NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT – 2010
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY 4
PAPER 2

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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 (7 X 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

1. Our national football team lost in the semi-finals of the inaugural Youth Olympic Games. They were _____ by the Haiti team.

(1) deleted
(2) detained
(3) defeated
(4) demolished ( )

2. When my aunt asked me for my _____ of her new hairstyle, I told her that it made her look younger.

(1) guess
(2) opinion
(3) judgement
(4) impression ( )

3. I like to read detective stories and my father _____ that I read books written by Sherlock Holmes.

(1) reveals
(2) announces
(3) prescribes
(4) recommends ( )

4. "Bringing wildlife into the country without permission is _____ and punishable by law," warned the immigration officer.

(1) illegal
(2) illogical
(3) illegible
(4) illiterate ( )

5. When Jiaxuan saw a stranger in her house, she was frightened and _____ like a leaf.

(1) fell
(2) drifted
(3) swayed
(4) trembled ( )

6. The moment Sally stepped into the florist's, the _____ from the flowers filled her nostrils.

(1) breath
(2) aroma
(3) stench
(4) fragrance ( )

7. Mr Tan made a _____ decision of buying an expensive house but found out later that he barely had money to pay for it.

(1) harsh
(2) hasty
(3) horrid
(4) hostile ( )

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SECTION B: GRAMMAR (7 X 1 mark)
Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

8. Mdm Lee _____ us what to do for the Science practical test now.

(1) tells
(2) told
(3) has told
(4) is telling ( )

9. Last Sunday morning, Amy _____ to West Coast Park for a game of Frisbee with her friends.

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

10. My sister and I followed Mother's recipe and baked the brownies _____.

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

11. "You will come to our house this Saturday, _____ you?" asked Ben.

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

12. Nobody in my class _____ taking part in the talent competition next month.

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

13. _____ boys sitting over there in the sports hall have the best view of the badminton tournament.

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

14. The tea was too sweet because I had put too _____ sugar cubes in it.

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

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

It was a Tuesday morning. Ana was going to wear her lucky blue hairclip to school. She really liked it.

After Ana got dressed, she went into the kitchen. Unlike other days, Father was preparing breakfast that morning. He was making bacon and toast. Ana loved bacon in the morning. Her brother, however, preferred cereal and Mother loved oatmeal.

Ana was excited about going to school. Her class was going to take a test to see how much they had learned so far that year. Ana could not wait to get to school. She was going to do her very best in that test.

Ana ate her breakfast, and then she and Mother went to the school. Ana met Linda at the school gate. ***They*** went straight to the classroom. Her classmates had already arrived. Ms Weng was also there. It was fun to be in Ms Weng's class and she was a great teacher. Ms Weng took attendance and then they started the test. Ana tried to remember all the things her teacher had taught her and tried very hard to do everything right.

The test took over an hour. After that, the class played outside for a long time. It was followed by lunch and a short nap. After that, they watched a funny movie, and then drew pictures until it was time to go home. It was a great day!

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Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

15. Ana preferred to eat _____ in the morning

1) toast
2) bacon
3) cereal
4) oatmeal

( )

16. Ana was excited about _____ that morning.

1) taking a test
2) wearing her lucky blue hairclip
3) her mother going to school with her
4) meeting Ms Weng who was a great teacher

( )

17. According to the information in the text, the children _____ before lunch.

1) played
2) took a nap
3) drew pictures
4) watched a movie

( )

18. The word "They" in line 11 refers to _____.

1) Ana and Linda
2) Ana and Ms Weng
3) Ms Weng and the class
4) Ana and her classmates

( )

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

1) Ms Weng was a funny teacher.
2) Ana got everything right in the test.
3) Ana's father prepared breakfast every morning.
4) Ana probably thought that the hairclip would bring her good luck.

( )

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SECTION D: VOCABULARY CLOZE (4 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 A WORD **ONCE ONLY.**

(A) competed	(C) events	(E) medals	(G) prizes
(B) contests	(D) excellence	(F) played	(H) records

Jesse Owens was one of the world's greatest track and field athletes. When he was in school, he was already an outstanding sportsman and often set (20)_____ for his age group. In 1936, Jesse (21)_____ in the Summer Olympics Games in the United States. He took part in both track and field (22)_____. He surprised many by winning four gold (23)_____ in the 100-metre and 200-metre sprints, long jump and 4 x 100 metres relay.

