NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1- 2011
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
Primary 4

PAPER 2

Total Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Do not turn over the page until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. Answer all questions.

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SECTION A: VOCABULARY (10 X 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

1. Charlotte was _____ when she failed to get into the school team after many attempts and she finally gave up.
   (1) disgusted (2) disheartened
   (3) disinterested (4) disadvantaged ( )

2. Nobody likes Mr Lim because he is very _____. He always thinks he is the best.
   (1) impolite (2) arrogant
   (3) ignorant (4) impatient ( )

3. When Susan's father found out that she had stolen money from the school bookshop, he was _____ and wanted to throw her out of the house.
   (1) enraged (2) shaken
   (3) disbelieving (4) pessimistic ( )

4. The sole of Mother's shoe had come off so she took it to the _____ to have it repaired.
   (1) draper (2) sculptor
   (3) cobbler (4) seamstress ( )

5. "Don't you dare tell the teacher or you'll be beaten up!" the bully _____ the boy.
   (1) ordered (2) instructed
   (3) threatened (4) interrogated ( )

6. Paul _____ Jack's invitation to his party because he had another appointment on that day.
   (1) delayed (2) declined
   (3) defaulted (4) destroyed ( )

7. Besides smuggling drugs, the syndicate has also decided to produce _____ money.
   (1) copy (2) fake
   (3) duplicate (4) counterfeit ( )

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8. Library users have to pay a _____ if they return the books after the due date.

(1) fee (2) fine

(3) price (4) penalty ( )

9. A _____ of jewellery thieves stole diamonds worth over twenty million dollars from that renowned jewellery boutique.

(1) mob (2) gang

(3) crew (4) crowd ( )

10. Being known for having an enormous appetite, Terry is able to _____ a whole cake in five minutes.

(1) fish for (2) wolf down

(3) crow about (4) chicken out ( )

SECTION B: GRAMMAR (10 X 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

11. Peggy _____ before ten o'clock every night and wakes up before seven o'clock in the morning.

(1) sleep (2) slept

(3) sleeps (4) sleeping ( )

12. During our Science lesson, Miss Goh told us that water _____ at zero degrees Celsius.

(1) freeze (2) freezes

(3) was freezing (4) will be freezing ( )

13. Jane screamed _____ she saw an army of ants crawling out from her shoe.

(1) when (2) while

(3) since (4) although ( )

14. Pete _____ complete the race in under an hour in order to be chosen.

(1) can (2) may

(3) must (4) could ( )

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15. Agnes could not buy the doll _____ she did not have enough money.
(1) so (2) as
(3) but (4) yet ( )

16. None of us expected to pass the examination, _____ it was a wonderful surprise that everyone did.
(1) yet (2) so
(3) since (4) because ( )

17. Katrina prefers dancing _____ singing.
(1) to (2) than
(3) versus (4) against ( )

18. The _____ legs are moving fast. See how quickly it is moving.
(1) centipede (2) centipede's
(3) centipedes' (4) centipedes's ( )

19. "You will come to my birthday party this Saturday, _____ you?" asked Bob.
(1) will (2) won't
(3) would (4) wouldn't ( )

20. "There isn't _____ food here but you can still join us at the table if you don't mind sharing whatever food that is left," Anna said to Ali.
(1) any (2) many
(3) much (4) some ( )

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

Humans have always been fascinated by rainbows. In Greek mythology, they were said to be the path of Iris, the messenger of the gods. In Norse mythology, a rainbow was a Bifröst bridge, connecting the homes of the gods and humans. Irish leprechauns are said to hide their gold at the end of a rainbow. Those are magical stories, but they are not true. What is a rainbow, really?

A rainbow is an arc of colored light in the sky. It is caused by sunlight refracting and reflecting from droplets of water, such as rain or mist, in the air. The colors of the reflected arc of light are always in the same order: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet.

How does sunlight create a rainbow? Light enters a drop of water. The drop acts as a prism, and *refracts* the light. This means the light is broken up into the individual colors, or spectrum, that are contained in the light. If the light enters the drop at just the right angle (about 42 degrees), the back of the drop acts as a mirror and reflects most of the light back out the front. Have you ever seen a double rainbow? They are caused when the droplets reflect the light *twice*. The colors in the spectrum of the second rainbow are in the opposite order from those in the first.

Why is a rainbow arc-shaped? This is due to the angle between the sun, the droplet and the viewer. The viewer sees only one color of light, for example red, reflected from a certain droplet. Droplets a slight distance away are at a slightly different angle, and so the viewer sees only the orange light reflected, and so on through the spectrum. A rainbow is actually circular, which can be seen if viewed from above, such as from an airplane. Usually, however, half of the circle is below the horizon when seen from below, giving it the appearance of an arc.

