



NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1 - 2013
Primary 4

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

1. Write your name and register number in the space provided.
2. Do not turn over the page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions carefully.

SECTION A: GRAMMAR (10 X 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and write the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided below.

1. Jack _____ be more polite to his friends if he wants to get the star pupil award. He was rude to them just now.
(1) could (2) would
(3) might (4) should ()

2. My father _____ around the park twice a week. He is very fit.
(1) jog (2) jogs
(3) jogged (4) was jogging ()

3. Alice and Susan _____ many photographs while they were on holiday.
(1) take (2) takes
(3) took (4) have taken ()

4. _____ books over there belong to our form teacher.
(1) This (2) That
(3) These (4) Those ()

5. Little Mike knows that he _____ if he climbs the old and broken ladder.
(1) fall (2) falls
(3) fell (4) will fall ()

6. Very _____ people were happy about the extra homework during the holidays as they wanted to have a break.
(1) few (2) less
(3) little (4) much ()

7. "These shoes are _____. They will not fit you," Jane told her sister.
(1) my (2) mine
(3) your (4) yours ()

8. Tony, _____ father is a doctor, wants to be a surgeon when he grows up.
(1) who (2) whom
(3) whose (4) who's ()

9. The football match was put _____ to another day because of the thunderstorm.
(1) on (2) off
(3) out (4) away ()

10. The little girl has not spoken to anyone _____ her mother's death.
(1) for (2) until
(3) when (4) since ()

SECTION B: VOCABULARY (7 X 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and write the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided below.

11. Last week, our teacher shared with us a _____ on how to make ice cream without using the freezer
(1) menu (2) manual
(3) recipe (4) receipt)
12. We took out our camping _____ such as tents, sleeping bags and groundsheets when we reached the campsite.
(1) tools (2) resources
(3) materials (4) equipment ()
13. Jim was so _____ in his book that he did not even notice us entering his room.
(1) addicted (2) attracted
(3) obsessed (4) engrossed ()
14. I was jolted out of my sleep when the bus stopped _____.
(1) abruptly (2) shakily
(3) abnormally (4) speedily ()
15. Joel is as mean as a _____. He seldom shares his storybooks with anyone.
(1) giant (2) miser
(3) judge (4) wizard ()
16. The manager of the restaurant promised to _____ the matter after receiving a complaint about the poor service.
(1) look at (2) look up
(3) look into (4) look after ()
17. "Good job!" the boss _____ the workers when they managed to complete the task sooner than expected.
(1) commented (2) commended
(3) commanded (4) complemented ()

SECTION C: COMPREHENSION MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage below and answer questions 18 to 22. Your answers must be based on the passage.

Liow Kar Hock had got away five times with smuggling puppies into Singapore in the boot of his Malaysian-registered car. On 28 January 2011, his sixth trip, his luck ran out. Officers carrying out a search at the Woodlands Checkpoint found 16 pedigree puppies hidden in a specially-built speaker compartment in the boot of his car.

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The 35-year-old was jailed for three months and fined \$16,000 after pleading guilty to 16 counts of bringing in dogs without a license. If he could not pay, he would have to serve another four months in jail.

Prosecuting officer Yap Teck Chuan of the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority had asked the court to impose a severe sentence. This was because Liow could have introduced rabies into Singapore. Rabies is a viral disease which is common among wild animals. Pets such as dogs and cats have to be vaccinated to prevent them from being infected by the virus.

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The puppies brought in by Liow were not vaccinated. If they had been infected, these dogs would become extremely aggressive and bite humans. This in turn would pass on the disease, which will cause severe brain damage and even death.

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In mid-December 2010, Liow came to know a man called Ah Wong who was in the business of smuggling puppies. Liow would drive in to Singapore with the puppies hidden in his car and meet a Singaporean contact known to him only as Ah Lai at a Pasir Ris carpark.

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The other man would drive off in Liow's car, returning it later without the puppies. The court was not told how much Liow was paid or how many puppies were smuggled in during his earlier runs. He was caught on 28 January 2011 after a check by officers from the Immigration and Checkpoints Authority.

