NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL
2016 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
Primary 3

Paper 2

Name : _____ ( )

Class : Primary 3 _____

Date : 24 October 2016

Total Marks: _____ / 50

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Parent's Signature

Duration: 1 hour 15 minutes

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. When the tablecloth caught fire, the children were too _____ to do anything but scream.

   (1) excited
   (2) terrified
   (3) restless
   (4) annoyed ( )

2. The drunken man, who was _____ and shouting loudly in the neighbourhood, was questioned by the police.

   (1) strolling
   (2) sneaking
   (3) staggering
   (4) scampering ( )

3. His mother _____ at him fiercely before giving him a tongue lashing.

   (1) glared
   (2) glazed
   (3) glanced
   (4) glimpsed ( )

4. Aaron received a plaque for his _____ act of jumping into the strong currents to save the child from drowning.

   (1) brilliant
   (2) generous
   (3) invincible
   (4) courageous ( )

5. Peter is a very _____ man who likes to show off his wealth to others.

   (1) honest
   (2) humble
   (3) modest
   (4) boastful ( )

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6. After staying at his aunt's house for a week during his trip to London, Mark wrote to thank her for her _____.

(1) loyalty
(2) sincerity
(3) hospitality
(4) assistance

( )

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. One of the boys accidentally hurt _____ during the soccer game.

(1) itself
(2) herself
(3) himself
(4) themselves

( )

8. The elephant with the short tusks is the only one _____ allows people to go near it.

(1) which
(2) where
(3) whom
(4) whose

( )

9. _____ is knocking on the door. Please go and find out who it is.

(1) Nobody
(2) Anybody
(3) Somebody
(4) Everybody

( )

10. Tony asked Mary, "You can't attend my birthday party, _____ you?"

(1) will
(2) can
(3) won't
(4) aren't

( )

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11. Claire is _____ of the twins as she refuses to clean her room.

(1) lazy
(2) the lazier
(3) the laziest
(4) as lazy as ( )

12. Mr Kong and his wife _____ to their new house a week ago.

(1) move
(2) moves
(3) moved
(4) will move ( )

13. Mother will not allow you to go to the beach _____ you did not do well for your examination.

(1) so
(2) while
(3) since
(4) although ( )

14. My father always _____ my mother to work in the morning.

(1) drive
(2) drove
(3) drives
(4) driving ( )

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Section C: Grammar Cloze (8 X 1 mark)

Read the following passages carefully. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to F) in each blank.

Passage 1

USE EACH WORD **ONCE** ONLY.

(A) across	(B) around	(C) in
(D) into	(E) on	(F) over

The aroma from the kitchen in the restaurant made Wendy feel even hungrier. She thought she could hear her stomach growling. Her mother had suggested to dine in this newly opened restaurant which was (15) _____ the road near their house. She looked (16) _____ and saw the diners enjoy their food.

When the food that Wendy and her mother had ordered arrived, they tucked (17) _____ heartily. The chicken curry was simply mouth-watering. Wendy found eating food served (18) _____ banana leaves instead of plates a very interesting experience. The leaves also seemed to enhance the taste of the spicy food that the restaurant is famous for.

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Read the following passages carefully. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (G to M) in each blank. The letter (I) has been omitted to avoid confusion in marking.

Passage 2

USE EACH WORD **ONCE** ONLY.

(G) he	**(H)** her	**(J)** his
(K) she	**(L)** they	**(M)** we

Betty is talented in music. (19) _____ can sing, play the violin, the piano and the drums. (20) _____ parents discovered her talents when she was only four years old. Benjamin, Betty's younger brother, is just as talented as she is. (21) _____ can play many string instruments and he really looks up to his older sister. (22) _____ enjoy singing and playing their musical instruments together. Their parents are very proud of them.

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Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (5 X 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to H) in each blank.

USE A WORD **ONCE** ONLY.

(A) animals	(B) attention	(C) healthy	(D) important
(E) inspirational	(F) meals	(G) people	(H) school

Every living thing sleeps, from the smallest insect to the largest whale. Some (23) _____ spend as many as twenty hours a day sleeping! While children and adults do not need to sleep for so many hours, our sleep is just as significant.

You spend the day running on the playground, learning at school, eating (24) _____, and at night your body and brain get to rest, right? Wrong! In fact, while you are off in dreamland, your body and brain are very busy getting ready for a new day. That is why it is so (25) _____ to give yourself time to sleep.

Children between the age of five and twelve need ten to eleven hours of sleep each night. When you get enough sleep, you can (26) _____ better in school. Moreover, you can fight diseases so as to stay (27) _____. In short, you can be your best when you get quality sleep!

Adapted from http://www.sleepforkids.org/html/why.html

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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. Since I did not have enough gifts, I only gave them to **(some / many)** of the guests.

29. **(Whose / Who's)** badminton racquet is this?" asked the coach.

30. "Do you know the answer to this question?" I asked Lynn. Lynn **(shruged / shrugged)** her shoulders as she did not know the answer too.

31. After being involved in a car accident, Terry looked around **(desperately / desparately)** for someone to come to his rescue.

32. We must protect our **(enviroment / environment)** from being destroyed.

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. James returned the library book. He finished reading the library book.

_____ **after**

_____.

34. It was raining heavily. Sue put on her raincoat before she left the house.

_____ **because**

_____.

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Section G: Comprehension 1 (8 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 35 to 40.

