NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
FIRST SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2014
PRIMARY THREE

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

BOOKLET B

TOTAL TIME: 1 hour 35 minutes

Name: _____ Class: Pr 3 ( )

Parent's Signature: _____

Booklet A: Listening Comprehension	~~/16~~
Booklet B: Part 1 & Part 2 – Language Use & Comprehension	/48
Writing	/20
Oral	/16
Total	/100

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PART 1
SECTION D: GRAMMAR (8 X 1 mark)

For each question from 1 to 8, 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).

1. Jane has been keeping_____ away from us since vesterday.

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

2. Samuel and his friends_____ books in the library now.

   (1) read
   (2) have read
   (3) are reading
   (4) were reading

3. Since no one _____ watching the television, Mother switched it off.

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

4. All the children _____ their best clothing to the party last week.

   (1) wear
   (2) wore
   (3) wears
   (4) to wear

5. They _____ their house when the doorbell rang.

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

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6. _____ children standing over there should be careful when crossing the road.

(1) This
(2) That
(3) These
(4) Those

7. There is not _____ apple juice left in the cup.

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

8. Please bring _____ presents for the children when you visit the orphanage.

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

SECTION E: VOCABULARY (6 X 1 mark)

For each question from 9 to 14, 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).

9 Friendly-looking cartoon mascots _____ the streets as part of the "Water Conservation" campaign last month.

(1) dirtied
(2) danced
(3) strutted
(4) paraded

10. The mouse _____ across the kitchen when it found cheese in one of the opened drawers.

(1) strolled
(2) scuttled
(3) skipped
(4) marched

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11. Jane insisted on going for the _____ to the zoo with her classmates even though she was sick.

(1) hike
(2) cruise
(3) voyage
(4) excursion

12. The thieves _____ through Mr Tan's drawers and stole many of his valuables.

(1) hunted
(2) explored
(3) arranged
(4) rummaged

13. The Great Wall of China is one of the popular tourist _____ in China.

(1) locations
(2) buildings
(3) situations
(4) destinations

14. Mr Lim could not tell the difference between a/an _____ note from a real note. They look similar to him.

(1) original
(2) lengthy
(3) genuine
(4) counterfeit

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SECTION C: GRAMMAR (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)	at	(B)	for	(C)	from	(D)	of
(E)	with	(F)	to	(G)	under		

Passage 1

Of all the birds, none is as graceful as the swan. When the swan swims, it looks as though nothing is moving. Even the water seems still. However, the swan is a fast swimmer. (15) _____ the water, its strong legs paddle back and forth.

Swans are usually remembered (16) _____ their long curved necks that look like the shape of an 'S'. They are often seen preening themselves. Preening means spreading oil on the feathers (17)_____ keep the bird from getting wet.

There are many kinds of swans. Most get their names (18)_____ the noises they make. The trumpeter swan sounds like a trumpet. The whistling swan sounds like a whistle.

(A)	catch	(B)	catches	(C)	caught	(D)	will catch
(E)	catching	(F)	is catching	(G)	was catching		

Passage 2

One afternoon, five-year-old Jonathan saw a white mouse scampering across his bedroom. He decided to (19) _____ the mouse and keep it as a pet. He got a thin slice of cheddar cheese, placed it at the corner of the bedroom and hid behind the bedroom door. As expected, the mouse came out of its hiding place and made its way to the cheese. As it was nibbling on the cheese, Jonathan tiptoed towards it and (20) _____ it with his fishing net. After (21) _____ the tiny animal, Jonathan placed it in a shoe box. Unknown to him, as he (22) _____ the mouse, another mouse was running across the room behind him. Jonathan was going to have a field day catching mice!

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SECTION D: EDITING (4 X 1 mark)

Correct each underlined word for Spelling. Write the correct word in the box provided.

My grandfather came to Singapore from China many years ago. When he first

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arifed, he lived in a shophouse in Chinatown. Many people were crammed into a

24. [ ]

small room. There was no electricity and people lit kerosene lamps or kandels at night.

Grandfather's family was poor so he could not go to school. He had to work at his uncle's food stall to earn some money. He had to clear the tables and wash the

25. [ ]

deeshes.

When he was seventeen, Grandfather became an assistant to a tailor. He

26. [ ]

learnt how to sew shirts and pants. At thirty years old, he managed to save enouf money to open his own shop.

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Section E: Sentence Combining: (4 x 2m = 8m)

For each of the following sentences, rewrite the given sentences using the words provided. Your answer must be in **one** sentence. The meaning of your sentence must the same as the meaning of the given sentences.

27. John loves watching musicals. He also loves watching comedies.

_____ and _____

_____

28. James played basketball in the rain. James had a fever.

_____ because _____

_____

29. John saw a monkey. He was walking to the park.

As _____

_____

30. Mary does not want to sing. Sally does not want to sing.

Both _____

_____

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SECTION F: COMPREHENSION

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Toby stared in awe at the advertisement for the new Automan. It was half man, half machine and could transform into an airplane, a submarine and a racecar.