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Liow, who did not have a lawyer, pleaded guilty to the charges and asked the judge for leniency and a light fine. He could have been fined up to \$10,000 and/or jailed for a year on each charge.

(Adapted from: Little Red Dot)

For each question from 18 to 22, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Write the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

18. How many times was Liow able to smuggle puppies into Singapore without being discovered?
- (1) three
 - (2) four
 - (3) five
 - (4) six
- ()
19. Why did the prosecuting officer of the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority ask the court to impose a severe sentence?
- (1) The puppy smuggler did not have a lawyer.
 - (2) The puppy smuggler did not have a driving licence.
 - (3) The puppy smuggler could have introduced rabies into Singapore.
 - (4) The puppy smuggler drove a Malaysian-registered car into Singapore.
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20. How could the puppies be dangerous to Singapore?
- (1) They could become easily agitated.
 - (2) They could have interacted with wild animals.
 - (3) Infected puppies could attack a human and infect them with rabies.
 - (4) They could spread many diseases which cause brain damage and even death to people who touch them.
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21. Who does 'the other man' in line 22 refer to?
- (1) Ah Lai
 - (2) Ah Wong
 - (3) Liow Kar Hock
 - (4) Yap Teck Chuan
- ()
22. What kind of punishment did Liow receive for smuggling the puppies?
- (1) He was fined \$10,000 only.
 - (2) He was jailed for four months only.
 - (3) He was jailed for a year and fined \$10,000.
 - (4) He was jailed for three months and fined \$16,000.
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SECTION D: EDITING FOR SPG (4 X 1 mark)

Each of the underlined words contains grammatical error and words in **bold** 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.

A tiger is a mighty animal. It grabs its prey with its claws and clutches it within

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its powerful jaws. It is an **ekcelent** swimmer and a great climber. The tigers eyesight

is not very good, so it relies on its hearing and sense of smell when hunting. Tigers are

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mostly active at night and they are ambush predators that rely on the **caremofludge** their

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stripes provide. Tigers are hunt by humans for their valuable fur and body parts. Tiger

researchers think there may only be 3 500 tigers left in the world. This makes them an

endangered species.

(Adapted from: Wikipedia)

SECTION E: SYNTHESIS & TRANSFORMATION (2 X 2 marks)

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

27. The swimming pool is under renovation. We cannot use the swimming pool.

_____ because

28. The manager opened the door to the department store. All the shoppers rushed in to grab the bargains.

_____ when

SECTION F: GRAMMAR CLOZE (PREPOSITIONS) (5 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 H) in each blank.

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) among	(B) between	(C) for	(D) in
(E) into	(F) on	(G) onto	(H) up

Patrick was at Sembawang Park. He was exploring (29) _____ some bushes. Suddenly, he felt a sharp pain in his left ear. A red ant was crawling (30) _____ from his neck to his ear. He flicked it away with his hand and continued his search (31) _____ spiders. Just then, he spotted a small spider with red stripes (32) _____ its back. "That's a rare find!" Patrick exclaimed as he carefully scooped it (33) _____ his insect container. He was excited and could not wait to show his parents his new found pet.

SECTION G: VOCABULARY CLOZE (5 X 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (J to Q) in each blank.

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

(J) attention	(K) carelessly	(L) conscience	(M) conscious
(N) decided	(O) discreetly	(P) peeped	(Q) peered

I was tired after a long day at school and wished that home was just a minute away. As I was walking, towards the school gate, a silver-coloured object near the gate caught my (34) _____. It glistened under the afternoon sun. I walked closer and (35) _____ at the object. It was the latest mobile phone model that I had wanted to buy for a long time. After looking around the school compound to make sure no one was watching, I picked it up and put it in my bag (36) _____.

I thought I would be pleased with my find but my (37) _____ told me it was wrong to keep something which did not belong to me. I (38) _____ that I should hand over the mobile phone to the General Office. Hopefully the school would be able to return it to the rightful owner.

