NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2 – 2011
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY 3

PAPER 2

Name : _____ ( )

Class : Primary 3 _____

Date : 14 October 2011

Total Marks: _____ / 48

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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. "Try to _____ Baby Tim, he's been crying for hours," Mother told Mei Shan.

(1) pause (2) pacify
(3) pamper (4) protect ( )

2. Since the death of his son, David, Mr Peraza has been _____.

(1) a hue and cry (2) in the doldrums
(3) soaked to his skin (4) shedding crocodile tears ( )

3. His mother has packed everything he needs for the camp. There is no cause for him to _____ about not having enough clothes to change.

(1) bellow (2) shout
(3) stammer (4) grumble ( )

4. Ali left _____ upon receiving news that his father was hospitalised.

(1) hastily (2) hesitantly
(3) heartily (4) helplessly ( )

5. Mrs Wong _____ that Ariel's new pet dog was very obedient as it could follow instructions closely.

(1) criticized (2) consented
(3) commented (4) commanded ( )

6. Rajkumar seized the _____ and scored the first goal for his soccer team.

(1) game (2) benefit
(3) advantage (4) opportunity ( )

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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. Su Yin and Wen Jia fanned _____with a folded newspaper.

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

8. I have asked him several times _____ he still refuses to do it.

(1) for (2) but
(3) until (4) because ( )

9. Zacary knows that I am here, _____ he?

(1) won't (2) isn't
(3) can't (4) doesn't ( )

10. _____ story book is this? May I borrow it please?

(1) Which (2) Whom
(3) Who's (4) Whose ( )

11. Mother _____ when we came home an hour ago.

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

12. Even though John _____ unclear of what was beneath his bed, he did not scream.

(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.

Tom's aunt wanted to keep him out of mischief so she told him to paint the fence. Tom was very upset. He had planned to do so many things. How could he stand it if his friends should see him working so hard? They would surely laugh at him.

Tom was miserable indeed but suddenly he had a great idea. He took up the brush and started to paint. Ben Rogers came along. He was eating an apple. Tom pretended not to see him. Ben asked, "Hey, what's wrong?" Tom did not reply. He pretended to look at the fence carefully and then went on painting. Actually his mouth watered for the apple.

"So you've got to work today?" said Ben. Tom pretended to have just noticed him and greeted him.

Ben said he was going swimming. "I suppose you can't come, can you? You've got to work."

Tom said, "Work? Do you call this work? Why, it isn't every day that one gets a chance to paint a fence, you know."

Ben was surprised. Then suddenly Ben said, "Please let me paint a little."

Tom refused. He said his aunt was very fussy and would like the painting to be well done. Tom added that only he could do it well. Ben begged Tom to let him have a try. Finally Tom allowed him to do it in exchange for his apple. Tom gave Ben the brush as if he was unwilling. Yet in his heart he was delighted.

Soon other boys came along and they too were tricked into being allowed to paint the fence in exchange for all sorts of gifts. By the time he had run out of paint, Tom had a kite, twelve marbles, a marker, a dog-collar, a couple of tadpoles, six erasers and an Angry Bird soft toy among many other things. He was rich! What a crafty boy!

Adapted from The Adventures Of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain

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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. Tom was miserable because _____.

(1) his aunt punished him
(2) he had to paint the fence
(3) he had to stay out of mischief
(4) his friends would joke with him ( )

14. Tom had to paint the fence because _____.

(1) he had upset his aunt
(2) he had a passion to paint
(3) he had to be occupied to stay out of trouble
(4) he wanted to do other things upon completion of his paint work ( )

15. Which one of the following statements is true?

(1) Tom was a workaholic.
(2) Tom enjoyed painting the fence.
(3) Tom detested painting the fence.
(4) Tom shared his love for painting with his friends. ( )

16. The sentences,"He gave Ben the brush as if he was unwilling. Yet in his heart he was delighted." tell you that _____.

(1) Tom was reluctant to give Ben the brush
(2) Tom found it meaningless to hand over the brush to Ben
(3) Tom pretended that he did not want to hand over the brush to Ben
(4) Tom was uncertain that he would be reprimanded by his aunt if he gave Ben the brush ( )

17. According to the passage, Tom was a _____ boy.

(1) clever
(2) obedient
(3) considerate
(4) hardworking ( )

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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 EACH WORD **ONCE** ONLY.

