NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2 – 2014
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
Primary 3

Paper 2

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**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. My parents were very _____ when they saw my report card. I received the 'Top Sudent' award.

   (1) proud
   (2) grateful
   (3) resentful
   (4) displeased ( )

2. Jenny squealed in delight when she answered all the questions _____.

   (1) carefully
   (2) certainly
   (3) correctly
   (4) completely ( )

3. We can see our reflection in the pool because the water is as clear as _____.

   (1) clay
   (2) snow
   (3) mirror
   (4) crystal ( )

4. The strange lady appeared and then disappeared within the _____ of an eye.

   (1) lid
   (2) shut
   (3) blink
   (4) corner ( )

5. "Get out of my house now!" _____ the bad-tempered man.

   (1) snarled
   (2) groaned
   (3) murmured
   (4) stammered ( )



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6. Peter is _____ at chess. He always wins.

(1) invisible
(2) inattentive
(3) unnerving
(4) unbeatable ( )

**Section B: Grammar MCQ** (8 X 1 mark)

*For questions 7 to 14, 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. Everybody likes Mr and Mrs Brown because _____ are very friendly.

(1) he
(2) we
(3) she
(4) they ( )

8. Since you want to play soccer so badly, you will have to borrow the ball from Keith _____

(1) myself
(2) himself
(3) yourself
(4) ourselves ( )

9. Fruits and vegetables are good for us ,we _____ eat more of those.

(1) may
(2) might
(3) ought
(4) should ( )

10. The children can go to the zoo, _____ ?

(1) do they
(2) don't they
(3) can they
(4) can't they ( )



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11. Mother _____ my old T-shirt into two and used the pieces as rags

(1) tears
(2) tore
(3) is tearing
(4) will tear ( )

12. Water _____ precious. We must not waste it.

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

13. I was searching frantically for my wallet _____ I suddenly realised that I had left it at home.

(1) or
(2) so
(3) when
(4) because ( )

14. I was bitterly disappointed to see that there was _____ on the table to eat. I had to go bed hungry.

(1) nothing
(2) anything
(3) something
(4) everything ( )



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**Section C: 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 EACH WORD **ONCE** ONLY.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| (A) blink | (B) blinks | (C) blinked |
| (D) blinking | (E) will blink | (F) was blinking |

Suzy and Jake were playing a game of Blink-off. Jake was good at the game and no matter who he played with, he would not be the first to (15) _____. After a while, Suzy's eyes hurt and she started (16) _____. Suzy (17) _____ and tearing so much that Jake burst out laughing. Suzy challenged Jake to another round of Blink-off game with their pet cat. Jake accepted the challenge. Jake stared at the cat and the cat stared back at Jake. Two minutes later, Jake's eyes began to hurt and he (18) _____. "Beaten by a cat, how embarrassing!" cried Jake.

*Adapted from 'The Blink-off' by Sharon L. Norris*



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Passage 2

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

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| (G) across | (H) at | (J) in |
| (K) on | (L) over | (M) through |

Many animals are on the verge of extinction and the blue whale is one of them. It does not live (19) _____ land. It dwells (20) _____ the sea and it is the biggest creature in the world. It is capable of growing up to thirty metres long and weighing (21) _____ a hundred thousand kilograms. Although the blue whale looks like a fish, it is actually a warm-blooded mammal. It breathes (22) _____ its lungs and has to swim to the surface of the water constantly for a fresh intake of oxigen. Today these whales are a rare sight as they have been heavily hunted.



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**Section D: Vocabulary Cloze** (5 X 1 mark)

*Read the following passage carefully. Choose the most suitable word given in the box and write its letter (A to H) in each blank.*

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

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|---|---|---|---|
| (A) atmosphere | (B) beach | (C) colour | (D) effort |
| (E) grass | (F) request | (G) residential | (H) shade |

Trees and plants add greenery to the enviroment. They make places look beautiful and help create a pleasant (23) _____ They also provide (24) _____ in the hot weather so as to keep us cool In Singapore, the government has made special (25) _____ to plant trees and shrubs along roads in parks and in (26) _____ areas. We can see all kinds of trees and shrubs near our homes.

In addition to this lush greenery, flowers such as the Bougainvillea, Frangipani and Ixora provide splashes of (27) _____ and radiace. Indeed, Singapore is a vibrant and colourful city.



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**Section E: Editing for Spelling and Grammar** (5 X 1 mark)

*For each of the items, **circle** the correct word from the words given in the brackets.*

28. The bicycle ( **which / who** ) belongs to John has a flat tyre.

29. How ( **many / much** ) more time do you need to complete your homework?

30. It is not ( **apropriate / appropriate** ) to wear shorts when attending a formal dinner.

31. Sarah was so ( **angrossed / engrossed** ) in her book tha she did not realise that Mrs lee was standing behind her.

32. The mischievous boys refused to listen to their mother and pressed the lift buttons. ( **incessantly / inccesantly** ).

