NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2 - 2012
Primary 4

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

1. Write your name and register number in the space provided.
2. Do not turn over the page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions carefully.

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SECTION A: VOCABULARY (6 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. The colour and body structure of a praying mantis allows it to be perfectly _____ in an environment of sticks and plants.
   (1) covered (2) coated
   (3) controlled (4) camouflaged

2. Mrs Lim is very _____ towards her children. She will not let them go out on their own in case they meet with danger.
   (1) fond (2) doubtful
   (3) keen (4) protective

3. Nathan wanted to sell his computer so he put a/an _____ in the newspapers. Many people have called up to ask about the sale.
   (1) report (2) account
   (3) article (4) advertisement

4. The shop owner _____ the operating hours on weekends so that his customers have more time to shop.
   (1) inflated (2) extended
   (3) dragged (4) expanded

5. Agnes asked me for my _____ of her new hairstyle. I told her that I liked it.
   (1) guess (2) estimation
   (3) opinion (4) impression

6. Many beautiful lakes have been _____ by the National Parks so that future generations will be able to enjoy them as well.
   (1) confirmed (2) connected
   (3) conserved (4) conquered

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SECTION B: GRAMMAR (8 X 1 mark)
Choose the most suitable answer and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optica Answer Sheet. (OAS)

7. Mr Chan told me, "Please make _____ comfortable."
(1) myself (2) yourself
(3) ourselves (4) yourselves

8. Randy and his sister _____ thrilled when they won a pair of movie tickets.
(1) is (2) was
(3) are (4) were

9. "Mother _____ to the market to buy some vegetables and will be back soon," said Suying to her brother.
(1) goes (2) has gone
(3) gone (4) had gone

10. "_____ geese in that corner appear weak," Jane remarked.
(1) This (2) These
(3) That (4) Those

11. Gabriel _____ his breakfast fifteen minutes ago and is now playing in the field.
(1) take (2) took
(3) takes (4) is taking

12. I put _____ sugar cubes into my coffee to sweeten it.
(1) a lot (2) a few
(3) much (4) a little

13. Lilian could not eat _____ as she was not feeling well. She only ate a small slice of sandwich and went to sleep.
(1) many (2) a few
(3) much (4) a little

14. Daniel _____ a story book under his table when his teacher called his name to answer a question.
(1) read (2) is reading
(3) reads (4) was reading

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SECTION C: COMPREHENSION (MCQ) (5 X 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Gwen and her friends had been walking for more than five hours, but all they had seen were the same endless yellowish sand dunes. They had no idea where they were heading or how much longer they could endure the heat.

As they had never travelled together, the girls were eager to go on this once-in-a-lifetime adventure. They had read up about the place and had watched documentaries about it. They had also brought all the essential items like sunblock, caps and windbreakers, but nothing could prepare them for the scorching heat that they were experiencing there.

Their tour guide urged them to walk faster before night fell. They would have to rest for the night as they would not be able to see where they were going when the sky turned dark.

Finally, dusk fell and everyone stopped to rest. The camels were glad to have the luggage taken off their backs. By the time the travellers completed setting up the tents, they were completely exhausted.

When it was dawn, the tour guide woke everyone up excitedly. He exclaimed, "This is breathtaking!" Everyone was on cloud nine when they realised that they were actually at the final destination. Instantly, they took out their cameras and snapped photographs of the beautiful sunrise in the Sahara Desert. For Gwen and her friends, it was their best trip ever!

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

15. Gwen and her friends were _____.

(1) lost in a desert
(2) trekking in a desert
(3) going on treasure hunt
(4) training for a sports competition

16. What was the problem encountered by Gwen and her friends in paragraph 2?

(1) There was too much sand in the place.
(2) They felt the weather was unbearably hot.
(3) It was their first time they went on a trip together.
(4) They did not gather enough information about the place.

17. It was better for the travellers to rest at night because _____.

(1) everyone was tired
(2) there were insects at night
(3) the tour guide wanted to sleep
(4) it would be too dark to continue travelling

18. According to the passage, what was the purpose of the camels during the journey?

(1) The travellers rode on them.
(2) They carried the travellers' luggage.
(3) They provided water for the travellers.
(4) They protected the travellers from other animals.

19. How did Gwen and her friends feel about the trip in the end?

(1) They wished they had started on the trip earlier.
(2) They were exhausted and wanted to return home.
(3) They were delighted as the trip turned out to be a fruitful one.
(4) They were disappointed as they did not get to see anything interesting.

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SECTION D: EDITING (4 x 1) marks

Correct each word in bold for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in each of the relevant box.

One of the oddest-looking primates is the proboscis monkey, which is found only

(20) [ ]

in Borneo. There are about 8,000 left from the wild.

