NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL

2019 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2

PRIMARY 4

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2

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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 (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. As we had lost our map, we were the last group to arrive at our _____.

   (1) trek
   (2) journey
   (3) excursion
   (4) destination ( )

2. Being easily _____ is a positive value. We should never be too greedy or we will never be happy.

   (1) contented
   (2) controlled
   (3) convinced
   (4) concerned ( )

3. Mr Lim had to _____ his trip to a later date as his children were sick.

   (1) cancel
   (2) interrupt
   (3) withdraw
   (4) postpone ( )

4. The students _____ at the hilarious sight of the clown dropping his rubber nose onto the floor.

   (1) sniffled
   (2) sneered
   (3) groaned
   (4) chuckled ( )

5. There used to be an _____ supply of fish from the sea. Due to pollution and overfishing, many species today are critically endangered.

   (1) affluent
   (2) excellent
   (3) abundant
   (4) extravagant ( )

6. During the construction of the car park, the residents had to _____ the noise and dust that was created.

   (1) put off
   (2) put away
   (3) put down
   (4) put up with ( )

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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. My brother and his friends prepared dinner _____ during the camp.

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

( )

8. During recess yesterday, my classmates and I _____ delighted when our teacher gave us an ice-cream treat.

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

( )

9. The teacher _____ surprised when the children presented a song to her.

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

( )

10. "Do not bother your sister. She _____ for her exams right now," Mother reminded me.

(1) revise
(2) revises
(3) is revising
(4) was revising

( )

11. Last month, the students from our class _____ an award for good behaviour.

(1) receive
(2) receives
(3) received
(4) were receiving

( )

12. As I _____ to the canteen, I found a wallet on the ground.

(1) walk
(2) walks
(3) was walking
(4) were walking

( )

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13. _____ children here will sit in the front row.

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

( )

14. The show was cancelled as too _____ people wanted to pay for the expensive tickets.

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

( )

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SECTION C: GRAMMAR CLOZE (PERSONAL PRONOUNS) (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) her	(B) I	(C) me
(D) my	(E) she	(F) them

This morning, I saw an old lady crossing the road. The light changed before (15) _____ could reach the other side. A car came speeding towards (16) _____

When I saw what was about to happen, (17) _____ heart leapt. (18)_____ called out to warn the old lady but she could not hear me. Fortunately, the car came screeching to a halt less than a metre from her. Phew!

SECTION D: GRAMMAR CLOZE (SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT) (4 X 1 mark)
*Read the following passage carefully. **Underline** the correct word from the words given in the brackets.*

The Philippines will host the 2019 South East Asian (SEA) Games. 500 million viewers (19) **[is / are]** expected to watch the games on television. The event (20) **[help / helps]** to raise interest in sports. Pami is the mascot for the Games, and its name (21) **[come / comes]** from the Tagalog word "pamilya", which means family. The organisers (22) **[hope / hopes]** that everyone in the region will unite as one family. Stay tuned!

Adapted from: 2019seagames.com/about.html

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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.

One morning, Chef Louis received an invitation to cook for the guests at the

(23) [ ]

prince's wedding. However, that night, he sit quietly in the dark corner of his kitchen.

(24) [ ]

That made everyone in the restaurant worried, especially his asistent, Anthony. Chef

(25) [ ]

Louis leaned aside the wall and sighed deeply.

Anthony thought it was an honour to cook for the prince and asked Chef Louis

(26) [ ] (27) [ ]

to an explaining. Chef Louis said he could not cook well in a new environment and did

(28) [ ]

not want to embarrass the prince. He was becoming disperate and even thought of

running away. Hearing that, Anthony fell silent, thinking of the best solution to the

problem.

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SECTION F: SYNTHESIS & TRANSFORMATION (2 X 1 mark)
For each of the items, rewrite the given sentences using the words provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of each sentence must be the same as the given ones.

29. The projector is not working. The computers are also not working.

Neither _____ **nor** _____

_____.

30. We should start exercising. Exercising is good for our health.

_____ **since**

_____.

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SECTION G: COMPREHENSION 1 (10 marks)

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

The mantis shrimp (*See image below*) is one of the most fascinating and complex creatures in the animal kingdom. Just like crabs and lobsters, this animal is also known as a crustacean. It has some of the most colourful shells. As a result, it is very popular with hobbyists who keep them in aquariums.

Though the mantis shrimp is beautiful, it is also one of the deadliest animals in the sea. Unlike their lobster or crab cousins, mantis shrimps do not have claws that grab. Some mantis shrimps have spear-like claws, which they use to stab their prey like fish or sea worms. Others have club-like claws, which they use to smash hard-shelled prey like shellfish.

Besides its powerful claws, the mantis shrimp also has the most complex eyes in the animal kingdom. These eyes allow it to see and process what most humans or other animals cannot see. As such, it can detect its predators and avoid them easily. Scientists believe that the mantis shrimp's eyes can detect cancer cells in human. They have even created medical equipment based on how its eyes are designed.

Adapted from factanimal.com/mantis-shrimp/



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31. Which word has the same meaning as 'interesting'? (1m)

Circle either (A) or (B).