**Section F: Synthesis** (2 X 1 mark)

*For each of the items, rewrite the given sentences using the word provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of each sentence must be the same as the given ones.*

33. My grandfather is very old. He is still healthy.

_____ **but**

_____

34. Anne had a heavy breakfast. Anne did not want lunch.

_____ **so**

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## Section G: Comprehension 1 (8 marks)

*Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.*

A long time ago, there lived a great king called Solomen. He was the ruler of Israel and was well-known throughout the kingdom for his sense of justice and fairness. Anyone with a grievance could seek Solomon's help and be assured of a sound verdict.

Once, two women, Mary and Mabel, came before Solomon. They were both fighting over an infant. Both women claimed to be the mother of the child and charged that the other was an imposter.

Solomon thought hard for a few minutes and demanded that the child be brought before him. He raised his sword swiftly, scowled and bellowed, "Since both of you claim to own this child, I shall sever it into two! You may each claim one half of the child!"

Upon hearing the king's judgement, Mabel smiled contentedly while Mary wailed even louder and begged the king to change his mind. Mary did not want the baby to be killed. When Solomen saw her reaction,he knew that only a real mother could show such emotion. He immediately delivered the child to her and punished Mabel.

*Adapted from 'www.itsaperfectstory.com'*

35. What were Mary and Mabel fighting over?

[ ] (1m)

36. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

The baby's real mother was _____. (1m)

[ ] Mary

[ ] Mabel



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37. Which word in paragraph 1 has the same meaning as **'complaint'**?

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(1m)

38. According to the passage, which of the following is true? (2m)

(1) Mabel was the imposter.
(2) Mary was punished by the king.
(3) The king severed the baby in two.
(4) Mabel smiled contentedly as the king gave the baby to her. ( )

39. According to the passage, King Solomon is famous for his

_____ and _____. (2m)

40. Which word has the same meaning as "frown"? Circle either (A) or (B). (1m)

'He raised his sword swiftly, **scowled** (A) and **bellowed** (B), "Since both of you claim to own this child, I shall sever it into two!"



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**Comprehension 2** (8 marks)

*Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.*

It was Bryan's birthday. As promised, his mother took him shopping to get him the perfect birthday present.

It was just before the Christmas season and the shopping mall was crowded. Bryan and his mother went from shop to shop, looking out for shops that sell toys. Most of the shops, however, did not have a good selection of toys so Bryan was not very impressed. After wandering for about an hour, they came across a huge departmental store with a big toy section that sold a good variety of toys. A latest designed remote-controlled robot caught Bryan's eyes. It was priced at over a hundred dollars. Bryan thought that the remote-controlled robot was too expensive but his mother agreed to purchase it. Just as she was about to proceed to the cashier to pay for the toy, Bryan asked his mother not to buy it. He wanted to check out a book store which was situated opposite the shopping mall hoping to find something cheaper and educational.

As they were walking, Bryan saw something that made him stop in his track. He saw a shabbily-dressed girl standing beside her mother who was wheelchair-bound. They were begging at the side of the road. Bryan's heart sank when he saw the pitiful sight. Bryan turned to his mother and asked, "Mother, if I do not buy a present, can I use the money in any way I like?"

"Certainly," replied his mother.

Bryan took his birthday money and gave it to the mother and child. Although Bryan did not get the perfect birthday present, he spent his birthday in the most meaningful way.

*Adapted from 'The Perfect Birthday Present' by Philippa Werry*

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

41. According to the author, what does 'it' in line 9 refer to? (1m)

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42. Write 1, 2 or 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage. (1m)

_____ Bryan saw a latest designed remote-controlled robot.

_____ Bryan gave the money to the mother and child.

_____ Bryan was not impressed with the selection of toys.

43. Which word in **paragraph three** has the same meaning as 'sad'? (1m)

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44. Based on the passage, state whether each statement is true or false, then give a reason why you think so. (4m)

| Statement | True/ False | Reason |
|---|---|---|
| (a)<br><br>Bryan did not buy the remote-controlled robot as it was too pricey. | | |
| (b)<br><br>Bryan was happy to see the girl and her mother buying toys at the side of the road. | | |

45. Based on the passage, what can you say about Bryan's character? (1m)

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**End-of-Paper**



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| Q11 | Q12 | Q13 | Q14 | | | | | | |
| 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | | | | | | |

Q15) A

Q16) D

Q17) F

Q18) C

Q19) K

Q20) J

Q21) L

Q22) M

Q23) A

Q24) H

Q25) D

Q26) G

Q27) C

Q28) which

Q29) much

Q30) appropriate

Q31) engrossed

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Q32) incessantly

Q33) My grandfather is very old but he is still healthy.

Q34) Anne had a heavy breakfast, so she did not want lunch.

Q35) a child

Q36) Mary

Q37) grievance

Q38) 1

Q39) Sense of justice and fairness

Q40) A

Q41) It refers to the latest designed remote-controlled robot.

Q42) 2, 3, 1

Q43) pitiful

Q44)

| Statement | True/false | Reason |
|---|---|---|
| (a) | True | Bryan thought that the remote-controlled robot was too expensive and asked his mother not to buy it. |
| (b) | False | Bryan's heart sank when he saw the sight of the girl and her mother begging at the side of the road. |

Q45) Bryan was a kind-hearted boy.

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