NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2 - 2009

PRIMARY 4

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2

Name: _____ (. .)

Class: Primary 4 _____

Date: 26 October 2009

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Parent's Signature

Total Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

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.

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SECTION A: VOCABULARY (7 X 1) marks

Choose the most suitable answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the OAS provided.

1. Our school track and field team was _____ in the semi-finals yesterday. It was an unexpected blow to the school.

(1) challenged (2) defended
(3) competed (4) defeated ( )

2. My brother has a great _____, he is always coming up with stories about things which did not happen.

(1) illusion (2) creation
(3) imagination (4) collection ( )

3. A giant peach tree grew in James' garden when some magic crystals _____ fell onto the ground.

(1) expectedly (2) carelessly
(3) accidentally (4) intentionally ( )

4. There is a sign at the restaurant that informs the patrons that smoking is _____ there and carries a $500 fine.

(1) prohibited (2) legal
(3) discouraged (4) eligible ( )

5. The teacher scolded the _____ pupil for not doing her homework.

(1) lazy (2) boastful
(3) diligent (4) responsible ( )

6. The movie _____ her almost overnight from an unknown schoolgirl to a famous star.

(1) transported (2) translated
(3) transplanted (4) transformed ( )

7. On my way to school last Monday, I witnessed an accident that occurred at the busy road _____.

(1) interaction (2) intersection
(3) intervention (4) interchange ( )

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SECTION B: GRAMMAR (7 X 1) marks
Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the OAS provided.

8. "Please pay attention. Mrs Lee _____ instructions for the learning journey now," said the monitor.

(1) gives (2) gave
(3) has given (4) is giving ( )

9. Last week, Judy and her friends _____ to East Coast Park for a picnic.

(1) goes (2) went
(3) was going (4) has gone ( )

10. Bala and Tim followed the recipe and baked the cookies _____.

(1) myself (2) ourselves
(3) himself (4) themselves ( )

11. "You will come to our party this Sunday, _____ you?" asked John.

(1) will (2) would
(3) won't (4) wouldn't ( )

12. Nobody in my class _____ interested in football this year.

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

13. _____ boys sitting over there have the best view of the dance performance.

(1) Those (2) That
(3) These (4) This ( )

14. The tea was not sweet because I put too _____ sugar in it.

(1) little (2) few
(3) much (4) many ( )

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SECTION C: COMPREHENSION (5 X 2) marks
Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

One sure sign of autumn is the sight of scarecrows everywhere. Scarecrows are used for practical reasons by farmers and as decorations by many people. You can find scarecrows on farms and in yards, and also on t-shirts, sweatshirts and other clothing.

Scarecrows were first used over 2000 years ago by farmers who needed to keep birds out of their fields. Crows and blackbirds were always eating the vegetable crops grown by farmers.

The farmers had to do something to stop the crows from coming into the fields. They made these human-like objects out of anything they could find. They used sticks, hay with pine straw and dressed the scarecrows in old clothing. The farmers tried their best to make these creations look like real people in a field or garden. They hoped that the crows would see the "person" standing in the field and be afraid of it.

Scarecrows are still seen today, but most farmers use other things now to get rid of pesky animals. Scarecrows are more often a decoration, and a way to mark the beginning of autumn.

Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the OAS provided.

15. Farmers began using scarecrows in their fields _____.

1) last year
2) every autumn
3) ten years ago
4) 2000 years ago

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16. The farmers needed scarecrows because _____.

1) they were cute
2) crows ate the crops
3) the sun was too hot
4) the crops were dying

( )

17. We see scarecrows during _____.

1) winter
2) spring
3) autumn
4) summer

( )

18. Which of the following is **NOT** used to make a scarecrow?

1) hay
2) food
3) sticks
4) clothing

( )

19. Which of the following is **FALSE**?

1) Scarecrows are used to attract crows.
2) Scarecrows are used as decorations today.
3) Scarecrows are used to keep birds out of fields.
4) Scarecrows are used to mark the beginning of fall.

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SECTION D: VOCABULARY CLOZE (4 X 1) marks
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.

