NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
FIRST SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2013
PRIMARY THREE

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

BOOKLET A: LISTENING

TOTAL TIME: 1 hour 35 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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Follow all instructions carefully.
Answer all questions.

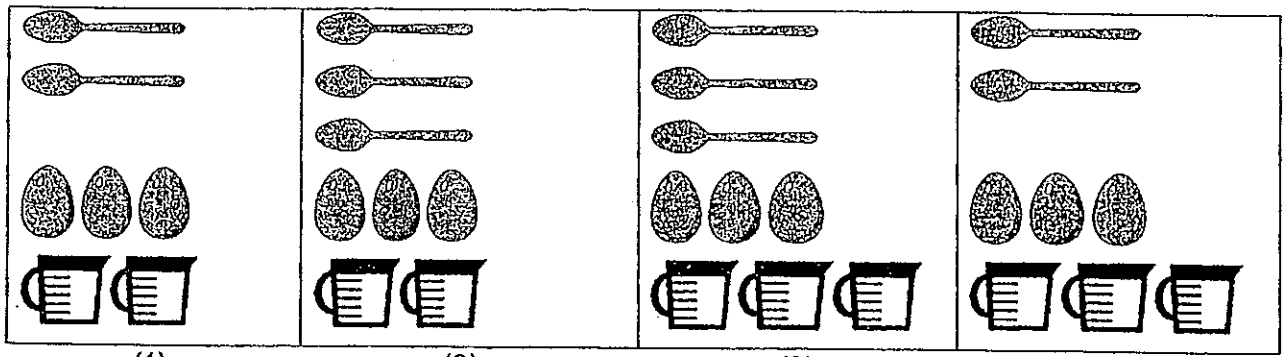
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Section A: Picture-matching (4 X 1 mark)

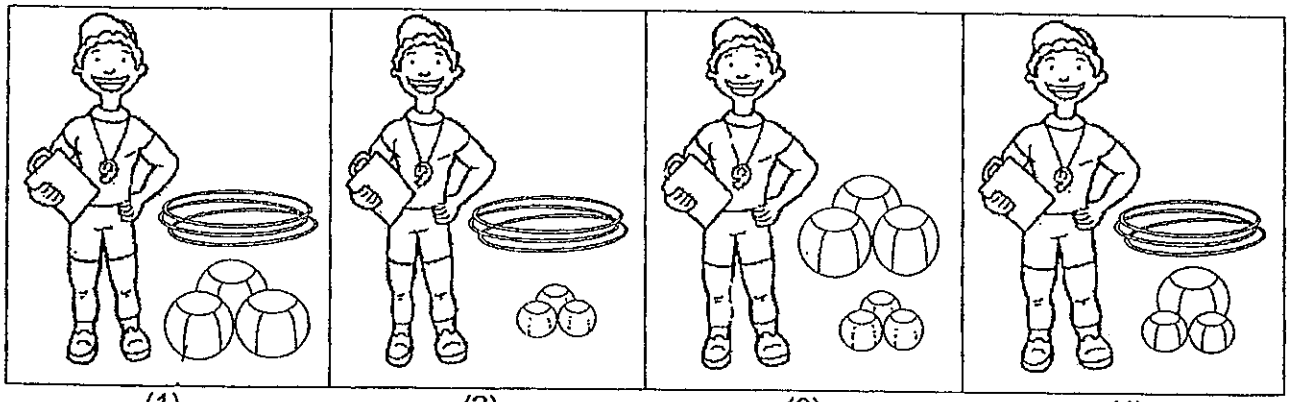
Look at the set of pictures. Listen to the statements being read out. Then, choose the picture that describes what has been read. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

1.



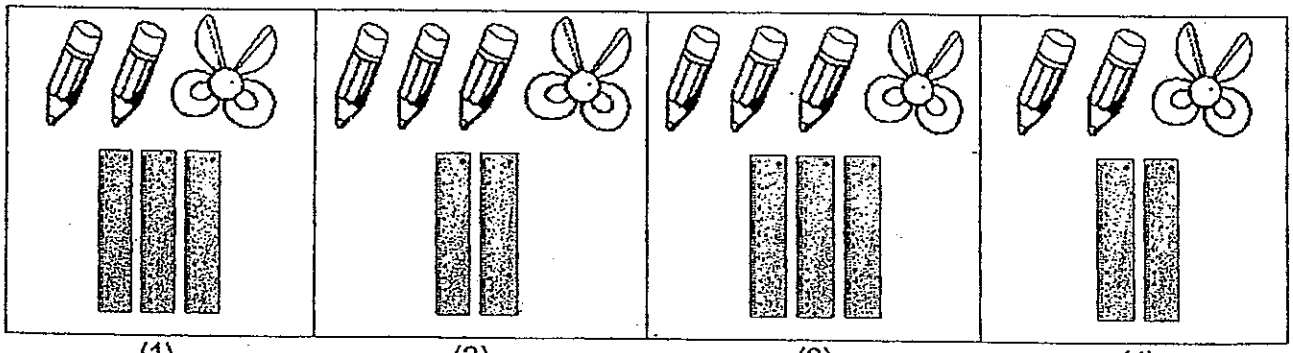
(1) (2) (3) (4)

