# NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
# FIRST SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2019

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE

**PRIMARY THREE**

## BOOKLET B: LANGUAGE USE & COMPREHENSION

Duration for Booklet B: 1 hour 15 minutes

Name: _____ (  ) Class: Pr 3 (  )

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| Booklet A: Listening Comprehension | /14 |
| Booklet B: Language Use & Comprehension | /50 |
| Writing | /20 |
| Total | /84 |

Parent's Signature: _____

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**PART 1**
**SECTION A: 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. That pair of shoes _____ on sale now.

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

2. Please do not _____ to bring your pencil case tomorrow.

   (1) forget
   (2) forgot
   (3) forgets
   (4) forgetting

3. _____ monkeys kept in that enclosure will be fed at 3 o'clock.

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

4. There are only _____ pieces of cake left by the time I arrived.

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

5. The athletes will _____ at the tent once they have finished running the race.

   (1) rest
   (2) rests
   (3) rested
   (4) resting



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6. "The sky is dark. There is a chance that it _____ rain soon," Jane said.

(1) may
(2) must
(3) has to
(4) ought to

7. Peter _____ not able to understand her as she was talking very quickly.

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

8. John and his cousin _____ to skateboard.

(1) like
(2) likes
(3) liked
(4) liking

**SECTION B: 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. I will not tell you the secret yet. I want to keep you in _____.

(1) fear
(2) sorrow
(3) wonder
(4) suspense

10. I have to _____ an errand for my mother later.

(1) ruh
(2) play
(3) walk
(4) work



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11. I _____ in fear when I heard the snarl of the fierce-looking guard dog.

(1) rocked
(2) vibrated
(3) fluttered
(4) shuddered

12. I will keep looking for clues and _____ until I find the culprit who stole my treasure!

(1) will not lie
(2) will not rest
(3) will not fight
(4) will not sleep

13. Forests were _____ when men built houses and factories for their own benefit.

(1) sown
(2) grown
(3) destroyed
(4) harvested

14. Tom fell into the water when the rope he was holding on to _____.

(1) burst
(2) snapped
(3) fractured
(4) shattered



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## PART 2

### SECTION C: GRAMMAR CLOZE (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 EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.**

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (A) | about | (B) | across | (C) | by | (D) | for |
| (E) | into | (F) | of | (G) | onto | | |

**Passage 1**

There are a few birds that cannot fly. One such bird is the steamer duck. Three out (15) _____ four species of steamer ducks are flightless. They move by running (16) _____ water and thrashing their wings like the wheels on a steamboat. Steamer ducks are also known (17)_____ being fierce. They get (18) _____ fights with each other over their territory. They have even been known to kill waterbirds several times their size.

| | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| (A) | her | (B) | his | (C) | himself | (D) | my |
| (E) | their | (F) | we | (G) | you | | |

**Passage 2**

Thomas was planning a surprise party for his sister, Leyla. (19)_____ birthday was in two weeks' time but Thomas did not have enough money. He decided to ask for help. His mother thought that he should solve all the problems (20) _____.

"Most of (21) _____ money is in the bank. I only have $20 in my wallet!" exclaimed Thomas.

"(22) _____ will have to plan your party well so that you will not overspend," Mother told Thomas calmly.

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## SECTION D: EDITING FOR SPELLING (4 X 1m)

Correct each underlined word for spelling. Write the answer in the box provided.

Late one night, a burglar broke into a house that he thought was empty. He tip-

(23) [ ] (24) [ ]

toed **thruegh** the living room. Suddenly, he froze in his **traeks** when he heard a loud

voice saying, "I am watching you!" The burglar stopped. He was petrified.

(25) [ ]

**Frentically**, he looked all around. There was no one!

(26) [ ]

The burglar decided that it must have been his imagination. He **imediatly**

proceeded to the bedroom.

Then, he heard it again. "I am watching you!" the voice boomed.

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## SECTION E: SENTENCE COMBINING (4 X 2m)

Do not write in this space.

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 be the same as the meaning of the given sentences.

27. David was sleeping in his room. His mother came home.

_____ when

_____ .

28. Tim left his home early. Tim missed the bus.

_____ although

_____ .

29. Mary gave the baby some milk. He stopped crying.

_____ , so

_____ .

30. Jack fell down. Jack did not win the race.

_____ because

_____ .

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## SECTION F: COMPREHENSION (8 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

My friend, Tom, and I were outside playing with our dogs. Suddenly, my German Shepherd, Scruffy, ran into my neighbour's vegetable garden. The garden belonged to old Mr Tan. He had always been fierce and unfriendly. We were all afraid of seeing him in his garden. Tom and I immediately exchanged looks of despair. Even Tom's dog, Cookie, barked disapprovingly at Scruffy.