**There are no questions
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SECTION H: COMPREHENSION OE (10 marks)

Read the following passage carefully and answer questions 39 to 45.

The Rubik's Cube was invented by a Hungarian university professor, Erno Rubik. Professor Rubik only wanted to create a working model to explain a Mathematical problem but ended up creating the world's best-selling toy. Besides teaching at the university, *he* was also an architect and a designer. Rubik called his invention the 'Magic Cube' but it was later renamed Rubik's Cube by Ideal Toy Corporation, which manufactured the cubes, in 1980. 5

In a classic Rubik's Cube, each of the six faces is covered by nine stickers of six solid colours, traditionally white, red, blue, orange, green, and yellow. There has been a variation made to the Rubik's Cube. Instead of solid colours, pictures are featured on the stickers. Some cubes have four, sixteen, or even more stickers on each face instead of the standard nine. Plastic pieces joint together enables each face to turn independently, thus mixing up the colours. 10

For the puzzles to be solved, each face must have the same colours. While a novice might take hours to solve the puzzle, experts can solve it in under a minute. In May 2007, Thibaut Jacquinot of France became the first person to solve the puzzle in under 10 seconds in an open competition, setting a world record time of 9.86 seconds. The current world record is held by Yu Nakajima of Japan with a time of 8.72 seconds. Many websites dedicated to helping people solve Rubik's Cube puzzles have sprung up recently. These websites often include videos which are easier to follow than step-by-step written instructions found in books. 15 20

National and International 'Speedcubing' Championships have been held regularly since 2003 to determine the fastest fingers. Speedcubing uses the player's average time out of five attempts to determine the winner. The World Cube Association now runs competitions where players have to solve the puzzles one-handed, as well as having to solve the puzzles using only the feet. There is even a competition where players have to solve the puzzles as quickly as possible blindfolded! This makes Rubik's Cube competition even more challenging. 25

(Adapted from: Wikipedia)

39. Did Erno Rubik invent the Rubik's Cube with the intention of making money? Give **one** reason for your answer. (2m)

40. Who does 'he' in line 4 refer to? (1m)

41. Which word from paragraph 2 has the same meaning as 'shown'? (1m)

42. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story. (1m)

_____ The person who could solve the Rubik's Cube puzzle within the shortest time is a Japanese.

_____ The Rubik's Cube was made into a toy.

_____ A French man was the first person to solve the Rubik's Cube puzzle in under 10 seconds.

43. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. (2m)

	True/False	Reason
Many websites only give written instructions on how to solve the Rubik's Cube puzzle.		
The first person who solved the Rubik's Cube puzzle in under 10 seconds took 6.72 seconds.		

44. How can a competitor taking part in National or International Rubik's Cube Competitions become the winner? (2m)

45. Why did the The World Cube Association organise different types of Rubik's Cube Competitions? (1m)

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ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2013

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TERM : SA1

Section A

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
4	2	3	4	4	1	2	3	2	4

Section B

Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
3	4	4	1	2	3	2

Section C

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22
3	3	3	1	4

Section D

Q23. excellent

Q24. 's

Q25. camouflage

Q26. hunted

Section E

Q27. We cannot use the swimming pool because it is under renovation.

Q28. All the shoppers rushed in to grab the bargains when the manager opened the door to the department store.

Section F

Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33
A	H	C	F	E

Section G

Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
J	Q	O	L	N

Section H

Q39. No. He only wanted to create a working model to explain a Mathematical problem.

Q40. 'He' refers to Erno Rubik, a Hungarian university professor.

Q41. featured

Q42. 3, 1, 2

Q43.

True/False	Reason
True	Many websites do not only give written instructions, but also videos to help people solve the Rubik's cube.
False	The first person who solved the Rubik's cube puzzle in under 10 seconds took 9.86 seconds, not 8.72 seconds.

Q44. The competitor who takes the shortest average time out of five attempts to solve the Rubik's Cube becomes the winner.

Q45. It is because they wanted to make the Rubik's Cube competition to be even more challenging.