USE A WORD **ONCE ONLY.**

(A)	champion	(D)	historical	(G)	performance
(B)	event	(E)	legend	(H)	popularity
(C)	future	(F)	memory	(J)	size

According to legend, the ancient Olympic Games were founded by Heracles, a son of Zeus. But according to (20)_____ records, the first Olympic Game was held in 776 BC. During this Olympic Game, Coroebus, a cook from Elis, won the only (21)_____ in the Game. The event was called the 'Stade' – a race of approximately 192 metres. It was said that Coroebus ran the distance without any clothes on and emerged victorious! This made Coroebus the very first Olympic (22)_____n in history. The ancient Olympic Games soon grew in (23)_____ It continued to be played once every four years for nearly 1200 years.

SECTION E: GRAMMAR CLOZE (4 X 1) marks
Read the following passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and **write its letter (A to F)** in each blank.

USE A WORD **ONCE** ONLY.

(A)	he	(C)	his	(E)	they
(B)	her	(D)	she	(F)	them

Piper Reed's father is a navy aircraft mechanic and the family follows him wherever he is posted. They have been to many towns and Piper Reed likes (24)_____ all. But when she learns that (25)_____ have to move to Florida, she is reluctant to leave. (26)_____ likes where she is in San Diego because she has (27)_____ own room as well as her tree house, where she hangs out with her friends. What will she do?

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SECTION F: EDITING (4 x 1) marks

Each of the underlined words contains either a ~~punctuation~~ spelling or grammatical error. A wrong or missing punctuation mark is indicated by a circle. Write the word with the correct punctuation mark, spelling or form of word in each of the boxes.

There are many ways to measure body fat. A person's waistline can be a good

28) _____

sign of weather he has too much body fat.

29) _____

Another measurement used is the waist-to-hip ratio – this is a persons' waist

measurement divided by his hip measurement.

30) _____

A third and far more acurate method involves weighing a person while he is

31) _____

submerged underwater. this involves special and expensive equipment that is not widely

available.

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SECTION G: SYNTHESIS (4 X 1) 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).

32. It was a school holiday. Sally went to the movies with her friends.

_____ **since**

_____.

33. The bookshop was very crowded. We went home without buying anything.

_____ **so** _____ **that**

_____.

34. "I will be going to the zoo tomorrow," Ben told his father.

Ben told his father that he _____

_____.

35. Robin does not eat sweets. His sisters do not eat sweets too.

Neither Robin _____

_____.

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SECTION H: COMPREHENSION (5 x 2) marks

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow in complete sentences.

Sunshine sprinkled the grass as the children ran around in Dawson Park and played hide-and-seek. Jenny and Gary were hiding from Anna. They needed to find a good hiding place. Anna always seemed to be able to find them. They ran behind the old maple tree in the middle of the park. They tried to catch their breath and at the same time make themselves invisible.

"Twenty-three, twenty-four, twenty-five-- ready or not, here I come," shouted Anna.

Anna started running all over the park. She looked behind the slide, but she did not see Jenny and Gary. She ran to the monkey bars and climbed to the top. She still did not see them. Then Anna spotted the big maple tree in the middle of the park. She climbed down from the monkey bars, and ran to the tree. She stood on one side of the tree. Jenny and Gary stood on the other side of the tree, holding their breath. Anna looked around, but she did not see them.

Slowly, Anna walked around the tree. She kept her back to the bark so she could see everything. Jenny and Gary also walked slowly around the tree. They tried to stay just enough ahead of Anna so that she would not see them.

They took one more step and ...

"Got you!" shouted Anna, laughing at the looks on Jenny and Gary's faces.

"Oh, no! Not again!" they groaned.

Gary then turned to Jenny and said, "I'll be the seeker this time."

Anna laughed with glee and told Gary to start counting as she ran to hide.

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36. Where were the children playing?

37. Which sentence in the first paragraph tells you that Anna was good at playing hide-and-seek?

38. Where did Anna first look for the children?

39. Why do you think Anna climbed to the top of the monkey bars?

40. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as '**delight**'?

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Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27
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28)whether 29)person's 30)accurate 31)This

32)Sally went to the movies with her friends since it was a school holiday.

33)The bookshop was so crowded that we went home without buying anything.

34)Ben told his father that he would be going to the zoo the next day.

35)Neither Robin nor his sister eat sweets.

36)They were playing in Dawson Park.

37)The sentence is "Anna always seemed to be able to find them.

38)She looked for the children behind the slide first.

39)She could see the whole park from the monkey bars.

40)The word is "glee."

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