Early yesterday morning, pupils arrived at Suntec Singapore Convention Hall for the biggest spelling competition. Many competitors were unprepared for the sight of over 1,800 seats at the preliminary round of the National Spelling Championship. Indeed, the 2016 spelling competition received its largest number of participants in its five-year history. Cheryl Wu, a primary five pupil who took part in the competition for the first time was shocked to see so many people taking part.

The round started easily, with competitors quickly writing down the first few words they heard from the audio recording. As words became trickier, many took longer to think before offering their answers.

Spellers had mixed reactions after the hour-long written test. Some found this year's preliminary easier than last year's. Others thought that the difficulty level was about the same.

Two words starting with "h" were among pupils' most commonly cited difficult words. 'Haberdashery' is a term for sewing materials, while 'herpetology' is a branch of zoology about amphibians and reptiles.

Addressing the participants at the end of the session, the organisers praised the pupils for their sportsmanship and perseverance. They also hoped that the participants had enjoyed and learnt from the competition.

After yesterday's round, only the top twenty spellers would qualify for the final round. They would then compete for the top prize of $5,000 and the challenge trophy for their school.

Adapted from www.straitstimes.com/bigspell

35. What competition was held at Suntec Singapore Convention Hall?

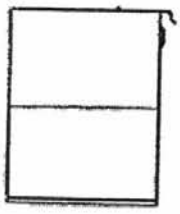
(1m)

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36. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

The 2016 competition saw its largest number of participants in its _____.

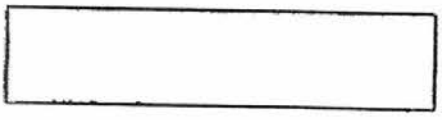
(1m)



preliminary round

final round

37. Which word in paragraph 1 has the same meaning as **'not ready'**?



(1m)

38. According to the passage, which of the following is <u>false</u>? (2m)

(1) The test lasted for one hour.
(2) The top 20 spellers would each receive $5000.
(3) There were mixed reactions towards the difficulty level of the test.
(4) The words that the competitors had to spell were played from the audio recording.

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39. According to the passage, which two words did participants find most difficult to spell?

_____ and _____ (2m)

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

(1m)

Addressing the participants at the end of the session, the organisers praised the pupils for their **<u>sportsmanship</u>** and **<u>perseverance</u>**.
(A)

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Comprehension 2 (8 marks)

Read the following passage carefully and answer questions 41 to 46.

Long ago, there lived a one-eyed king who ruled the entire kingdom. He was very fond of arts and crafts. He generously rewarded the great artists, poets and craftsmen. However, the king never liked any person who was dishonest. He was a man of truth and wanted his people to be honest.

The king was born with only one eye. He had vision on his right eye and the space for the left eye was simply closed with the skin! One day, he wanted a portrait of himself to be drawn and made an announcement to the entire kingdom. After selecting the talented artists, the king asked the three men to draw his face.

He told **them**, "If you do an exceptional job, I will reward you with a chest of gold. If not, you will be severely punished!"

All the three artists were nervous but agreed and started to sketch his face.

The first artist showed the painted picture of the king. **The** king felt angry as the portrait showed the king with both eyes but one of **the** eyes was shown blind and totally white.The artist was sentenced to imprisonment for ten years. The king felt that the picture was a dishonour to a ruler showing a physical disability!

Then, the second artist showed his picture and even he was imprisoned for five years. The picture depicted the king having vision in both eyes. The king bellowed, "You are a dishonest man. You falsely praised me to earn a reward."

After seeing the first two artists being thrown into prison, the third artist was afraid. With shivering hands, he showed the picture he drew to the king. The king saw his portrait and smiled. The third artist drew the king's face with only one eye! He was rewarded a fortune for his honesty.

Adapted from http://www.kidsworldfun.com/funny-short-stories-the-intelligent-artist.php

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

41. According to the author, who does 'them' 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)

_____ One of the artists received a huge reward.

_____ One of the artists showed the picture of the king with two eyes that could see.

_____ One of the artists was sentenced to imprisonment for ten years.

43. Why did the king imprison the second artist? (2m)

_____

_____

44. Which word in **paragraph one** has the opposite meaning of 'truthful'? (1m)

45. Based on the passage, state whether each statement is true or false, then give a reason why you think so. (2m)

Statement	True/ False	Reason
(a) The king was furious that one of the portraits showed him with one eye that was blind.		
(b) The king disliked the third artist's picture.		

46. Based on the passage, how would you describe the king's character? (1m)

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EXAM PAPER 2016 (P3)

SCHOOL : NAN HUA

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

TERM : SA2

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
2	3	1	4	4	3	3	1	3	2
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
2	3	3	3	A	B	C	E	K	H
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27			
G	L	A	F	D	B	C			

28)some 29)Whose 30)shrugged 31)desperately

32)environment

33)James returned the library book after he finished reading it.

34)Sue put on her raincoat before she left the house because it was raining heavily.

35)biggest spelling competition

36)preliminary round

37)unprepared

38)2

39)Haberdashery and herpetology

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40)B

41)It refers to the three talented artists.

42)3, 2, 1,

43)The king imprisoned the second artist as the artist was dishonest and he falsely praised the king to earn a reward.

44)dishonest

45)a)True/ The king was angry as he felt it was a dishonor to ruler showing a physical disability.

b)False / The king liked the third artist picture as he smiled.

46)The king was a man of truth.

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