NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1 – 2011
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
Primary 3

Paper 2

Name : _____ ( )

Class : Primary 3 _____

Date : 10 May 2011 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. Jack moved _____ around the room as he did not want to wake his baby sister.

(1) quietly (2) worriedly
(3) hurriedly (4) gracefully ( )

2. The _____ of dancers from France put on a fantastic performance last night.

(1) band (2) staff
(3) troupe (4) crowd ( )

3. The _____ boy refuses to come out of his room whenever there are guests in his house.

(1) angry (2) timid
(3) harmless (4) fearless ( )

4. It was a moonlit night. We _____ through the park, enjoying the cool, night air.

(1) strolled (2) sneaked
(3) scampered (4) staggered ( )

5. Eggs, flour, butter and sugar are some of the _____ used in baking a cake.

(1) recipes (2) materials
(3) groceries (4) ingredients ( )

6. Do not trust Michael. He is as _____ as a fox.

(1) proud (2) hungry
(3) greedy (4) cunning ( )

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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. Sean _____ on his way home from the library when it started to rain.

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

8. Meili and her sister _____ to school every day because they live very near to their school.

(1) walk (2) walks
(3) walked (4) are walking ( )

9. My brother and I bought _____ some popcorn before we went into the cinema.

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

10. Michelle knew about the death of her pet dog although I did not tell her. _____ must have told her about it.

(1) Anyone (2) No one
(3) Everyone (4) Someone ( )

11. Nick and Alan missed their school bus _____ they were late for school.

(1) as (2) so
(3) when (4) before ( )

12. If I were rich, I _____ travel round the world.

(1) will (2) shall
(3) would (4) should ( )

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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.

It was pitch dark. Two men crept into a house through the open window.

"We're lucky tonight. The window isn't close," whispered one of them.

"Shh...! Let's get on with the job. They may be home sooner than we think," cautioned his accomplice.

The two men ransacked the master bedroom. They searched the drawers and cupboards for cash and jewellery. To their disappointment, they found only a small purse with a few coins in it.

"Give me the torch. Let's go to the next room. They won't be back this early. They normally work overtime," the taller of the two men said. His friend handed him the torch and carried on rummaging through the clothes in the cupboard in the hope of reaping a better harvest. The taller men crept stealthily into the next room.

Just before the taller man reached the door, he stopped suddenly. His torch was shining on an old man in a big arm chair. The man was motionless. ***He*** was looking straight at him. The tall man panicked. He shouted to his accomplice and they ran out of the house. When they were at the void deck, they saw a policeman on patrol. The two men continued running until they reached the street where they lived.

It was very much later that they discovered that they were frightened off by a blind and deaf man.

Adapted from 'English Through Comprehension & Cloze Passages'

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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. The two men mentioned in line 1 were _____.

(1) visiting the old man
(2) repairing the window
(3) breaking into the house
(4) looking for something in the house ( )

14. According to the passage, the two men guessed that the owners of the house must have been _____.

(1) sleeping
(2) shopping
(3) on holidays
(4) working late ( )

15. One of the men rummaged through the clothes in the cupboard to _____.

(1) get a torch
(2) look for a purse
(3) search for valuables
(4) look for expensive clothes ( )

16. The word "***He***" in line 13 refers to the _____.

(1) tall man
(2) old man
(3) policeman
(4) accomplice ( )

17. The old man in the arm chair did not move because he _____.

(1) was dead
(2) had fainted
(3) could neither see nor hear
(4) was too frightened to move ( )

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Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (8 X 1 mark)
Read the following passage carefully. Choose the most suitable word 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) appreciation	**(D)** flagged	**(G)** helpful	**(K)** praised
(B) careful	**(E)** grateful	**(H)** honoured	**(L)** problem
(C) charge	**(F)** hailed	**(J)** pay	**(M)** wallet

An American tourist, Mr James, rang The Straits Times recently. He (18)_____ a kind taxi-driver, Mr Koh, for sending him back to his hotel even though he did not have any money to pay the taxi fare. Mr James had lost his (19)_____ while he was shopping and he was quite far from his hotel. However, he (20)_____ Mr Koh's taxi and explained his (21)_____. Mr Koh offered to send him back to his hotel, saying that he would not (22)_____ him for the trip.

So, the (23)_____ Mr James rang The Straits Times to express his (24)_____ to Mr Koh. He said he had encountered other taxi drivers before but none was as (25)_____ as Mr Koh. He also expressed his wish to see more taxi drivers like Mr Koh.

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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. The letter (I) has been omitted to avoid confusion in marking.

Passage 1

USE A WORD **ONCE** ONLY.

(A) prepare	**(B)** prepares	**(C)** prepared
(D) preparing	**(E)** has prepared	**(F)** will be preparing

Mrs Ang is busy in her kitchen (26)_____ dinner for her family. She (27)_____ dinner for her husband and two children every evening.

Mrs Ang is a very good cook. She has even written her own recipes. Last night, Mrs Ang (28)_____ soup and pasta. Tomorrow, she (29)_____ roasted chicken and pizza.

Passage 2

USE A WORD **ONCE** ONLY.

(G) away	**(H)** of	**(J)** off
(K) towards	**(L)** up	**(M)** with

I was feeling hungry so I decided to make a sardine sandwich for myself. While I was opening the can of sardine, it slipped (30)_____ my hands and landed on the floor (31)_____ a loud thud. Next, I saw my cat running quickly (32)_____ the strewn sardine and it gobbled everything (33)_____. My greedy cat cleared all the fish from the floor including the bones.

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

In a village, bullfrogs used to eat the pests that damaged the farmers' rice plants. However, when frogs' legs became a delicacy in restaurants, the farmers started catching the bullfrogs in their rice fields to sell. They were so happy with the money they were making that they did not know when to stop catching the bullfrogs. One day, bullfrogs disappeared completely from the rice fields.

Without the bullfrogs, pests in the fields multiplied. The farmers were desperate. They did not know how to stop the pests from destroying the rice crops. In the end, the farmers had neither rice to eat nor bullfrogs to sell. They realised too late that their greed for money had got them into trouble. They had to buy rice grains from a neighbouring village which charged them twice the normal price. The villagers had to pay or starve.

This story has a lesson for us. Many people are killing wildlife to make money. They will have to pay a high price for it.

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

34. How were the bullfrogs useful to the farmers?

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35. Why did the bullfrogs disappear from the rice fields after some time?

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36. What happened to the rice crops when the bullfrogs disappeared?

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37. When did the farmers realise that their greed had got them into trouble?

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38. Which word in the passage tells you that frogs' legs are considered a delicious and expensive dish?

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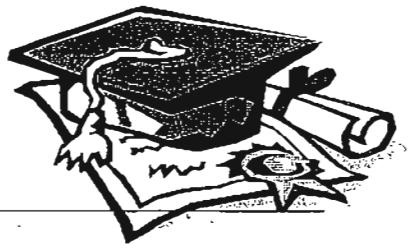


ANSWER SHEET

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

34)They helped the farmers to eat the pests that damaged their rice pants.

35)Frogs' legs became a delicacy in restaurants and the farmers started catching the bullfrogs to sell.

36)The pests in the rice fields multiplied, so more rice plants were destroyed by the pests.

37)The farmers realised that their greed had got them into trouble when they had neither rice nor bullfrogs to sell.

38)The word is "delicacy".

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