(A) dashed	**(D)** excited	**(G)** piled	**(K)** stalled
(B) dismayed	**(E)** flooded	**(H)** receded	**(L)** traffic
(C) displayed	**(F)** gushed	**(J)** reduced	**(M)** wet

Reports of flashfloods were seen in newspapers in February 2011 due to the heavy downpour. Most parts of Singapore were (18)_____. Many people who were living in shophouses were (19) _____ to see dirty water entering and damaging their furniture. Some closed their doors quickly and *plugged** the gaps with sand bags. However, the water still (20) _____ in, some people moved their belongings while others (21) _____ them on top of tables to prevent them from getting (22)_____.

Out in the streets the engines of many cars (23)_____ as water got in. This resulted in (24) _____ congestion everywhere.

When the water finally (25) _____, there was a lot of cleaning to be done in many homes.

**plugged : filled up or blocked out a hole.*

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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 EACH WORD/PHRASE **ONCE** ONLY.

(A) give	**(B)** was giving	**(C)** were given
(D) gave	**(E)** was given	**(F)** had given

Each pupil (26)_____ a skipping rope as he entered the sports hall. They grinned, happy with the Children's Day gift they (27) _____. "No one (28)_____ us anything in my former school," said Jia Le. Jia Le and his parents had just arrived in Singapore from Shanghai. It was Jia Le's first Children's Day.

"What did they (29)_____ you last year?" he asked his new friends out of curiosity.

Passage 2

USE EACH WORD **ONCE** ONLY.

(G) old	**(H)** older	**(J)** oldest
(K) tall	**(L)** taller	**(M)** tallest

Angie and Betty are twins. Angie is the (30) _____ of the two. She was born a few minutes earlier than Betty . As their birthday falls on 2 January, they are the (31) _____ in the class. Both girls are (32) _____ for their age. They are always the last pair of pupils when the class lined up for assembly. They are the (33) _____ in class.

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

Do you know that about 96% of people are right-handed. It is no wonder most equipment are designed for them. Poor left-handers! They have to manage somehow and most of them do.

Does a left-handed person encounter any difficulty? Why, yes, but the difficulties are not serious. Some do not find it difficult to tell which way a screw should be turned in order to be tightened or loosened. Some do find it difficult to read maps. They have to turn them upside down!

You may be interested to know that some people think it is rude to use your left hand to pass objects to others. They are not happy when they find that their children are left-handed so they try their best to change them. Some left-handed children get scolded or even get punished by their parents who hope that such treatment will "cure" them of their left-handedness.

Today, things are different and left-handed children are not scolded and punished so often. Doctors believe that it is best to leave left-handed people as they are. There is nothing wrong with **them**. We should not try to change them. They are left- handed because the right half of the brain controls the left half of the body better so this half works better. It is not a problem at all. So cheer up, if you are a left-hander – there is nothing wrong with you. You can still succeed in life like Leonardo da Vinci and Michelangelo – two of the world's greatest geniuses who were left-handed!

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

34. Why are most equipment designed for right-handed people?

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35. What is/one\difficulty which a left-handed person may encounter?

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36. Why would some people be unhappy if you hand them objects using your left hand?

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37. What/Who does the word **'them'** in line 15 refer to?

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38. What makes people left-handed?

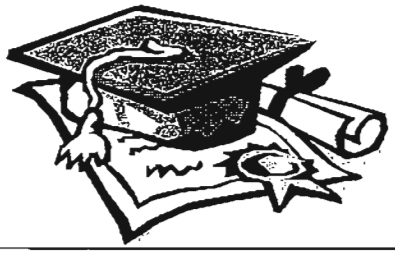
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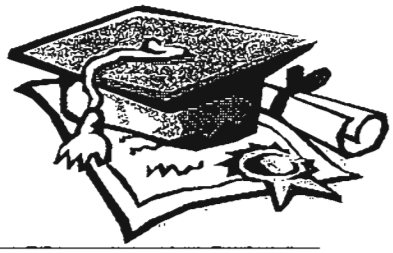
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ANSWER SHEET

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

34) About 96% of people are right-handed.

35) He may have difficulty tightening or loosening a screw.

36) People think it is to use your left hand pass objects to others.

37) It refers to the people who are left-handed.

38) The right half of the brain controls the left half of the body better so this half works better.

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