# NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
# FIRST SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2019

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE

## PRIMARY FOUR

## BOOKLET B: LANGUAGE USE & COMPREHENSION

Duration for Booklet B: 1 hour 15 minutes

Name: _____ (  ) Class: Pr 4 (  )

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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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## SECTION A: GRAMMAR (8 x 1 m = 8 marks)

For each question from 1 to 8, four options are given. Choose the most appropriate answer. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

1. "Ask him _____ if you don't believe me," Sulin said.

   (1) myself
   (2) herself
   (3) himself
   (4) yourself

2. My brother excitedly _____ us all about the competition once he got home.

   (1) told
   (2) tells
   (3) will tell
   (4) is telling

3. "I do not think there is _____ more milk," Mother said as she shook the empty carton.

   (1) any
   (2) a few
   (3) much
   (4) many

4. Every student _____ required to complete their test today.

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

5. Meiling's pet dog,_____ to the door whenever the doorbell rings.

   (1) dashes
   (2) dashed
   (3) is dashing
   (4) was dashing



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6. Please give us _____ information to help us solve the case.

(1) no
(2) few
(3) some
(4) many

7. "Mrs Raju told me to take care of _____ potted plants over there while she is away," I told Mother.

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

8. Mr Tan told his pupils to _____ their books in school.

(1) kept
(2) keep
(3) keeps
(4) keeping

**SECTION B: VOCABULARY (6 x 1 m = 6 marks)**

For each question from 9 to 14, four options are given. Choose the most appropriate answer. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

9. My sister will _____ her position as head prefect to the newly-appointed one this year.

(1) hand in
(2) hand up
(3) hand over
(4) hand down



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10. Smoking is _____ in many public places by law as it is bad for the health of non-smokers.

(1) refused
(2) rejected
(3) prohibited
(4) prevented

11. Vincent politely _____ the invitation to the party as he was going to be travelling on that day.

(1) ignored
(2) declined
(3) cancelled
(4) disapproved

12. The _____of the chicken rice wafted through the air, making Ahmad salivate.

(1) odour
(2) aroma
(3) stench
(4) perfume

13. The thief and his _____ were caught red-handed by the police while trying to steal an expensive watch from the store.

(1) enemy
(2) opponent
(3) colleague
(4) accomplice

14. The puddle of water on the road _____ dried up under the sun.

(1) hastily
(2) regularly
(3) gradually
(4) constantly



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## SECTION C: GRAMMAR CLOZE (8 X 1m = 8 marks)

Read the passages carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A) | he | B) | her | C) | I |
| D) | she | E) | they | F) | we |

**Passage 1**

Suling and John were best friends. (15) _____ played together from morning until night. One day, John exclaimed, "(16) _____ know what we can do. Let's climb up the old tree!" Suling's heart sank as (17) _____ was afraid of insects and knew that the old tree was filled with them. "I'm tired. Maybe (18) _____ can have some lemonade together instead," she suggested, hoping John would agree.

**Passage 2**

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

Sleep is important. However, many children (19) [ does / do ] not sleep enough. This (20) [ cause / causes ] their health to suffer. Playing computer games (21) [ is / are ] one reason why children are sleeping less. Researchers recommend that they (22) [ get / gets ] eight hours of sleep a day. They also encourage having a comfortable bedroom for quality sleep.

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**SECTION D: EDITING (SPELLING) ( 4 X 1m = 4 marks )**

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

When I first saw the impressive-looking car that the tour guide was going to drive, I was expecting an enjoyable ride in the hot and dry

(23) **desserrt**. The journey did turn out to be a smooth one and the ride on the

sand was an unusual (24) **eksperiense**. It did not feel like anything I had ever

done before. It felt like a (25) **releef** from the turbulence I went through in the

aeroplane. There were no other (26) **vihecles** around me. The silence might have been uncomfortable for some but I loved it.

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

For the questions 27 and 28, combine the sentences to make **one** sentence using the word (s) given. The meaning of the sentences must be the same as the sentences given.

Do not write in this space.

27. Jane enjoys baking cakes. She enjoys cooking pasta more.

_____ prefers

_____ .

28. You should not go to school. You are unwell.

If _____

_____ .

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## SECTION F: COMPREHENSION (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Dylan was unsure of which path had led him away from his group. He retraced his steps slowly, confident he would be able to find his friends. The downpour did not scare him at first, but he soon noticed that his footprints had been washed away by the rain. To make things worse, the first intersection he came to looked strange and unfamiliar, so he decided to quicken his pace. Frightened, he tried shouting, but it was totally washed out by the heavy rain and the roaring thunder. He doubted that his friends could hear his cries for help. He felt completely hopeless.

Anxiety set in and Dylan began running down the trail. An exposed root tripped him, and he lay sprawled on the muddy trail. Upset with himself for failing to notice **it**, he picked himself up immediately and kept running. Where was the group?

Blind panic gripped Dylan. He screamed deafeningly and kept lunging ahead in the downpour, searching frantically for anything that might look familiar.

He was not aware of how long he had run. Then, the rain stopped. Dylan stood trembling. He screamed again, but for the first time, he realised that there were a lot of other noises in the jungle. They were not the noises he was used to back home — the sounds of children screaming and doors slamming. These were scary sounds — strange rustles in the undergrowth, birds screeching in the trees and the ear-piercing choruses of the insects. Disheartened, he sat down and started wailing.

