NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2 - 2017

PRIMARY 4

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2

LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION

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Class: Primary 4 _____

Date: 26 October 2017

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1. Write your name and register number in the space provided.
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3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions carefully.

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SECTION A: VOCABULARY (6 X 1 mark)
Choose the most suitable answer and write the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided below.

1. Gerald is an _____ child. He reads widely and often asks questions in order to learn more.

   (1) infected
   (2) infamous
   (3) inquisitive
   (4) indecisive ( )

2. Jane can cook very well. All her _____ are published into a cookbook.

   (1) recipes
   (2) ingredients
   (3) flavourings
   (4) seasonings ( )

3. Aminah was in fear and started to _____ when she saw the robber approaching her.

   (1) relax
   (2) unwind
   (3) deduce
   (4) tremble ( )

4. Mr Tan has been tasked to _____ the theft case. Hopefully, the culprit would be caught in no time.

   (1) decline
   (2) confess
   (3) promote
   (4) investigate ( )

5. Every student has to obey the new school rules which will be _____ the next term.

   (1) acted
   (2) regulated
   (3) conducted
   (4) implemented ( )

6. As Jennifer did not practise good oral hygiene, she needed to have her decayed tooth _____.

   (1) depleted
   (2) extracted
   (3) dissolved
   (4) eliminated ( )

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SECTION B: GRAMMAR (8 X 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and write the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided below.

7. Aunt Mary baked some cookies for the children and they shared the cookies among _____.

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

8. John and his brother _____ excited about their trip to New Zealand next month. They have been planning the itinerary together.

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

9. My eldest sister _____ moaning in pain after she fell from the stairs.

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

10. "Please pick up the phone! It _____!" Claire shouted impatiently.

(1) ring
(2) rings
(3) has rung
(4) is ringing ( )

11. Last week, the burglar _____ into the house and triggered the alarm.

(1) break
(2) broke
(3) breaks
(4) has broken ( )

12. While I _____ my homework, I heard my neighbour singing.

(1) do
(2) will do
(3) was doing
(4) have done ( )

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13. Look over there! _____ vases are so pretty!

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

14. Grandma likes to buy her groceries from the supermarket that is _____ doors away from the post office.

(1) little
(2) much
(3) a few
(4) a lot of ( )

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SECTION C: GRAMMAR CLOZE (PASSAGE A) (4 X 1 mark)
Read the following passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank.

USE A WORD **ONCE ONLY.**

(A) he	(B) I	(C) me
(D) them	(E) they	(F) us

I have been close to my grandparents since young. Every Saturday, my family and (15) _____ will visit my grandparents. Grandma always prepares our favourite dishes for (16) _____. During the holidays, my cousins will visit from America and (17) _____ will be staying at my grandparents' place.

I remembered vividly an incident that happened to my cousins during one of their visits here in Singapore. They were swimming in the pool when suddenly one of (18) _____ suffered a cramp. Fortunately, the life guards were around and my cousin was saved in time.

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SECTION D: GRAMMAR CLOZE (PASSAGE B) (4 X 1 mark)

*Read the following passage carefully. **Underline** the correct word from the words given in the brackets.*

Healthy habits that start from young are likely to be carried into adulthood. This (19) [is / are] the key idea behind Sengkang Health's Millenia Kids Programme.

This programme, which (20) [was / **were**] started in 2014, is designed to help children live, learn and lead a healthy lifestyle from an early age. It (21) [has / **have**] reached 6500 pupils in three schools. So far, the results (22) [show / shows] that most of the participants have indicated a greater awareness of healthier lifestyles. As such, more schools will come aboard this programme.

(Adapted from: The Straits Times, 21 March 2017)

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SECTION E: EDITING (6 x 1) marks

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

Sun bears are named after the golden patches of fur on their chests, which (23) [ ] some people say resemble a rising sun. While their tangues may be extra big, sun (24) [ ] bears are actually the smallest bear species. These animals live at wooded areas of (25) [ ] Southeast Asia. Strong and agile, sun bears are good at climbing trees. They spends a lot of time in tree canopies and even build beds of twigs and leaves on the branches to sleep in.

(26) [ ]

Sun bears usually eat insects, leafs, lizards and berries. However, sun bears' (27) [ ] prifered snack is honey. To get the treat, they rip open beehives with their sharp (28) [ ] claws. The bears then extract the honey inside, often gobbled up bees with the sticky sweet. Fortunately, the sun bears do not seem to be bothered by the bee stings.

(Adapted from: National Geographic Kids)

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SECTION F: SYNTHESIS & TRANSFORMATION (2 X 1 mark)

For each of the items, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of each sentence must be the same as the given one(s).

29. You may collect the tickets on Tuesday. You may collect the tickets on Friday.

_____ **either** _____

_____ **or** _____

30. Tim's dog was badly injured. Danny felt sorry for Tim.

_____ **whose**

_____

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SECTION G: COMPREHENSION 1 (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions 31 to 39.

In a broken-down hut lived Janet and her old mother. Her mother was sick and needed money to see a doctor. To support her ageing and ailing mother, Janet had to pick up rice grains in the rice fields. Those few rice grains would be boiled into bowls of thin porridge for her mother.