(Adapted from http://www.enchantedlearning.com/history/us/aframer/owens/cloze.shtml)

SECTION E: GRAMMAR CLOZE (4 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 F)*** *in each blank.*

USE A WORD **ONCE** ONLY.

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

Crash! Mother ran into the living room. There, lying on the floor was (24)_____pretty crystal vase. "Of all the vases, you've to break the most expensive one in my collection," (25)_____ screamed. The twins had been playing in the room. It had to be either Bob or Ben who had knocked it over. However, (26)_____did not own up. After some time, Ben, the older of the twins, spoke up. (27)_____ blamed it on their pet cat. Poor cat!

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SECTION F: EDITING (4 x 1 mark)
Each of the underlined words contains a grammatical error. A missing punctuation mark is indicated by a circle. Put the correct word or punctuation mark in each of the boxes.

Doctors and scientists have different names for what happens when one particular disease spreads to a lot of people.

An "outbreak" is what happens when a disease affects or kills **many** people than 28) usual in a community, country or region over a certain period of time. If the disease spreads to many people very quickly 29) we say it is an "epidemic".

What then is a "pandemic" 30) A "pandemic" occurs when it spreads to many countries across the world and **affected** many 31) people in each country like the Influenza A (H1N1) flu did.

(Source: Little Red Dot, pg 9, 6 April 2010)

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SECTION G: SYNTHESIS (4 X 1 mark)

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. Charlie went out to play with his friends.

_____ **since**

_____.

33. It was very cold in the cinema. We went home before the movie ended.

_____ **so** _____

that _____.

34. "I will be going to the park tomorrow," Nelly told her mother.

Nelly told her mother that she _____

_____.

35. Devi does not eat meat. Her brothers do not eat meat too.

Neither Devi _____

_____.

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SECTION H: COMPREHENSION OPEN-ENDED (5 x 2 marks)

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

It was a warm Saturday morning, but that was not the only reason Jim woke up in a good mood. He was going to the nursery with his father. Jim loved gardening and Mr Ho's nursery was Jim's favourite store.

Jim could see from the parking lot that the flowers and shrubs in the nursery were already in full bloom. There were yellow sunflowers and orchids. The orchids were in a range of colours from white to dark purple, which looked almost black. Jim loved the bright green of the new leaves on the plants. It had been a long, cold rainy season and the sight in the nursery cheered him up.

Jim's father rubbed his hands together. "Let's go do some shopping," he said. Jim pushed the shopping cart while his father piled things into it. They bought a bag of potting soil. They also bought plants for the hanging baskets which they made yearly. They bought ferns and flowers too. Of course they bought fertiliser.

Jim's father held up a birdhouse. "Should we get this?" he asked Jim.

Jim shook his head. "Let's make our own," he said.

They bought vegetable seeds for their garden. They looked at the trays of young tomato plants and lettuce. "Are you sure we should get lettuce?" Jim asked his father. "***Remember what happened last year?***"

His father sighed and nodded. "I know you mean the slugs. I'm going to spread sawdust in the garden this year."

After Jim and his father filled their cart, they parked it in the shade and strolled around the nursery looking at all the shrubs. "I think we should buy a lime plant this year," said Jim.

"I agree," said his father. "There is no room in the car this time, but maybe we can come back next week and pick ***one*** up."

(Adapted from:http://www.abcteach.com/free/r/rc_elementary_fiction_jimsfavoritestore.

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

36. Where did Jim and his father go that Saturday?

37. Which **three-word phrase** in paragraph 2 tells you that what Jim had seen at Mr Ho's store made him feel happy?

38. According to the information in the text, what did Jim and his father make every year?

39. "Remember what happened last year?" (line 17) What happened last year?

40. What does the word ***'one'*** in line 24 refer to?

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Ans

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Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27
1	4	H	A	C	E	D	C	E	A

28)more 29), 30)? 31)affects

32)Charlie went out to play with his friends since it was a school holiday.

33)It was so cold in the cinema that we went home before the movie ended.

34)Nelly told her mother that she would be going to the park the next day.

35)Neither Devi nor her brother eat meat.

36)Jim and his father went to Mr Ho's nursery.

37)The phrase is "cheered him up".

38)They made hanging baskets every year.

39)The slugs destroyed the lettuce.

40)The word is "one" refers to lime plant.

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