Rainbows are not only caused by raindrops. They can also be seen in mist, such as that created by waterfalls. You can even make them yourself, by spraying water into the air on a sunny day!

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21. In Norse mythology, rainbows are considered to be _____.
    (1) refracted sunlight
    (2) the passenger of a messenger
    (3) a meteorological phenomenon
    (4) a bridge between gods and humans ( )

22. Rainbows are caused by _____.
    (1) arcs of sunlight
    (2) coloured light in the sky
    (3) mist created by waterfalls
    (4) water droplets refracting and reflecting sunlight ( )

23. What is the shape of a rainbow seen from above?
    (1) circular
    (2) arc-shaped
    (3) semi-circle
    (4) a nearly straight line ( )

24. We can make our own rainbow by _____.
    (1) shining a light into the air
    (2) looking at the mist at waterfalls
    (3) spraying water into the air on a sunny day
    (4) reflecting and refracting sunlight on droplets of water ( )

25. Which one of the following statements is **FALSE**?
    (1) A rainbow is actually circular when viewed from above.
    (2) A double rainbow is created when the droplets reflect the light twice.
    (3) A water droplet acts as a mirror that refracts the light, creating a rainbow.
    (4) A rainbow is created when light enters the drop of water at the right angle.)

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SECTION D: VOCABULARY CLOZE (10 X 1 mark)
There are 10 blanks numbered 26 to 35. From the list of the words given, choose the most appropriate word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

Use each word only ONCE.

(A) clearing	(B) deeds	(C) dropped	(D) energy	(E) fallen
(F) longest	(G) notice	(H) observed	(J) packing	(K) people
(L) queue	(M) rush	(N) see	(P) shortest	(Q) thoughtful

Singapore is such a busy place. Everywhere we go, people are always in a (26)_____. Don't you hurry to the canteen the moment the recess bell goes, just so you can be at the head of the (27)_____ for your favourite noodles?

We can be in such a hurry that we do not even (28)_____ the people around us. All we want to do is get to where we need to be or finish what we have to do in the 29)_____ time. This can make us ungracious.

However, at a shopping mall the other day, I saw a few gracious (30)_____ that really inspired me. I saw someone hold the door open for a person coming up behind him. I (31)_____ how a lady stopped to help a senior citizen pick up the things she had (32)_____. I also heard a young boy say a cheerful "thank you" to the worker who was (33)_____ his table at the food court.

Small (34)_____ actions like these do not take up much time and (35)_____. However, they will do a lot to brighten the day for another person.

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SECTION E: GRAMMAR CLOZE (10 X 1 mark)

Passage 1

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to J) in the blank. The letter (I) has been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

Use each word only ONCE.

(A)	at	(B)	around	(C)	by
(D)	in	(E)	the	(F)	their
(G)	there	(H)	which	(J)	who

The first pencil in the world was known as a "stylus", a thin metal stick made from lead. It was used (36) _____ the ancient Egyptians and Romans.

Then, a graphite deposit was discovered (37) _____ England in the 16th century. People wrapped these graphite sticks with strings, probably so they would not get (38)_____ hands dirty. As they wrote, they unwrapped the string from the graphite stick. These pencils quickly became popular in Europe.

Today, graphite powder is mixed with clay and water to create a paste, (39) _____ is then forced through a thin metal tube to create spaghetti-like strings. The strings are then baked in an oven and cut to (40) _____ correct lengths. The slivers of graphite are the pencil "lead".

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Passage 2

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to J) in the blank. The letter (I) has been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

Use each word only ONCE.

(A)	break	(B)	breaks	(C)	broke
(D)	broken	(E)	breaking	(F)	have broken
(G)	is breaking	(H)	was breaking	(J)	were breaking

Steven and Ralph were at home alone. Their mother had gone to the market to get some ingredients for dinner. Before leaving the house, she warned the boys, "Behave yourselves. If anything (41)_____, you will be very sorry."

"Don't worry about that, Mother," the boys replied. The boys went back to their room to complete their homework. After about twenty minutes, the boys became bored and decided to play a game of Frisbee in the living room. "Remember, we have to be careful not to (42)_____anything here," Steven reminded Ralph.

"Yes Sir!" Ralph replied cheekily. They were enjoying themselves tremendously when suddenly, Ralph threw the Frisbee too high for Steven to catch. They watched the Frisbee fly towards their mother's favourite vase. The vase was knocked off the shelf and was (43)_____to smithereens.

"Now, look what you have done! You (44)_____Mother's favourite vase!" Steven shouted at Ralph angrily.

Suddenly, the boys heard footsteps approaching. "Mother will definitely be furious at you for (45)_____her favourite vase!" Steven said.

"Oh no!" Ralph gasped.

