NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
SECOND SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2019

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY THREE

BOOKLET B: LANGUAGE USE & COMPREHENSION

Duration for Booklet B: 1 hour 15 minutes

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Booklet A: Listening Comprehension	/14
Booklet B: Language Use & Comprehension	/50
Writing	/20
Oral	/16
Total	/100

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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. David and his brothers _____ a soccer match on television now.

   (1) watch
   (2) watched
   (3) is watching
   (4) are watching

2. "The bunch of keys _____ in my drawer. Please get it now!" said Mother.

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

3. "Don't you think _____ diamond bracelet looks beautiful on my wrist?" Mother asked the girls.

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

4. Miss Tan and her scouts pitched the tent by _____.

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

5. The wealthy woman is donating all her money to charity, _____ she?

   (1) is
   (2) was
   (3) isn't
   (4) wasn't

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6. Being short, I _____ hardly reach the vase on the top shelf of the cupboard.

(1) could
(2) should
(3) could not
(4) should not

7. It has been a long time _____ Amy met her childhood friend.

(1) until
(2) after
(3) when
(4) since

8. The coffee is bitter. It has too _____ sugar in it.

(1) few
(2) little
(3) many
(4) much

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. The little girl shivered like a _____ when the cold wind blew.

(1) leaf
(2) grass
(3) plant
(4) flower

10. The rain came suddenly and everyone _____ for shelter.

(1) crept
(2) strolled
(3) marched
(4) scrambled

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11. After spending almost a week in the hospital, my grandfather was finally _____ yesterday.

(1) freed
(2) excused
(3) dismissed
(4) discharged

12. After much investigation, Mr Woo caught the _____ who had broken the vase.

(1) victim
(2) culprit
(3) enemy
(4) opponent

13. The actress wore a huge pair of sunglasses and a blonde wig as a form of _____.

(1) veil
(2) cover
(3) disguise
(4) camouflage

14. Mina's cat gave birth to a _____ of kittens.

1) herd
(2) nest
(3) litter
(4) pride

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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)	to	(B)	along	(C)	out	(D)	by
(E)	in	(F)	through	(G)	against		

Passage 1

It was a cold, windy night. Terry was suddenly awakened (15) _____ a loud noise. He peered (16) _____ of his window and saw two men behaving suspiciously.

Terry watched as the two men carried a ladder to a mango tree and leaned it (17) _____ the tree. One of them who had a basket tied (18) _____ his back started climbing up the tree. Terry realised that they were trying to steal his mangoes.

(A)	cycle	(B)	cycles	(C)	are cycling	(D)	was cycling
(E)	were cycling	(F)	is cycling	(G)	cycled		

Passage 2

Kevin is an avid cyclist. He usually (19) _____ from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. every evening as the weather is cool. Kevin will (20) _____ carefully as the roads are the busiest at that time.

Once, Kevin almost met with an accident when he (21) _____ home. On another occasion, Kevin and his friends (22) _____ in the rain and he almost slipped and fell. Ever since then, he is always mindful of his safety on the road.

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SECTION D: EDITING FOR SPELLING (4 X1m)

Correct each underlined word for Spelling. Write the correct word in the box provided.

It was Mother's 40th birthday. My father, brothers and I were planning a pleasant

(23) [ ] (24) [ ]

suprize for her We could not contain our **excitment.**

We had bought her favourite chocolate fudge cake that was topped with the most

(25) [ ]

deleceous tropical fruits. Father had bought Mother a pair of diamond earrings.

We all hid behind the door as Mother walked in. We screamed "Happy Birthday!" at

(26) [ ]

the top of our voices. Mother was stunned. It was indeed a **memmorabel** birthday

celebration for her.

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SECTION E: SENTENCE COMBINING (4 X 2m)

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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. Peter likes durian. His sister likes durian too.

_____ and

_____.

28. Mother was sleeping soundly. She did not hear the phone ring.

_____ as

_____.

29. It started to drizzle. The boys continued their football practice.

_____ although

_____.

30. Mary saw her report book. She was overwhelmed with joy.

_____ when

_____

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SECTION F: COMPREHENSION (8 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Tom heaved a sigh of relief as he packed his bag to go home. He had been training for the upcoming school track and field competition for the past three hours and was exhausted. He could not wait to go home to take a shower and eat his favourite curry chicken!

