NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2 – 2009
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
Primary 3

Paper 2

Name : _____ ( )

Class : Primary 3 _____

Date : 26 October 2009

Total Marks: _____ / 48

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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.

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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. If we are careful, many accidents can be _____.

(1) paused (2) removed
(3) escaped (4) prevented ( )

2. I usually read the _____ below the photographs in the newspaper reports to know more about them.

(1) quotes (2) captions
(3) bylines (4) headlines ( )

3. "Your forehead is slightly _____ when you knocked your head against the door post. The blue-black patch will go away in a couple of days, Michael," Mother said.

(1) bruised (2) blistered
(3) scalded (4) fractured ( )

4. My aunt, who has migrated to Australia, comes back to Singapore _____. She sees us only once in every two years.

(1) fortnightly (2) annually
(3) bi-annually (4) biennially ( )

5. We looked at each other and _____ in horror when we saw the python swallowing the chicken.

(1) groaned (2) gasped
(3) muttered (4) stammered ( )

6. Kevin always makes sure that he hands in his work _____. All his teachers are pleased that he submits his work on time.

(1) hastily (2) instantly
(3) promptly (4) hurriedly ( )

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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. I _____my dinner when it started to rain heavily.

(1) eat (2) ate
(3) am eating (4) was eating ( )

8. The lights and fans in Mrs Ang's flat were left on. She had forgotten to switch them off _____ she left the house.

(1) until (2) since
(3) after (4) before ( )

9. Last Saturday, the salesgirl showed my brother and _____ some new books when we went into the bookshop.

(1) I (2) me
(3) us (4) him ( )

10. I eat lots of fruit and vegetables and exercise five times a week so I _____ fall sick.

(1) rarely (2) always
(3) frequently (4) occasionally ( )

11. The last singer was the _____ of all the five contestants and she won the first prize in the singing competition.

(1) best (2) worst
(3) better (4) worse ( )

12. The little boy, together with the dog, _____ asleep by the time his parents went home.

(1) is (2) are
(3) was (4) were ( )

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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.

Have you ever heard of a catfish or a flying fish? Perhaps you have. What about a goatfish, a cowfish or a toadfish? Although it sounds funny, these fishes do exist. They live in seas and oceans and are so named because they resemble the animals whose names they bear in some way or other.

The goatfish is a large fish which has large scales. It has a tiny mouth and eyes that are high on its head. However, it is the two feelers which protrude below its chin that give it the appearance of a goat. These feelers are actually food detectors.

A cowfish, like the cow, has horns on its head. Some cowfish can grow up to a length of 50 centimetres. Since they move very slowly, some species of cowfish release poison to protect itself. A cowfish looks like a box. Hence, it is also known as the boxfish.

The toadfish resembles a toad. Needless to say, it is not very attractive. The toadfish has a flat head, wide mouth and no scales.

Some fish are very dangerous. Certain species of scorpion fish have poisons which can inflict painful wounds. The stone fish can also inject its venom into unsuspecting victims who are unfortunate enough to tread on one.

Another very poisonous fish is the puffer fish. It puffs itself up into a huge, prickly ball to ward off enemies. Its internal organs contain a deadly poison yet the puffer fish is considered a delicacy by the Japanese. However, only skilled and licensed experts are allowed to prepare the fish so that ***it*** can be consumed safely.

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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. Some of the fish are named after animals because they _____.

(1) behave like the animals
(2) share the same diet as the animals
(3) have the same body shape as the animals
(4) have certain features which look like the animals ( )

14. The goatfish has _____

(1) horns
(2) no scales
(3) two feelers
(4) a large mouth ( )

15. The _____ is also called the boxfish.

(1) cowfish
(2) goatfish
(3) toadfish
(4) scorpion fish ( )

16. The word "it" in line 21 refers to the _____.

(1) enemy
(2) puffer fish
(3) prickly ball
(4) deadly poison ( )

17. Based on the information in the passage, which one of the following statements is **TRUE**?

(1) The boxfish is not poisonous.
(2) The toadfish looks rather attractive.
(3) The cowfish can be as long as 50 centimetres.
(4) The goatfish has eyes that are low on its head. ( )

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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.