The mantis shrimp is one of the most fascinating (A) and complex (B) creatures in the animal kingdom.

32. Hobbyists keep mantis shrimps in their aquariums because of their _____. (1m)

(1) vibrant colours
(2) complex eyes
(3) powerful claws

( )

33. According to the passage, list down the two types of claws the mantis shrimp has.

1) _____ (1m)

2) _____ (1m)

34. Tick √ your chosen answer.

According to the text, which **one** of these is a crustacean? (1m)

- [ ] lobster
- [ ] sea worm
- [ ] shellfish

35. Tick √ your chosen answer.

According to the text, though the mantis shrimp is beautiful, it is also _____. (1m)

- [ ] poisonous
- [ ] dangerous
- [ ] contagious

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For Qn 36-38, read each statement and tick √ "True" or "False". The first example has been done for you. (3m)

	Statement	True	False
Example	Mantis shrimp is an animal.	√	
Qn 36	The mantis shrimp has claws that can stab.		
Qn 37	The mantis shrimp has eyes that are different from humans.		
Qn 38	Scientists used their understanding of the mantis shrimp to create technology to help humans.		

39. Which body part of the mantis shrimp allows it to avoid its predators? (1m)

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SECTION H: COMPREHENSION 2 (10 marks)

Read the following passage carefully and answer questions 40 to 46.

In ancient China, there lived an artist named Zhong. From his childhood, the boy would draw in the sand beautiful and accurate drawings of scenes from daily life. However, his parents who were rice farmers, were too poor to send him to school.

When Zhong grew older, he worked with his parents in the same rice field. One morning, after Zhong had delivered a sack of rice to the rice merchant, the workers dropped the sack carelessly and rice spilled all over the floor of the shop. Afraid that they would be punished severely by the merchant for dirtying the rice, they quickly ran to get brooms to sweep up the rice. While waiting for the payment for his rice, Zhong picked up a stick and started drawing on the spilled rice.

When the workers returned, they saw him drawing on the spilled rice and were horrified. They started shouting at him and tried to hit him with their brooms. Their raised voices drew the attention of many onlookers. However, their gaze was soon drawn from the fight to the remarkable artwork on the floor.

Among the onlookers was the merchant himself, and he quickly ended the fight. He then pulled Zhong aside and asked, "Did you draw this?" Zhong nodded and humbly asked for his payment. The merchant gave Zhong a bag of coins which contained twice the cost of the rice. Zhong was shocked and said, "This is too much for the rice!"

The merchant replied, "It is The rest of the money is for the beautiful art you have created." Zhong smiled, and from that day on, he became so famous that he was asked to create many rice art pieces for emperors all over the world.

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

40. Why was Zhong unable to attend school? (1m)

_____

_____.

41. When Zhong was older, what did he work as? (1m)

_____

_____.

42. Which two-word phrase from lines 4-9 tells you that the workers would be dealt with harshly? (1m)

43. Why were the workers horrified when they saw the drawing on the floor? (2m)

_____

_____

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

_____ The merchant gave Zhong a bag of coins.

_____ Zhong drew on the rice.

_____ The workers hit Zhong.

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45. Based on the passage, state whether each statement is true or false. Then give your reason why you think so. (2x1m)

Statement	True/False	Reason
(a) Zhong waited in the shop as he wanted to draw on the rice.		
(b) Zhong became a famous artist after he created many rice art pieces for emperors.		

46. Why did the merchant pay Zhong twice the cost for the rice? (2m)

_____

_____

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ANSWER KEY

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SECTION A & B

Q1	4	Q2	1	Q3	4	Q4	4	Q5	3
Q6	4	Q7	4	Q8	4	Q9	3	Q10	3
Q11	3	Q12	3	Q13	3	Q14	1		

SECTION C – E

Q15) E

Q16) A

Q17) D

Q18) B

Q19) are

Q20) helps

Q21) comes

Q22) hope

Q23) sat

Q24) assistant

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Q25) on

Q26) explanation

Q27) environment

Q28) desperate

SECTION F

Q29) Neither the projector nor the computers are working.

Q30) We should start exercising since it is good for our health.

SECTION G & H

Q31) A

Q32) 1

Q33) spear-like claws, club-like claws

Q34) lobster

Q35) dangerous

Q36) True

Q37) True

Q38) True

Q39) The eyes of a mantis shrimp

Q40) Zhong was unable to attend school as his parents who were rice farmers, were too poor to send him to school.

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Q41) When Zhong was older, he worked as a rice farmer.

Q42) punished severely

Q43) The workers were horrified when they saw the drawing on the floor as they were afraid that they would be punished severely by the merchant for dirtying the rice and Zhong dirtied it even more.

Q44) 3 > 1 > 2

Q45)

Zhong waited in the shop as he wanted to draw on the rice	**False**	**While Zhong was waiting for the payment for his rice, Zhong picked up a stick and started drawing on the spilled rice.**
Zhong became a famous artist after he created many rice art pieces for emperors.	**False**	**After Zhong became famous, he was asked to create many art pieces for emperors.**

Q46) The merchant paid Zhong twice the cost of the rice as Zhong created a beautiful art with the rice.

END

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