He was just leaving his classroom when he heard a child wailing. A little boy was surrounded by a group of three bigger boys in the next classroom. The little boy, probably a Primary Two pupil, was trembling with fear and tears were streaming down his cheeks. The bullies shoved his shoulder a couple of times.

He had seen the boys before. "Aren't they the ones who were punished by the school principal, Mr Chan, during assembly?" Tom thought to himself. Tom was furious and thought, "How could they do this to a little boy?"

Without hesitation, he ran to the general office. Fortunately, Mr Chan was still working in his office. Tom took Mr Chan to the classroom just in time to stop the bullies from slapping the poor boy. The bullies were suspended from school immediately and their parents were informed.

Mr Chan commended Tom for his action. Tom just happened to be at the right place, at the right time! The little boy thanked Tom for being his saviour.

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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	Tom heard a child crying.	√	
Q31.	Tom was looking forward to going home after his training.		
Q32.	The group of bullies slapped the Primary Two boy.		

33. How did Tom know who the bullies were? [2m]

_____

_____

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

_____ Tom was praised by the school principal.

_____ The Primary Two boy was surrounded by three boys.

_____ The bullies were punished.

35. Which word in **Paragraph 3** has the same meaning as 'angry'? [1m]

36. Why did Tom run to the general office? [2m]

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_____

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SECTION G: COMPREHENSION (8 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Brenda was a young beaver. She lived with her family in a lodge made of mud and sticks. It was a cosy lodge in the middle of a large pond but it was getting too small. Brenda's older brothers were ready to build a new lodge.

Brenda watched her older brothers swim to the edge of the pond and chew on small trees. They bit through the bark with their powerful jaws and kept gnawing. They used their teeth as tools to cut down the tree.

"Can I help you build the new lodge?" asked Brenda.

"You're not big enough to cut down trees," her brother laughed. "I bet you're also not strong enough to drag the trees all the way across the pond to the lodge too."

Brenda was still very small because she was the youngest beaver in her family. However, she still wanted to help. She swam to the edge of the pond. She noticed that the ground was very soft. Thick mud squished up around her paws. She wiggled her webbed feet in the mud. When she lifted her paws, she found she could carry it around. "I'll pack the mud into the gaps between the logs and sticks. This will make the walls strong!" Brenda said.

Brenda swam back and forth all day, bringing as much mud as she could to the new lodge. Soon, she had made solid walls for the new lodge.

"That is wonderful," said Brenda's mother. "Thank you for helping to build our new lodge. When we work together, we get things done much faster."

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Read the sentences and place a tick (√) in the true or false column. [2m]

Do not write in this space.

Statement		True	False
Example	Brenda's brothers were building a new lodge.	√	
37.	Brenda used her teeth to cut down the trees.		
38.	Brenda's brothers had powerful jaws.		

39. Brenda's brothers thought that she could not help to build the lodge because she was too _____ and too _____ [2m]

40. What does "it" in line 13 refer to? [1m]

41. How did Brenda help to build the lodge? [2m]

_____

_____

42. "When we work together, we get things done much faster."
What did Brenda's mother mean when she said the above sentence? [1m]

	She meant that	Tick (√)
(a)	Brenda had built the lodge slowly and steadily.	
(b)	Brenda's older brothers had built the new lodge quickly.	
(c)	Brenda and her brothers cooperated to build the lodge quickly.	

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

Q23)	surprise
Q24)	excitement
Q25)	delicious
Q26)	memorable

Q27)	Peter and his sister like durian.
Q28)	Mother did not hear the phone ring as she was sleeping soundly.
Q29)	The boys continued their football practice although it started to drizzle.
Q30)	Mary was overwhelmed with joy when she saw her report book.
Q31)	True
Q32)	False
Q33)	He had seen them when they were punished by Mr Chan.
Q34)	3 , 1 , 2
Q35)	furious
Q36)	He wanted to get Mr Chan to stop the bullies.
Q37)	False
Q38)	True
Q39)	small / weak

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Q40)	the mud
Q41)	She helped by packing the mud into the gaps of the logs and sticks.
Q42)	C

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