Without a care, Scruffy started running around the garden. It looked thoroughly pleased with itself.

I remembered thinking, "**Someone** is going to be angry about this."

We waited for the click of the lock on old Mr Tan's door. He surely would have heard Cookie's barking and would soon emerge to investigate. I pictured him waving his walking stick at us in anger if he were to see my Scruffy uprooting the tomato plants and trampling on the lettuce.

However, no one appeared at Mr Tan's doorway. We moved forward and I whispered for Scruffy to return. Instead, Scruffy slowly inched towards a corner of the vegetable garden. It sniffed at something- a tiny metal box. Then, it ran back to me, pulling me by my trousers in the direction of the box. I knew Scruffy was trying to show me something and followed it. What I saw shocked me.



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For Q31 and Q32, read each statement and tick (√) "True" or "False". The first example has been done for you. [2m]

Do not write in this space.

| Statement | | True | False |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Example** | The writer was playing inside his house. | | √ |
| Q31. | The vegetable garden belonged to Tom. | | |
| Q32. | The children liked old Mr Tan. | | |

33. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events happened in the story. [1m]

_____ Cookie barked.

_____ Scruffy ran around the garden.

_____ Tom and the writer waited for Mr Tan to appear.

34. Who does "Someone" in line 8 refer to? [1m]

35. How did Scruffy destroy old Mr Tan's garden? [2m]

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36. Why did Scruffy pull the writer's trousers after sniffing the box? [2m]

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**SECTION G: COMPREHENSION** (4 X 2m = 8 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

It was the school holidays but I was stuck at home. My mother had to leave for work, so she left my two younger siblings in my care. She said it was time I learnt about responsibility. My mother had suggested that I take them to the library, but I refused. They would run all over the library and chatter noisily. Their behaviour would definitely get us into trouble with the librarian. I would rather confine them in the safety of our home.

As the morning went on, the twins, Liam and Kyle, could not stop whining about how bored they were all morning. I had no choice but to let them play computer games so that I could do what I wanted to. Mother would surely blame me for not being a responsible older sister!

When the clock struck twelve, Liam started whining again. "Feed me!" he screamed.

I sighed loudly and went to the refrigerator. Mother had prepared food to be heated up in the microwave. I took the food out and did just that. Before the food was ready, there was a sudden blackout! **This** caused the lights in the microwave to go out. The fans in the living room stopped. Worst of all, the computer screen went blank. The twins immediately ran to me and demanded a solution angrily as they wanted to resume their game.

I paused. Sweat trickled down my forehead. I firmly told the twins to sit on the sofa while I called Mother for help on my mobile phone. However, she did not pick up. How were we going to survive without electricity in the next few hours?

In desperation, I remembered Mother's suggestion. I turned to my siblings and sighed in frustration, "Looks like we have to go there after all." My siblings cheered.



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37. In what two ways would the writer's siblings get them into trouble at the library? [2m]

Do not write in this space.

1. _____

2. _____

38. Why would the writer's mother blame her for being an irresponsible sister? [1m]

_____

_____

39. What does "This" in line 15 refer to? [1m]

40. What did the writer decide to do after she could not reach her mother on the mobile phone? [2m]

_____

_____

41. Tick two adjectives that best describe how the writer felt after the blackout. [2m]

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ☐ | Worried | ☐ | Relieved |
| ☐ | Disappointed | ☐ | Annoyed |
| ☐ | Angry | ☐ | Hopeful |

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| Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q5 | Q6 | Q7 | Q8 | Q9 | Q10 |
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| 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 1 |
| Q11 | Q12 | Q13 | Q14 | Q15 | Q16 | Q17 | Q18 | Q19 | Q20 |
| 4 | 2 | 3 | 2 | F | B | D | E | A | C |
| Q21 | Q22 | | | | | | | | |
| D | G | | | | | | | | |

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|---|---|
| Q23) | through |
| Q24) | tracks |
| Q25) | Frantically |
| Q26) | immediately |

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|---|---|
| Q27) | David was sleeping in his room when his mother came home. |
| Q28) | Tim missed the bus although he left his home early. |
| Q29) | Mary gave the baby some milk, so he stopped crying. |
| Q30) | Jack did not win the race because he fell down. |
| Q31) | False |
| Q32) | False |
| Q33) | 1 , 2 , 3 |
| Q34) | Mr Tan |
| Q35) | Scruffy uprooted the tomato plants and trampled on the lettuce. |
| Q36) | Scruffy wanted to show the writer the box. |
| Q37) | 1)They would run all over the library<br>2)They would chatter noisily |
| Q38) | She let her siblings computer games. |
| Q39) | Blackout |

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| Q40) | The writer decided to take her siblings to the library. |
| Q41) | Worried / Annoyed |

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