Adapted from *"Jungle of Bones"* by Ben Mikaelsen



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29. What made Dylan quicken his pace in paragraph 1? [2m]

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30. Why did Dylan think that his friends would not be able to hear his cries for help? [2m]

For questions 31 and 32, tick (✓) to indicate if each statement is true or false according to the given passage. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

| | | True | False |
|---|---|---|---|
| Example | **Dylan was with his group of friends before they got separated.** | ✓ | |
| 31. | Dylan lay sprawled on the muddy ground because he was exhausted. | | |
| 32. | Dylan was sure that he had been running for a long time. | | |

33. What does the word **'it'** in line 10 in the passage refer to? [1m]



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34. Which word in the passage has a similar meaning to the word '**desperately**'? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

> He screamed **deafeningly** and kept lunging ahead into the downpour,
> (A)
> searching **frantically** for anything that might look familiar.
> (B)

Do not write in this space.

35. List two frightening sounds in the jungle that Dylan was **not** used to. [2m]

I. _____

II. _____

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## SECTION G: COMPREHENSION ( 10 marks )

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

I skidded to a stop. A big, fat hen strode across the intersection. Normally, I would crack my "Why did the chicken cross the road" joke. However, this was not any ordinary hen. It was my neighbour, Mrs. Brown's, prized egg-layer.

"Ellie, you get back here right this instant!" I called out. Ellie stopped, took one look at me, and then took off running. Hens could be so wilful. "You just wait!" I shouted. "You're going to be in one heap of trouble."

At that moment, a white van sped towards us. I turned to look at Ellie. It had stopped in the centre of the road for an insect feast. Meanwhile, the **reckless** van driver was biting into a sandwich, oblivious to what was ahead of him.

"Run, Ellie, *run*!" I gripped my handlebars and squeezed my eyes shut, praying. I heard the van roar past the intersection. I opened my eyes as the vehicle zoomed around the bend. Silence filled the air.

"Ellie?" I screamed. A few feathers lay scattered on the pavement. That hen was dead for sure. I threw my bicycle to the ground and scanned the kerb for any sign of the bird, praying it was still alive. Looking both ways, I crossed the street. I walked up and down the sidewalk, calling out Ellie's name.

To my disappointment, there was no sign of the hen. I knew Mother would be sad. She always swore that Ellie's fresh eggs were what made her cakes so fantastic. She also claimed that there were no better eggs than Ellie's. I kicked the kerb and walked back to my bicycle. That was when I heard the clucking. I spun around on my heels and looked up. To my relief, I saw that the hen had perched itself on a tree branch.

Adapted from *"Vilonia Beebe Takes Charge "* by Kristin L. Gray



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36. Tick (✓) to indicate who/what Ellie was. [2m]
TICK TWO BOXES.

Do not write in this space.

| | |
|---|---|
| ☐ | the author's neighbour |
| ☐ | a prized egg-layer |
| ☐ | the author's hen |
| ☐ | a large hen |

37. What made the writer say that the driver was "**reckless**" (line 8)? [2m]

_____

_____

38. Based on lines 13 to 22, fill in the following table. Complete the answer. [2m]

| | **What the writer thought had happened to Ellie** | **What had actually happened to Ellie** |
|---|---|---|
| **When the van zoomed around the bend** | The writer thought Ellie had _____ _____ _____ | Ellie had _____ _____ _____ _____ |

39. Why did the writer's mother only use Ellie's eggs for her cakes? [2m]

_____

_____



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40. When the writer **first** shouted at Ellie, she wanted her to _____. [1m]

(1) stop running

(2) run for her life

(3) run back to her

( )

Do not write in this space.

41. In paragraph 3, which word has the same meaning as **"unaware"**? [1m]

Score:

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# ANSWER KEY

**YEAR** : 2019
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**TERM** : SA1

**BOOKLET A**

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Q1<br>4 | Q2<br>1 | Q3<br>1 | Q4<br>1 | Q5<br>1 | Q6<br>3 | Q7<br>4 | Q8<br>2 | Q9<br>3 | Q10<br>3 |
| Q11<br>2 | Q12<br>2 | Q13<br>4 | Q14<br>3 | Q15<br>E | Q16<br>C | Q17<br>D | Q18<br>F | | |

Q19. do
Q20. causes
Q21. is
Q22. get
Q23. desert
Q24. experience
Q25. relief
Q26. vehicles
Q27. Jane prefers cooking pasta to baking cakes.
Q28. If you are unwell, you should not go to school.
Q29. He noticed that his footprints had been wased awa by the rain and the first intersection he came to looked strange and unfamiliar.
Q30. He tried shouting but it was totally washed by the heavy rain and the roaring thunder.
Q31. False
Q32. False
Q33. the exposed root
Q34. frantically
Q35. I.Strange results in the undergrowth
II. Birds screeching in the trees
Q36. A prized egg-layer, a large hen
Q37. He was speeding and eating a sandwhich while driving.
38.

| | |
|---|---|
| The writer thought Ellie died. | Ellie had perched itself on a tree. |

Q39. The writer's mother felt that Ellie's eggs were what made her cakes so fantastic and that there were no better egs than Ellie's.
Q40. (3)
Q41. oblivious

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