(21) [ ]

This species of monkey is named for it unusually large and wobbly nose.

(22) [ ]

The **explainecion** given by scientists for the large nose is that it allows the

monkeys to attract mates.

(23) [ ]

This monkey is **atheletic** and graceful when it leaps from branch to branch. It is

also a good swimmer, which helps it navigate swamps, rivers and mangroves.

(Adapted from: Little Red Dot)

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SECTION E: GRAMMAR CLOZE (PERSONAL PRONOUNS) (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) me	(B) my	(C) our
(D) she	(E) us	(F) we

My parents were planning to go on an overseas business trip. They decided to call upon Aunt Nancy to look after the house and (24)_____. Aunt Nancy usually lectured people for every trivial thing and my brother and I disliked her.

The dreadful day finally came and she arrived promptly at our house. I answered the door and she greeted (25)_____with a smile, that made my hair stand on ends! As my brother and I disliked her, (26)_____ locked ourselves inside our bedroom most of the time when she was around. Then one day, I saw her crying. I decided to ask her how she was feeling and if I could help. She was surprised by (27)_____ concern for her. From then on, she became extremely nice to me!

SECTION F: GRAMMAR CLOZE (SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT) (4 X 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully ***Underline*** *the correct word from the words given in the brackets.*

Last Wednesday, Valerie and her friend went for a stroll in a park near her house. On their way home, they (28) **[spot / spotted]** a rooster with its legs tied with wire. The rooster (29) **[has / had]** many injuries and was trapped amongst some bicycles. Valerie called the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA). Soon after, an inspector came and took the rooster to SPCA. A veterinarian examined and treated the rooster.

(30)

The rooster **[is/ was]** currently with a Hindu Temple at Chinatown. The people take care of the rooster with love and it has a name called Rook. They (31) **[allow / allowed]** it to roam freely there. The girls adore the rooster and visit the rooster once a week.

(Adapted from: www.spca.org.sg)

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SECTION G: SYNTHESIS & TRANSFORMATION *(2 X 2 marks)*

For each of the items, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of each sentence must be the same as the given one(s).

32. My uncle is not going to watch the movie. His colleagues are not going too.

Neither_____ **nor**

_____

33. Tom has found the missing book. Tom's sister had been looking for it all day.

_____ **that**

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SECTION H: COMPREHENSION OE (5 x 2 marks) 34 36

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions 56 to 60.

It was a dark and stormy night and a fishing boat was out at sea. Suddenly, a furious storm capsized the fishing boat. Stranded and in trouble, the fishermen sent out a distress signal. They took out a canister which emitted bright and colourful flares. The rescue crew from the nearby fishing village saw the signal and launched a rowboat. The crew on board fought their way through the wild waves to reach the distressed fishing boat.

An hour slipped by. The rescue boat finally reached the capsized boat. The terrified fishermen swam towards the rescue boat. The situation was chaotic. The rescuers pulled several fishermen from the water and rowed back towards the shore. There were a few fishermen still left behind as the rescue boat could not hold any more passengers.

When they reached the shore, the captain of the fishing boat called his men to join him for another trip to save the rest of the fishermen. The crew of the rescue boat refused to go out to sea again as the storm was worsening. Just then, a stout and well-built teenager stepped forward. His alarmed mother grabbed his arm and pleaded, "It is too dangerous. Please don't go, Weng." Weng did not reply. He then gave his mother a hug and joined the captain of the rescue boat. They got into their boat and disappeared into the darkness of the sea.

The next hour seemed to crawl by like eternity. The storm was still raging fiercely, hurling huge waves onto the beach. Finally, the rescue boat emerged through the fog with Weng standing up in the bow. As the boat reached the shore, Weng announced, "We saved all of them! One of them is my younger brother, Tang!" Weng's mother burst into tears.

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

34. How did the rescue crew know that the fishing boat was in trouble?

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35. What would happen to the passengers if the rescue boat took in all them?

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36. Why did the rescue crew refuse to go out to sea again?

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37. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'asked in an emotional manner'?

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38. Give two reasons why Weng's mother burst into tears.

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18)2 19)3 20)in 21)its 22)explanation 23)athletic

24)E 25)A 26)F 27)B 28)spotted 29)had

30)is 31)allow

32)Neither my uncle nor his colleagues are going to watch the movie.

33)Tom has found the missing book that his sister had been looking for all day.

34)The fishermen in the fishing boat sent out a distress signal and the rescue crew saw the signal.

35)The would drown as the rescue boat could not take in more passengers.

36)The rescue crew refused to go out to sea again because the storm was worsening and they were afraid that they would be trapped in the storm.

37)The word is "pleaded".

38)Weng came back safely and found his brother, Tang.

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