERM : SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1



Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
1	1	2	1	2	4	2	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	3	3	3

Q18)F Q19)J Q20)H Q21)C Q22)A Q23)G Q24)B Q25)M
Q26)D Q27)A Q28)F Q29)B Q30)L Q31)K Q32)G Q33)J

Q34)The sentence is 'It was famished and was looking for a meal.'

Q35)Owl has sharp eyes.

Q36)It refers to the mouse.

Q37)The word is "doubted".

Q38)This is because many stars would go out in the sky if owl ate mouse and his friends.