"Dad! Look!" Toby pointed to the television screen. "That's what I want for my birthday. Can I get one? Please!"

"We'll see," Father said, smiling.

Before bedtime, Toby telephoned his grandparents and told them all about Automan. Then he added a note at the bottom of each party invitation so all his friends would know he wanted the Automan. He passed **them** out at school the next day.

For two weeks, all he talked about was the Automan. His friends and family nodded and smiled as Toby went on and on about how it was the perfect birthday present.

Soon, it was the day of the party. Toby woke up early and helped his parents set up the decorations. As the guests arrived, Toby took the presents, studied each package and gave it a good shake to see if one contained the Automan.

Finally it was gift time. Toby ripped opened the first present. "Automan!" Toby was ecstatic, but everyone else looked worried. "What's wrong?" he asked. His father handed him more boxes. Each one contained an Automan. Toby stared at the pile of action figures and laughed, "I guess I got what I asked for." He handed an action figure to each of his friends. "Now we all have one. Let's go try them out."

"You're not upset?" Mom asked.

Toby shrugged. "Why would I be? I got what I wanted, and now all my friends have one too. It was the perfect birthday."

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For Q31- 32, read each statement and tick (√) "True" or "False". The first example has been done for you. (2m)

Statement		True	False
Example	Toby's father was angry with Toby's request to buy Automan as his birthday present.		√
Q31.	Automan could change its appearance.		
Q32.	Toby first knew about Automan when it was advertised on the television.		

Q33. 'He passed **them** out at school the next day.' What does the word **'them'** refer to? (2m)

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_____

Q34. Which word has the same meaning as **'delighted'**? Circle either (A) or (B). (1m)

Toby was ecstatic (A), but everyone else looked worried (B).

Q35. Why did the guests look anxious after Toby opened his first present? (2m)

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_____

Q36. Tick one statement that best described Toby. (1m)

	Statement	Tick (√)
(i)	He was a gentle and understanding boy.	
(ii)	He was an intelligent and disciplined boy.	
(iii)	He was a determined and kind-hearted boy.	

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SECTION G: COMPREHENSION OPEN-ENDED (4 X 2 marks)

For each question from 37 to 40, read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

On 19th September 1991, a German couple were hiking in the Alpine mountains when they spotted a small head and a pair of shoulders jutting out from the ice. Initially, they thought that it was a discarded doll. However, it turned out to the corpse of a pre-historic traveller that had been buried for fifty-three centuries.

At first, no one realised how important the Iceman, as the body is now known, was. In trying to pry him loose from the ice, officials damaged valuable historical objects that would have been useful for scientific research. One man used a stick he found to dig at the ice. Unfortunately, he broke it, not realising that the stick had been part of the Iceman's wooden backpack. In their haste, the team also broke a long bow. As they yanked and pulled, they tore the clothes as well. Indeed, it was unfortunate that such ancient objects 'survived' thousands of years only to be ruined out of ignorance.

The Iceman was eventually freed. However, his left hip was chipped by a drill. His left arm was broken while he was taken to the University Of Innsbruck in Austria.

The scientists soon began to conduct studies. They determined that the body was 5300 years old. The Iceman was so well-preserved that his eves. brain and internal organs were intact. Since there was no sign of injury or disease, archaeologists assumed that the Iceman must have died of severe cold.

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Write your answers in complete sentences.

36. How did the hikers discover the Iceman?
37.

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37. Why was it unfortunate that the Iceman's belongings were damaged?
38.

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38. Describe the damage done to the Iceman's body by the officials.
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39. Which parts of the Iceman were not damaged?
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CHECK YOUR ANSWERS CAREFULLY

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TERM : SA1

Q1	2	Q9	4	Q17	F	Q25	dishes
Q2	3	Q10	2	Q18	C	Q26	enough
Q3	3	Q11	4	Q19	A		
Q4	2	Q12	4	Q20	C		
Q5	4	Q13	4	Q21	E		
Q6	4	Q14	4	Q22	G		
Q7	3	Q15	G	Q23	arrived		
Q8	4	Q16	B	Q24	candles		

Q27 John loves watching musical and comedies.

Q28 James had a fever because he played basketball in the rain.

Q29 As John was walking to the park, he saw a monkey.

Q30 Both Mary and Sally do not want to sing.

Q31 True

Q32 True

Q33 It refers to the party invitations.

Q34 A

Q35 Each present contained an Automan.

Q36 ✓ He was a determined and kind-hearted boy.

Q37 The hikers spotted a small head and a pair of shoulders jutting out from the ice.

Q38 They would have been useful for scientific research.

Q39 His left hip was chipped by a drill and his left arm was broken while he was taken to the University of Innsbruck in Austria.

Q40 His eyes, brain and internal organs were not damaged.

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