NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL
2015 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
Primary 4

Paper 2

Name : _____ ( )

Class : Primary 4 _____

Date : 11 May 2015 Total Marks: _____ / **50**

Duration: 1 hour 15 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. 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 younger brother likes to _____ my parents' actions.

(1) forge
(2) imitate
(3) duplicate
(4) reproduce ( )

(2) John _____ out from behind the pillar to see if Mrs Tan was coming.

(1) peered
(2) observed
(3) perceived
(4) witnessed ( )

(3) Although Nicholas was exhausted after training, he managed to _____ the boat up onto the beach all by himself.

(1) hail
(2) haul
(3) hang
(4) hand ( )

(4) To bake a cake, it is extremely important to measure the _____ of the ingredients.

(1) size
(2) weight
(3) length
(4) dimension ( )

(5) The sick animal was taken care of until it was well enough to be _____ back into the wild.

(1) offered
(2) released
(3) presented
(4) commenced ( )

(6) When we caught a _____ of cocoa, we knew we had reached the chocolate factory.

(1) sniff
(2) whiff
(3) trace
(4) stench ( )

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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) Everyone knows that some leaves contain chemicals which _____ us sleepy.

(1) make
(2) made
(3) makes
(4) has made ( )

(8) As Samantha looks at the mirror, she _____ to herself sweetly.

(1) smile
(2) smiles
(3) smiled
(4) smiling ( )

(9) The train _____ Platform A will leave in three minutes.

(1) at
(2) by
(3) for
(4) beside ( )

(10) _____ Augustus is greedy, he is generous.

(1) Yet
(2) Either
(3) Not only
(4) Although ( )

(11) Have you ever eaten at _____ Railway Café along Tanjong Pagar Road?

(1) a
(2) an
(3) the
(4) some ( )

(12) The twins went through a lot of suffering. Perhaps we can do something for _____

(1) us
(2) her
(3) him
(4) them ( )

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(13) Father is looking at _____ jewels that are over at that corner. They look dazzling.

(1) this
(2) that
(3) these
(4) those

( )

(14) Mrs Lim has three children. So sometimes there is a lot of _____ among her children for her attention.

(1) compete
(2) competing
(3) competitive
(4) competition

( )

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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 fill in each blank with the correct word from the box.

Passage 1

USE EACH WORD **ONCE** ONLY.

he	it	they
I	she	we

Hi Benny,

You are so right about Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone. (15) _____ love the book too. My mother is against it because (16) _____ thinks it is all about witchcraft, so (17) _____ is not healthy. Actually, there are so many similarities between Harry's world and our world. To me, it is just about a boy finding acceptance in his school. He has to study different subjects in school like (18) _____do. I look forward to reading the next book in the series. Have you read it?

Your friend,
Meng

Passage 2

USE EACH WORD **ONCE** ONLY.

cause	prefer	travel
creating	produces	wasting

Both my parents work in the central area but neither of them drives to work. They (19) _____ using different modes of transport that (20) _____ less pollution. Hence, Dad cycles and Mum goes by train. Some of their friends (21) _____ everywhere by car even for short distances of less than one kilometre. The fact that they are (22) _____ money and harming the environment does not bother them.

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Section D - Synthesis (2 x 1 mark)

For questions 23 and 24, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the words provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the given one(s).

(23) Tom woke up late. Tom made it on time to school.

_____ but

_____.

(24) Bring more money with you. You must pay for lunch.

_____ in order to

_____

Section E – Editing for Spelling and Grammar (6 x 1 mark)

Each of the underlined words contains either a grammatical error or a spelling error. Put the correct word in each of the boxes.

Although most of us cannot remember Science concepts once our Science lesson is over, we readily akcept what these and other marvels of technology can do for us. However, who hasn't looked on in awe as a smiling magician makes a coin dissappear or reappear? We love mysteries and that is the appeal of magic. Therefore, the first rule a magician must learn was – never, ever tell anyone how to do a trick. It do not matter if the person is your best friend. Do not tell when a trick is done! It's better to let anticipation and suspense build up as you purform your trick. You can, however, talk to your audience as this will help to distract them!

25) [ ]

26) [ ]

27) [ ]

28) [ ]

29) [ ]

30) [ ]

Adapted from, "101 Cool Magic Tricks!"

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Section F: Comprehension 1 (10 marks)
Read the passage carefully and answer questions 31 to 39.

Marie Tussaud was born in France in 1761. When she was a little girl, her mother worked as a housekeeper for a doctor named Curtius.

In the eighteenth century, there was no photography or X-rays. Hence, doctors often made wax copies of human body parts to teach others about health. Dr Curtius realised that young Marie had artistic talent so he taught her how to sculpt with wax. Marie became popular for her wax portraits of prominent people. When she was just 17 years old, she was invited to live at the Royal Palace so she could teach art to the sister of the King of France.

In 1802, she left France and settled in Britain. She began touring the country, showing off her waxworks. The British were amazed by her work. Marie was so successful that she was able to open a permanent exhibition in London, England, many years later. This was the first Madame Tussauds museum and is still open today. After the opening of the museum, Marie set up her most famous exhibit there - The Chamber of Horrors, where wax figures of notorious criminals, cruel leaders and famous victims are kept. Marie herself was invited to make the death masks of these people by the British and French government and put them up as exhibits.