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SECTION F: EDITING FOR SPELLING, PUNCTUATION AND GRAMMAR (10 x 1 mark)
Each of the underlined words contains a grammatical error. Each bold word contains a spelling error. A wrong or missing punctuation mark is indicated by a circle. Put the correct punctuation mark or word in each of the boxes.

Just the other day, I returned home from school feeling really down. I received a "C"

46) [ ]

on a piece of art that I had worked very hard on. My classmates make fun of my new haircut.

47) [ ]

Then I lost my favourite pencil. To top it all off ◯ my best friend was absent from school so,

48) [ ]

I could not share my woes in her.

49) [ ]

However when I sat on my bed and **thaught** things over for a while, I realised that these

50) [ ]

troubles were only temporary. I can aim to score a better grade on my next art **asignment**.

My hair will grow back. I can always use the other pencils that I have. In other words, I have

51) [ ]

what it takes to moved on. I do not have to let a bad day get me down. I certainly do not have

to feel like a failure.

52) [ ]

After thinking about that, I felt a lot better and decides to make the next day a better one!

53) [ ]

You can do the same to! There is a saying that goes, "When life throws lemons at you, make

54) [ ]

lemonade ◯" It means that when you face any difficulties in life, make the best of the

55) [ ]

situaition and turn it into something good.

(Adapted from Little Red Dot, pg 1, 15th February 2011)

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SECTION G: SYNTHESIS (5 X 2 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).

56. Jenny was given a reward. She had done well in her examinations.

_____ since

_____

57. Mr Tan is trying to reduce the number of cigarettes he smokes a day.

_____ cut down on

_____

58. Ali was happy for Benny. Benny had won the first prize in the storytelling competition.

_____ who

_____

59. He bought a plate of chicken rice. He was famished.

As _____

_____

60. Andy waited outside the general office. His teacher was making copies of the worksheet.

_____ while

_____

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SECTION H: COMPREHENSION OE (7 x 2 marks)

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions 61 to 67.

"Remember to come out of class immediately at 1 p.m. today, Julia. Your appointment with Dr Soon is at 2 p.m. sharp. So I will have to take you to the dentist very promptly after school," called out Mother just as I was running out to board the school bus for school. Oh! I had forgotten all about my dreaded visit to the dentist. The last time I was there, he had given me a long lecture about how I should eat less sweets and how I should floss and brush my teeth at least twice a day. This, of course took place after he had pulled one tooth out and filled two cavities, experiences I really would not want to repeat. Only now was I regretting my decision not to heed his advice.

Alas! My pangs of remorse were too late. Dr Soon clucked disapprovingly. **This** only caused me to grow more and more alarmed. That meant another painful experience for me. If only I had listened!

The roar of his equipment was deafening. I was tense, waiting for the pain to start. Suddenly, he stopped poking at my teeth. The whirrs of his equipment quietened. "Okay Julia, we're done," Dr Soon said. "Your teeth seem fine as a whole so I only did some simple polishing for you. But there are beginnings of plaque growing. You had better take good care of your teeth," he continued.

That was all? Hey! Maybe Dr Soon was not such a horrible person after all. Hopefully, my next visit will be as uneventful as today's.

(Adapted from Creative Writer A-Star Interactive)

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

61. Why did Julia have to come out of class immediately?

_____

_____

62. What treatment did the dentist give Julia at her first dental visit?

_____

_____

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63. "Only now was I regretting my decision not to heed his advice" **(line 8)**. What did Julia regret not doing?

_____

_____

64. "Alas! My pangs of remorse were too late." **(line 10)** Why do you think Julia felt that it was too late for remorse?

_____

_____

65. What does "**This**" in line 10 refer to?

_____

_____

66. Which **sentence** in paragraph 3 tells you that Dr Soon stopped using his equipment?

_____

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67. What was the problem with Julia's teeth at the second dental visit?

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TERM : SA1

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

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
2	2	3	4	4	1	3	3	M	L	G	P	B	H	C	A	Q

Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40	Q41	Q42	Q43	Q44	Q45
D	C	D	F	H	E	B	A	D	F	E

46)made 47), 48)with 49)thought 50)assignment

51)move 52)decided 53)too 54). 55)situation

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59)As he was famished, he bought a plate of chicken rice.

60)Andy waited outside the general office while his teacher was making copies of the worksheet.

61)She had a dental appointment at 2p.m.

62)The dentist pulled Julia's tooth out and filled two cavities.

63)She regretted not heeding Dr Soon's advice to less sweets and to floss and brush her teeth at least twice a day.

64)She did not take care if her teeth and thought that the dentist was going to pull out another of her teeth soon.

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65)It refers to Dr Soon clucking disapprovingly.

66)The sentence is "The whirs of his equipment quietened".

67)Plaque was beginning to grow on her teeth.

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