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(1) (2) (3) (4)

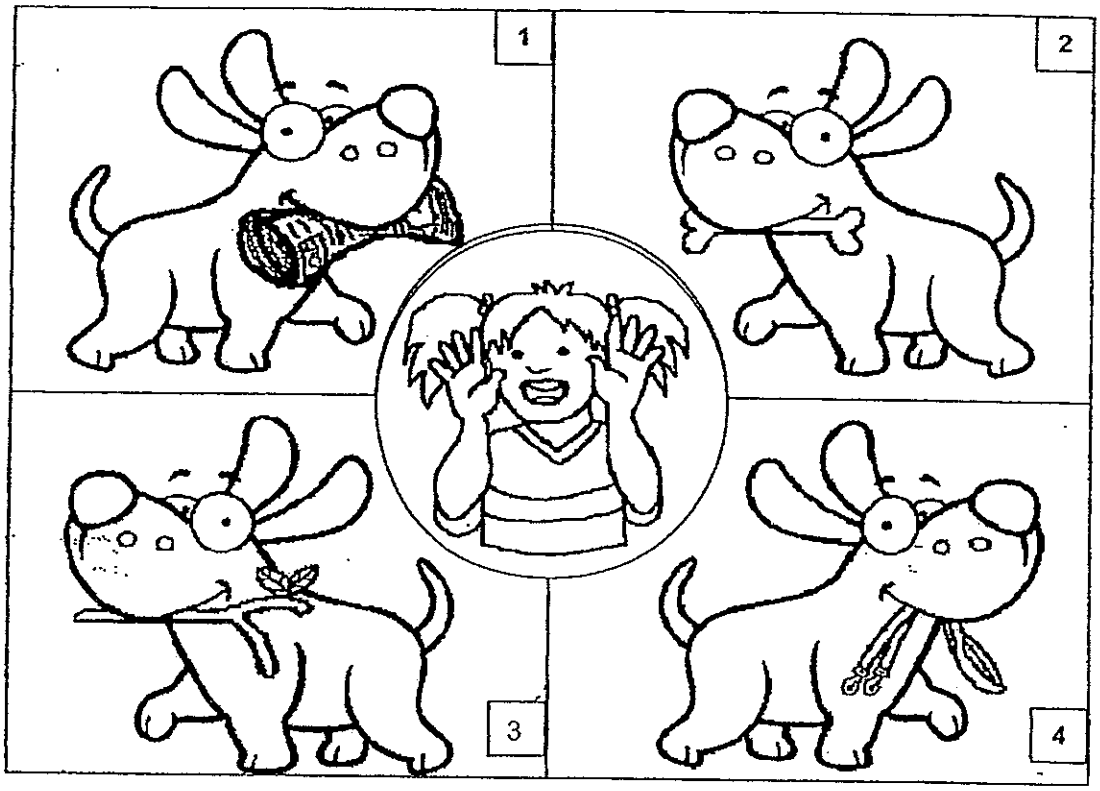
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(1) (2) (3) (4)

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4.



Section B: Note-taking (6 X 1 mark)

Listen carefully now. Q5 to Q10 is a note-taking test. Q11 is a dictation test.

An announcement regarding the collection of a magazine subscription form was made during the morning assembly. As you listen, take down the missing information by filling in each blank with **one word.**

Q5. Payment mode	: cheque or _____
Q6. Name of magazine	: _____
Q7. Venue of collection	: _____
Q8. Date of collection	: 24 _____
Q9 and Q10. Teachers-in-charge	: Mr _____ and
	Mr _____

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Section C: Dictation (6 marks)

Take down the passage in full as you listen to it being read out.

Q11. I love reading. I read story books, magazines, newspapers and other kinds of materials that are interesting.

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BOOKLET B: LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION (MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS)

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You would have completed Questions 1 to 4 from Booklet A: Listening.
Continue with the next section, Section D.