One evening, as Janet was running home, she tripped over a protruding root of a large tree. Unfortunately, the grains of rice fell to the ground. Janet rushed to pick up the fallen grains. Suddenly, a raven flew down and pecked eagerly at the fallen grains of rice. They tasted delicious to the raven! Janet was exremely worried because her mother would have to go hungry that night. The raven felt sorry for causing such sorrow to the poor child. "I will pay for this meal. Come and visit me tonight at this tree" the raven said and flew off.

That night, after her mother had slept, Janet walked to the tree. There, the raven served Janet a wonderful dinner. In her haste to satisfy her hunger, she had not forgotten her mother. She asked the raven if she could take the food back to her hungry mother. The raven was touched by her act of filial piety. It gave Janet a box of gold. Janet ran home happily as she knew that they need not go hungry again.

Adapted from The Raven and The Girl

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31. Which word has the same meaning as 'in poor health'? (1m)

Circle either (A) or (B).

To support her **ageing** (A) and **ailing** (B) mother, Janet had to pick up rice grains in the rice fields.

32. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

According to the text, what would Janet pick for her mum in the rice field? (1m)

- ☐ Porridge
- ☐ Rice grains
- ☐ Sacks of rice

33. Janet fell when she _____. (1m)

(1) went to the tree house
(2) was working in the rice field
(3) tripped over a root of a large tree
(4) saw the raven pecking at the grains of rice

34. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

The word 'They' in line 8 refers to _____. (1m)

- ☐ the bowls of porridge
- ☐ Janet and the raven
- ☐ the fallen grains

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35. According to the passage, list down two feelings experienced by Janet when the raven ate the grains of rice.

1) _____ (1m)

2) _____ (1m)

36. What was Janet's mother doing when Janet went to the large tree to meet the raven?

_____ (1m)

37. Which word from paragraph 3 tells us that Janet was in a hurry? (1m)

For Question 38 and 39, read each statement and tick ✓ "True" or "False". Refer to **paragraph 2** to help you. The first example has been done for you.

	Statement	True	False
Example	Janet was unhappy when she received the box of gold from the raven.		
38.	The raven felt bad for eating the grains of rice.		
39.	Janet is a filial and thoughtful child.		

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SECTION H: COMPREHENSION 2 (10 marks)

Read the following passage carefully and answer questions 40 to 44.

Orville and Wilbur Wright are credited with inventing the airplane. It all started when Orville was seven and Wilbur was eleven years old. The boys grew up loving to invent things. They got interested in flying when their father gave them a toy helicopter that flew with the help of rubber bands. They then experimented with making their own toy helicopters. Orville liked to build kites and he sold kites at school to make money. Wilbur started reading all he could about how birds flew and machines worked. The boys continued to be interested in machines and flight during their adult years.

By 1900, Orville and Wilbur built kites, known as gliders, that were large enough for a person to ride in. These gliders flew on air current and the pilot could get a ride of about 10 seconds before the glider came down to the ground. The brothers wanted to improve on the current glider and built a better glider that could be steered. It flew more than 182 metres but it still came down, no matter what the pilot did. To solve the problem, Orville and Wilbur finally decided to make an engine that would be light and powerful enough to power one of their gliders. With their mother's support and their own curiosity driving them, they made an engine that they thought would be more suitable and installed it on their newest glider.

17 December 1903 is a day to remember - Orville made the first successful powered flight in history! To soften the landings in case of a crash, a sandy place was needed. The place was Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. Kitty Hawk had lots of wind too, which was ideal for flying. The first flight lasted 12 seconds. This was not a simple or easy task they had completed. They had worked and experimented for years to perfect the wing design and controls. There was a lot of courage involved in making that first flight!

https://www.nasa.gov/audience/forstudents/k-4/home/F_Who_Invented_Aeroplane.html

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

40. What were the two qualities that the brothers were looking for in making the engine for the newest glider? (2m)

_____

_____

41. Why was 17 December 1903 a day to remember? (2m)

_____

_____

42. Based on the passage, state two reasons why Kitty Hawk was chosen as a place to test the brothers' plane. (2m)

_____

_____

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

_____ Wilbur started reading on how machines worked.

_____ Orville made the first successful powered flight.

_____ The boy's father bought them a toy helicopter.

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

Statement	True/False	Reason
(a) Orville got interested in flying because he made money selling kites in school.		
(b) The pilot of the gliders could not control when the gliders would land.		
(c) The brothers invented the newest glider based only on their own curiosity.		

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23)tongues 24)in 25)spend 26)leaves 27)preferred

28)gobbling

29)You may collect the tickets either on Tuesday or Friday.

30)Danny felt sorry for Tim whose dog was badly injured.

31)B 32)Rice grains 33)3 34)the fallen grains

35)1)Extremely worried

2)Sorrow

36)Janet's mother was sleeping.

37)ran

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38)False

39)Ture

40)The brothers wanted an engine that would be light and powerful enough to power the glider.

41)Orville made the first successful powered flight in history.

42)Kitty Hawk was a sandy place and it had lots of wind.

43)2 , 3 , 1

44)a)False / Orville got interested in flying when his father gave Orville and Wilbur a toy helicopter.

b)True / The gliders came down no matter what the pilot did.

c)False / The brothers invented the newest glider based on their own curiosity and their mother's support.

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