NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2 – 2012
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
Primary 3

Paper 2

Name : _____ ( )

Class : Primary 3 _____

Date : 22 October 2012

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. When the lift suddenly stopped moving, my father pressed the alarm button _____.

(1) shrilly (2) hardly
(3) excitedly (4) incessantly ( )

2. As they were unhappy with their monitor for being unfair, the students went to their form teacher to _____.

(1) argue (2) complain
(3) criticise (4) reprimand ( )

3. The Head Prefect _____ in delight when she was told she would present a souvenir to Princess Catherine.

(1) strutted (2) snarled
(3) squealed (4) squirmed ( )

4. On Teachers' Day every year, students show _____ to their teachers by showering them with gifts and cards.

(1) pleasure (2) kindness
(3) hospitality (4) appreciation ( )

5. It was _____ how the two men could have sneaked into the MRT depot to splash paint on the trains as the whole place was tightly guarded.

(1) unclear (2) undecided
(3) unplanned (4) unimportant ( )

6. Several old buildings are being _____ to make way for new ones.

(1) damaged (2) destroyed
(3) demolished (4) deteriorated ( )

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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. "You've made those same mistakes again! How many times _____ I remind you to check your work thoroughly before handing it in?" his mother said angrily.

(1) will (2) must
(3) shall (4) cannot ( )

8. I know your parents are attending the Meet-the-Parents' Session, but you have not submitted the reply slip, _____?

(1) are you (2) have you
(3) are they (4) have they ( )

9. To her surprise, Hilda found that she _____on the grass in front of an old wooden house!

(1) sits (2) sat
(3) is sitting (4) was sitting ( )

10. Kenji has completed all his homework, _____ he is allowed to go to the playground.

(1) or (2) if
(3) so (4) than ( )

11. John and Mary helped _____to the scrumptious spread on the buffet table.

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

12. "There is no one in the classroom, so why _____ those lights and fans not switched off?" the teacher asked the prefect.

(1) is (2) was
(3) are (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.

Have you ever heard someone use the phrase "once in a blue moon"? People use this expression to describe something that does not happen very often. For example, someone may say that he tries to avoid eating sweets because they are unhealthy, but will eat chocolate "once in a blue moon". Another person who does not usually like to go to the beach may say, "I visit the seashore once in a blue moon." While many people use this phrase, not everyone knows its meaning.

The first thing to know is that the moon itself is never actually blue. This is just an expression. The phrase "blue moon" actually has to do with the shape of the moon, not the colour.

As the moon travels around the earth, it appears to change shape. We use certain names for certain phases of the moon. For example, when we see a small part of the moon, it is called a crescent moon. A **crescent** is a shape that looks like the tip of a finger. When we cannot see the moon at all, it is called a new moon. When we can see the entire moon, it is called a full moon.

Usually, there is only one full moon every month. Sometimes, however, there will be two full moons in one month. When this happens, the second full moon is called a "blue moon".

Over the next twenty years, there will only be fifteen "blue moons". As you can see, a "blue moon" is a very rare event. **This fact** has led people to use the expression "once in a blue moon" to describe other very rare events in their lives.

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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. When something happens 'once in a blue moon', it means that it _____ happens.

(1) never
(2) hardly
(3) always
(4) regularly ( )

14. A _____ moon is shaped like our fingertips.

(1) full
(2) new
(3) blue
(4) crescent ( )

15. A "blue moon" is said to have occurred when _____.

(1) the colour of the moon is blue
(2) we cannot see the moon at all
(3) there are two full moons in a month
(4) we can only see a small part of the moon ( )

16. What does "**This fact**" in the last paragraph refer to?

(1) There are only fifteen moons left.
(2) It is very seldom that a blue moon is seen.
(3) A blue moon is actually the shape of the moon.
(4) People like to use the expression "once in a blue moon". ( )

17. Based on the text, which of the following statements is true?

(1) Everybody knows that the second full moon is always blue.
(2) The colour of the moon changes as it travels around the earth.
(3) Nobody knows for sure why the second full moon is described as 'blue'.
(4) When there are two full moons in a month, the one that is invisible is blue.