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SECTION D: GRAMMAR (6 X 1 mark)

For each question from 5 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the correct answer. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

5. My sister and I had to cook lunch _____ because our parents were overseas.

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

6. Before she became a teacher, Mrs Cheong _____ a nurse.

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

7. The lady managed to squeeze into the dress _____ it was too small.

(1) until
(2) when
(3) while
(4) although

8. You have _____ toys. I think you should give some of them to the orphanage.

(1) few
(2) little
(3) much
(4) many

9. The students _____ reading in class when the fire alarm went off.

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

10. The class monitors were asked to _____ at the front of the queue.

(1) stand
(2) stood
(3) standing
(4) were standing

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SECTION E: VOCABULARY (6 X 1 mark)

For each question from 11 to 16, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the correct answer. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

11. The _____ monkeys swing from tree to tree effortlessly.

(1) idle
(2) agile
(3) feeble
(4) clumsy

12. The detective _____ himself with a wig so that no one would recognize him.

(1) armed
(2) updated
(3) prepared
(4) disguised

13. The cook's assistant was _____ by the hot water.

(1) pricked
(2) bruised
(3) scalded
(4) prodded

14. We should not throw rubbish into the rivers as it will _____ the water.

(1) ruin
(2) pollute
(3) damage
(4) threaten

15. A good detective story keeps the reader in _____ before revealing the true identity of the villain at the end.

(1) awe
(2) shock
(3) delight
(4) suspense

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16. For the final act, the magician performed his most _____ trick and thrilled his audience.

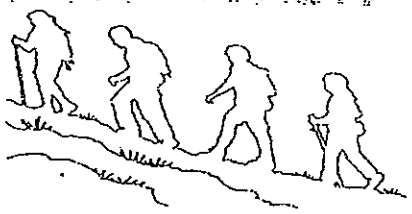
(1) annoying
(2) confusing
(3) astounding
(4) unfortunate

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SECTION F: COMPREHENSION (5 X 2 marks)

Study the brochure carefully and then answer questions 17-21.

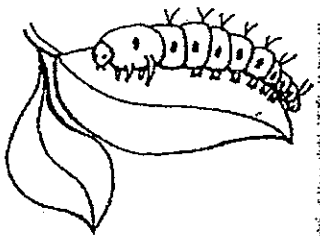
BUKIT TIMAH NATURE TRAIL

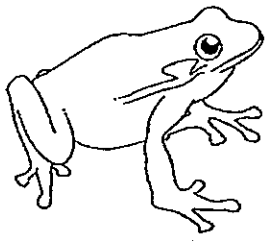


Come explore the rich and diverse natural landscape of the Bukit Timah Nature reserve! Join the Singapore Trail Walkers as we take you on a guided tour of this pristine natural environment. This is an easy trail designed especially for families with young children. Our trained guides will tell you about the flora and fauna which you will meet along the trail.

Highlights include:

- Learning about useful plants of the rainforest
- Charcoal rubbing of different tree bark surfaces
- Searching for insects under rocks and logs
- Finding out about the different layers of the rainforest
- Getting up close and personal with amphibians by the stream





Where : Bukit Timah Nature Reserve
(Please gather at the Ranger HQ near the entrance)
When : Every 2nd Saturday of the month
Time : All tours start at 8 a.m. and end at 12 p.m.
Cost : $5 for each adult / $2 for each child
$10 for a family of 2 adults and 2 children
Please bring your own snacks and water. Please be properly attired and wear comfortable walking shoes.
We are walking in a nature reserve. Do not feed the creatures! All flora or fauna are protected and should not be removed from the nature reserve.

- Large groups and school outings can be arranged.
- Please email us at *sgtrailwalkers@gmail.com* to make an appointment.

Singapore Trail Walkers, 8 Jalan Buroh, Singapore 456987.
For general enquiries, please call 6467 2677.

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For each question from 17 to 21, choose the most appropriate option and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

17. The Bukit Timah Nature Trail is held once a _____.

(1) day
(2) week
(3) month
(4) year

18. If you are taking part in the trail, you can _____.

(1) feed the monkeys
(2) pluck wild flowers
(3) plant new fruit trees
(4) see a variety of insects

19. Which of the following sentences is correct?

(1) You are advised to wear slippers and sandals.
(2) The walk is not recommended for young children.
(3) Participants will be walking on their own in the nature reserve.
(4) To arrange a group outing, you can email the organisers.

20. Mr Ng is taking part in the Bukit Timah Nature Trail with his wife and his two children. How much will he have to pay for his entire family?

(1) $5
(2) $10
(3) $14
(4) $20

21. The purpose of this brochure is to _____.

(1) promote saving the rainforest
(2) provide information on the different types of insects and plants
(3) tell the reader about the history of Bukit Timah Nature Reserve
(4) encourage the reader to take part in the Bukit Timah Nature Trail

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BOOKLET C: LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION (OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS)

TOTAL TIME: 1 hour 35 mins

Name: _____ ( ) Class: Pr 3 ( )

Booklet A: Note-taking and Unseen Dictation	/12
Booklet B (Including Listening MCQ)	/26
Booklet C:	/26
Oral	/16
Writing	/20
Total	/100

Parent's signature: _____

Any query on marks awarded should be raised by 22 May 2013. We seek your understanding in this matter as any delay in the confirmation of marks will lead to delays in the generation of results.