USE A WORD **ONCE** ONLY.

(A) amused	**(D)** charged	**(G)** piping	**(K)** scorching
(B) aroma	**(E)** control	**(H)** scampered	**(L)** tailing
(C) balance	**(F)** opportunity	**(J)** scent	**(M)** timing

One evening, Bryan went to a nearby food centre to have dinner. As he was waiting for his food, he saw a hawker carrying a tray of (18)_____ hot food. As he was walking towards the customers who had ordered the food, a cat was (19)_____ close behind him.

It was attracted by the (20)_____ coming from the food. When the (21)_____ came, the cat pounced onto the hawker. He lost his (22)_____ and dropped the food onto the floor. Almost instantly, the cat (23)_____ towards the food on the floor and took the fish away. When the hawker stood up again, the cat had already (24)_____ away. He had to clean up the mess and prepare another tray of food for his customers. Everyone was (25)_____ with what they had witnessed and they could not help but laughed at the poor hawker.

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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.

Passage 1

USE A WORD **ONCE** ONLY.

(A) tell	**(B)** telling	**(C)** told
(D) will tell	**(E)** is telling	**(F)** was telling

We love jokes. Benjamin is very good at (26)_____ jokes. Whenever we feel moody, he (27) _____ jokes to enliven the mood and put everyone at ease. We laughed heartily when he (28)_____ us a joke yesterday. He (29)_____ us a joke now.

Passage 2

USE A WORD **ONCE** ONLY.

(G) all	**(H)** another	**(J)** few
(K) more	**(L)** much	**(M)** several

Last Sunday, my parents took my sister and me to Johor Bahru on a shopping trip. (30)_____ of us were very excited. Mother took along (31)_____ shopping bags. We went to the biggest shopping mall in Johor Bahru. We did not visit any places of interest as there was not (32)_____ time left after we had finished our shopping. We returned home quite late. We enjoyed the trip very much. Father promised to take us to Johor Baru (33) _____ weekend.

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Section F: Comprehension OE (5 x 2 marks)
Read the passage below and answer questions 34 to 38.

Mr Lim Boon Huat and Mr Royce Teo were enjoying their dinner with two employees at the back of their shop at about 8 pm when two robbers struck. They were armed with iron rods, axes and knives. The back door was unlocked and that was how they entered the shop. The two robbers surprised Mr Lim and Mr Teo. They huddled them to a corner and tied them up with nylon ropes.

As the shop was closed, no customers were in sight. The two security guards had also left.

The robbers forced open the cash register, taking $12 000, and later smashed the showcases containing the gold ornaments. They scooped up gold chains, pendants and bracelets. They had brought along a canvas bag for the loot.

The robbers, however, failed to open the safe where the expensive diamonds were kept. Meanwhile, Mr Lim managed to loosen the ropes around his hands and untie himself. The robbers were leaving and Mr Lim sprang at them in the nick of time. One of the robbers hit Mr Lim's head with an iron rod. Mr Lim had a deep cut on his head and it bled profusely. He staggered and retreated before he fell unconscious to the floor.

The robbers escaped in their accomplice's car. Mr Lim was taken to the hospital.

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

34. How did the robbers get into the shop?

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35. Which ***sentence*** in the passage tells you that Mr Lim and Mr Teo did not know that the robbers had entered their shop?

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36. Where were the expensive diamonds kept?

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37. What did the robbers use to contain the gold ornaments they had taken?

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38. When did Mr Lim spring at the robbers?

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

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

34)They got into the shop through the door.

35)The sentence is "The two robbers surprised Mr Lim and Mr Teo."

36)The expensive diamonds were kept in a safe.

37)They used a canvas bag.

38)He did so when the robbers were about to leave.

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