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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) cabinet	(B) chest	(C) encourage	(D) flicker
(E) groped	(F) locate	(G) pacify	(H) plunged
(J) relaxed	(K) relieved	(L) remove	(M) shriek

I was watching television together with the rest of my family one evening. Suddenly the lights began to (18) _____ and then they went out completely. The whole house was (19) _____ into darkness.

My baby sister gave out a (20) _____ and started to cry because she was afraid of the dark. I went over to (21) _____ her. Meanwhile, my father (22) _____ in the dark, hunting for candles.

My mother had kept some candles in the (23) _____ of drawers in the kitchen. Finally, my father managed to (24) _____ the candles and he lit a few with a lighter. We were (25) _____ there was some light.

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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) cycle	(B) cycles	(C) cycled
(D) cycling	(E) is cycling	(F) was cycling

Derek does different types of exercises every day. He usually (26) _____ from 5.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. every evening. Derek says this is the best time of the day for (27) _____ as the weather is cool, but he also has to take extra precautions because the roads are at their busiest then. Once, Derek almost met with an accident when he (28) _____ home.

One thing Derek will never do is to (29) _____ in the rain as he hates getting drenched.

Passage 2

USE A WORD **ONCE** ONLY.

(G) to	(H) out	(J) by
(K) under	(L) against	(M) through

One night, Henry was suddenly awakened (30) _____ a noise. He peeped (31) _____ of his window and saw two men behaving suspiciously. Henry watched as the two men carried a ladder to the mango tree and leaned it (32) _____ the tree. One of them who had a basket tied (33) _____ his back started climbing up the ladder. Henry realised they were trying to steal his mangoes!

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

A sudden cry for help broke the stillness of the air. Immediately, Musa headed in the direction of the cry and soon came to a brick wall. Then the cry came again from behind the wall!

Musa hesitated for a moment before he climbed the wall cautiously. His heart began to beat rather rapidly. The sight which greeted his eyes almost made him laugh out loud. A plump boy was clinging to a branch of an old tree while two bull dogs sat below him.

"Help me!" the plump boy pleaded.

"You deserve this!" Musa remarked. "You must have gone round pulling the tails of cats and dogs again!" Musa thought to himself, "It is funny watching the mischievous boy being played out by his own prank. Lately he has been amusing himself by disturbing the neighbours' pets."

However, Musa still felt sorry for the boy and was about to assist him when the owner of the two bull dogs appeared. The owner gave the boy a stern warning and told him that he would inform his parents of his mischief.

Story adapted from passage found in "English Simulated Pilot Examination Papers (South East Publications)

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

34. What attracted Musa's attention to the brick wall?

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35. How do you think Musa must have felt when he climbed the wall?

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36. Why did the plump boy cling to the branch of an old tree?

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37. Which word in the passage tells us that the plump boy needed help badly?

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38. Why was Musa amused by what he saw?

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End-of-Paper

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ANSWER SHEET

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Section A Vocabulary MCQ							
1. (4)	2. (2)	3. (3)	4. (4)	5. (1)	6. (3)		

Section B Grammar MCQ							
7. (2)	8. (2)	9. (4)	10. (3)	11. (4)	12. (3)		

Section C Comprehension MCQ				
13. (2)	14. (4)	15. (3)	16. (2)	17. (3)

Section D Vocabulary Cloze							
18. D	19. H	20. M	21. G	22. E	23. B	24. F	25. K

Section E Grammar Cloze							
26. B	27. D	28. F	29. A	30. J	31. H	32. L	33. G

Section F Comprehension (Open-ended)	
34	Q: What attracted Musa's attention to the brick wall?
	A: A cry for help attracted Musa's attention to the brick wall.
35	Q: How do you think Musa must have felt when he climbed the wall?
	A: Musa must have felt scared when he climbed the wall.
36	Q: Why did the plump boy cling to the branch of an old tree?
	A: The plump boy clung to the branch of an old tree as he was afraid of the two dogs.
37	Q: Which word in the passage tells us that the plump boy needed help badly?
	A: The word is 'pleaded'.
38	Q: Why was Musa amused by what he saw?
	A: He was amused because the mischievous boy was being played out by his own prank.

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