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SECTION G: GRAMMAR CLOZE (8 X 1 mark
Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to G) in each blank. **USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.**

(A)	its	(B)	you	(C)	I	(D)	it's
(E)	they	(F)	it	(G)	we		

Passage 1

The rescued turtle was put gently into the water. (22) _____ was trying out the 27th pair of artificial fins that two vets had made. Months before, the turtle had both (23) _____ fins crushed by a shark in an incident out at sea. The kind vets tried making the artificial fins but failed twenty-six times. (24) _____ were hopeful the 27th pair would work for the poor turtle.

If (25) _____ were the turtle and could speak, the vets would receive a big thank you from me! You would do the same too, wouldn't you?

(A)	off	(B)	by	(C)	in	(D)	of
(E)	from	(F)	to	(G)	for		

Passage 2

The pit bull terrier is a special dog breed. It ~~deeends~~ descends (26) _____ the original fighter bulldog. This explains why it is still being known (27) _____ the name 'bulldog'. The pit bull terrier is an extremely tough, strong and brave dog. It can bear with a lot (28) _____ pain and is a fearless fighter.

It is believed that the pit bull terrier can defeat dogs bigger than it. This dog has already made a name (29) _____ itself as the champion fighter dog. Be careful when you come across one.

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SECTION H: COMPREHENSION CLOZE (8 X 1 mark)

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

(A) next	(B) choice	(C) different
(D) day	(E) judges	(F) sample
(G) men	(H) near	(J) eat
(K) takes	(L) hour	(M) woman

My neighbour, Mrs Oman, loves cooking. Every year, she (30) _____ part in cooking competitions organized by the community centre (31) _____ our home. Last year, I went to watch the contest with my family.

We had a surprise when we got there. The cooking competition was (32) _____ Out of the forty people who entered it, twelve of them were (33) _____. According to Mrs Oman, it was the first time that the participants were not solely women.

During the competition, the contestants had to prepare a dish of their (34) _____ That was easy. The difficult part was to have the food ready in just an (35) _____!

When everyone had finished cooking, the (36) _____ appeared. One by one, they began to (37) _____ every dish. The contestants looked on nervously. We were ecstatic when Mrs Oman emerged the champion – her third trophy in three years!

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SECTION I : COMPREHENSION OPEN-ENDED (5 X 2 marks)

For each question from 38 to 42, read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

A lone farmer was working in his plot of land when a cobra suddenly appeared in front of him. The farmer wanted to shout for help but instead he lifted his hoe and was about to strike the snake's head when he stopped. The cobra was looking at him with piteous eyes. He felt sorry for the reptile and decided to spare its life. He watched as the snake glided away.

After toiling under the scorching sun for many hours, it was time to end his boring task. The farmer gathered his tools and started to walk home. He had been walking for some time but was still a distance away from his home, when he heard a low growl behind him.

Fearing the worst, the farmer turned around slowly and came face to face with a lean, hungry-looking wolf staring intently at him. It was approaching the panic-stricken farmer in a menacing way when suddenly; it released a loud yelp and fell to the ground.

Within minutes, the wolf was lying on its side and had stopped breathing. Everything happened so quickly that the farmer only understood what had happened when he saw a snake gliding away from the wolf's still body. It was the same cobra that the farmer had spared earlier that day!

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Write your answers in complete sentences.

38. What was the farmer doing before he spotted the cobra?

_____

_____

39. What stopped the farmer from killing the cobra?

_____

_____

40. Why did the farmer not call out to his family for help when he met the wolf?

_____

_____

41. Which word in the passage best describes the wolf's thin body?

_____

_____

42. How did the farmer know that it was the cobra that killed the wolf?

_____

_____

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS CAREFULLY

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ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2013
SCHOOL : NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
SUBJECT : PRIMARY 3 ENGLISH

TERM : SA1

Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
3	3	4	4	4	1	2	4	3	2	4	3	3

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21
4	4	2	1

Section G
Q22) F
Q23) A
Q24) E
Q25) C
Q26) E
Q27) B
Q28) D
Q29) G

Section H
Q30) K
Q31) H
Q32) C
Q33) G
Q34) B
Q35) L
Q36) E
Q37) F

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Section I

Q38) He was working in the plot of land before he spotted the cobra.

Q39) He felt sorry for the cobra as it looked at him with piteous eyes

Q40) He had been walking for sometime but still a distance away from his home when he met the wolf

Q41) It is 'lean'.

Q42) He saw the cobra gliding away from the wolf's still body

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