Today, there are twenty Madame Tussauds museums around the world, including seven in Asia. The museum in Sentosa include celebrities such as local actor Gurmit Singh, football player Fandi Ahmad, television actress Zoe Tay, pop singer Stefanie Sun and our first president Yusof Bin Ishak. The really fun thing is that visitors are allowed to approach the statues and even touch them. They can hold the statues' hands, hug their bodies and feel their hair. Props like leather jackets, sunglasses and hats are provided so that visitors can dress up like a star while posing for photographs.

Adapted from, "What's Up Issue Nov 2014".

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(31) Which word has the same meaning as 'important'? (1m)

Circle either (A) or (B).

She became **popular** for her wax portraits of **prominent** people.
(A) **(B)**

(32) Tick √ your chosen answer.
According to the text, what did the doctors in the 18th Century use to teach about body parts? (1m)

☐	X-rays
☐	wax models
☐	photographs

(33) The original Madame Tussauds museum opened in _____. (1m)

(1) The Royal Palace
(2) Sentosa
(3) London
(4) France ( )

(34) The following statues in Madame Tussauds museum in Sentosa are celebrities except _____. (1m)

(1) Zoe Tay
(2) Gurmit Singh
(3) Fandi Ahmad
(4) Yusof Bin Ishak ( )

(35) Madame Tussauds Museum allows its visitors to have as much fun as possible. (1m)

Circle the correct answer.

True / False

(36) How many Madame Tussauds Museums are there in the world today? (1m)

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(37) According to the passage, list down two types of wax exhibits found in the Chamber of Horrors.

1) _____ (1m)

2) _____ (1m)

38) Which word from the last paragraph has the same meaning as "to move close to"? (1m)

_____

_____

39) Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the sequence of events that occurred in the passage. (1m)

_____ Marie set up the Chamber of Horrors.

_____ Marie toured England with her waxworks.

_____ A Madame Tussauds Museum was opened in England.

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Section G: Comprehension 2 (10 marks)
Read the passage below and answer questions 40 to 46.

One day, Mr Ben told his son, Caleb, "Son, it is time for you to experience some hardship." His son asked curiously, "Daddy, you love me so much and so does Mummy and everyone around me. I'm smart, healthy and good-looking. Everything is wonderful and I'm sure the future is bright for me. Why do I have to go through hardship?" His father did not reply but told him a story instead.

A sculptor found a large piece of rock. He started to carve the finest statue that he had ever created. He spent months working from dawn till dusk. Finally, he completed the greatest work in his life. The statue stood tall and high, looking so mighty and fine. Before he completed the task, the sculptor used the remaining rock to add a little step in front of the statue so that people could take a closer look at the statue.

It was indeed a wonderful piece of work which attracted hundreds of visitors each day. Everyone was stunned by the excellent skill of the sculptor and the unusual beauty of the statue.

One night, the step began to complain to the statue, "We both came from the same piece of rock with the same quality and texture. Why is it that **you** get to receive all the praises and compliments while I am the one who is being stepped on every day?"

The statue caught a glimpse of the step and replied, "Although we came from the same piece of rock, I endured the pain when the sculptor was carving on me while you did not go through any hardship."

Mr Ben looked at Caleb and told him, "If you want to be successful, you need to endure pain and make sacrifices. Are you ready to take the challenge?"

Adapted from, "Whispers Of Wisdom Stories".

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

(40) According to paragraph one, what did Mr Ben want his son to go through? (1m)

(41) Why did the sculptor add a step to the statue? (2m)

(42) The word '***you***' in line 16 refers to the _____ (1m)

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

_____ The statue was completed and looked tall and mighty.

_____ The step complained about his situation.

_____ Caleb boasted about his strengths.

(44) Which word in paragraph five has the same meaning as **'peek'**? (1m)

(45) How do we know that the step was unhappy? (1m)

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(46) Based on the passage, state whether each statement is true or false. Then give your reason. (3x1m)

	True/False	Reason
(a) The sculptor spent a few short hours each day to complete his task.		
(b) The statue deserved all the praises and compliments.		
(c) Becoming successful is easy and painless.		

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TERM : SA1

Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Q 5	Q 6	Q 7	Q 8	Q9	Q 10
2	**1**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**1**	**2**	**1**	**4**
Q 11	Q 12	Q 13	Q 14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	
3	**4**	**4**	**4**	**I**	**she**	**it**	**we**	**prefer**	

Q20 cause Q21 prefer Q22 wasting

Q23. Tom woke up late but he made it on time to school.

Q24. Bring more money with you in order to pay for lunch.

Q25 accept Q26 disappear Q27 is Q28 does Q29 how

Q30 perform Q31 B Q32 wax models Q33. London

Q34 Yusof Bin Ishak Q35. True Q36. Twenty

Q37 1) Notorious criminals Q37 2) Cruel leaders Q38 approach

Q39. 1 – Marie toured England with her waxworks

Q39. 2 – A Madame Tussauds Museum was opened in England.

Q39. 3 – Marie set up the Chamber of Horrors.

Q40. Hardship

Q41. The sculptor added a step to allow people to take a closer look at the statue.

Q42. "You" refers to the statue.

Q43. 1 – Caleb boasted about his strengths.

Q43. 2 – The statue was completed and looked tall and mighty.

Q43. 3 – The step complained about his situation.

Q44 glimpse Q45. He complained to the statue.

Q46a. FALSE – He spent months working from dawn till dusk to complete his task.

Q46b. TRUE – The statue endured the pain when the sculptor was carving on him.

Q46c. FALSE – Becoming successful requires enduring pain / hardship and making sacrifices.

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