NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
SECOND SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2019

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY 4

BOOKLET B: LANGUAGE USE & COMPREHENSION

DURATION FOR BOOKLET B: 1 hour 15 minutes

Name: _____ ( ) Class : Pr 4 ( )

Parent's Signature:_____

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 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. "Please be quiet. The children _____ their examination right now," the teacher said.

   (1) take
   (2) took
   (3) are taking
   (4) have taken

2. " _____ children playing at the playground over there are my cousins," said Aminah.

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

3. Last week, I _____ my neighbour to paint his house after finishing my homework.

   (1) help
   (2) helped
   (3) have helped
   (4) was helping

4. The children were disappointed as there were not_____ pineapple slices on their pizza.

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

5. The twins have to clean up after _____ as they are old enough now.

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

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6. Rani _____ the first in class to complete her project two days ago.

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

7. Mr Lim cannot buy the car because he has too _____ money.

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

8. As Ben and his friends_____ for a game of football, it started pouring.

(1) head
(2) will head
(3) have headed
(4) were heading

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

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

9. We enjoyed the _____ by the Drama Club during the school concert.

(1) display
(2) rehearsal
(3) exhibition
(4) performance

10. Although the Mathematics paper was _____, Leela was able to do very well for it.

(1) disturbing
(2) calculating
(3) challenging
(4) discouraging

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11. After the flood, the _____ who lost their homes had to move to makeshift tents.

(1) victims
(2 sufferers
(3) observers
(4) witnesses

12. You should _____ the pear under the tap before eating it.

(1) rinse
(2) scrub
(3) bathe
(4) brush

13. Everyone agrees that Suling is _____ of the Most Courteous Pupil award because she is respectful to everyone in school.

(1) proud
(2) expected
(3) deserving
(4) appreciative

14. Anna is happy as she has passed her examinations with _____ colours.

(1) flying
(2) bright
(3) striking
(4) wonderful

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PART 2
SECTION C: GRAMMAR CLOZE (8 X 1m = 8 marks)

Read the passage 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)	her	B)	it	C)	them
D)	they	E)	us	F)	we

Passage 1

John and Mary were having dinner. While (15) _____ were eating, John and Mary discussed how to celebrate their mother's birthday. Suddenly an idea struck John. "Shall we make (16) _____ a card?" Mary thought it was a good idea. After dinner, they took a piece of paper and drew a picture of their mother receiving a bouquet of flowers from 17) _____. Their father saw the card and thought (18) _____ was very well-drawn. John and Mary were very pleased.

Passage 2
Read the passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

Singapore is a modern city state in South East Asia. There (19) [is / are] many people living on the island. It used to be a fishing village but it (20) [has / have] transformed into a clean, green and prosperous city. Most Singaporeans (21) [speak / speaks] more than one language. They also (22) [celebrate / celebrates] many festivals there. It is an exciting place to visit.

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

Each of the underlined words contains a spelling error. Write the correct word in each of the box provided.

One day, Siew Mei was walking home from school when she saw a group of people

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crowding round a tree. Out of (23) kueriosity, Siew Mei went forward to find out what was

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going on. A man was trying to (24) resque a frightened cat from high up in the tree.

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"I hope he is able to reach the cat," Siew Mei muttered (25) woreedly. Soon,

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the man grabbed the cat and brought it down to (26) saveti. Siew Mei and other onlookers sighed in relief.

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

For each of the questions from 27 to 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.

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27. Tom ate a heavy breakfast. Tom felt hungry an hour later.

Although _____

_____ .

28. Ellen did not take care of her health. Ellen fell ill.

_____ since

_____ .

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SECTION F: COMPREHENSION (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions that follow.

Ron was on his way home from school one afternoon when he passed Mr Wong's house. He saw the front door wide open and stole a peek. To his amazement, all the furniture was in a mess. On the floor lay boxes filled with household appliances. Ron bolted home and hurriedly told his parents that Mr Wong's house was being ransacked. Ron's father reached for the telephone.

A few minutes later, a police patrol car arrived outside Mr Wong's house. The policemen sprang out of the car. Before surrounding the house, they inspected the compound of the house. The sergeant, together with another policeman, then approached the doorway cautiously and called out, "Come out with your hands raised!" Seconds passed, but no one appeared from inside the house. Just as the policemen were getting ready to storm in, an astonished and alarmed Mr Wong came out with his wife.

"What's wrong?" he asked the policemen. By then, the neighbours had gathered outside Mr Wong's house. They heard the sergeant questioning Mr and Mrs Wong.

Alas, the Wongs were just spring cleaning their house. There was no burglar at all. Ron was in the crowd with his father. His face turned red.

"I'm sorry for the misunderstanding and inconvenience caused," he mumbled to Mr and Mrs Wong. Mr Wong, however, praised Ron for being a concerned neighbour of theirs.

The sergeant nodded and smiled at Ron.

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For questions 29 to 30, read each statement and tick √ "True" or "False".
The first example has been done for you. [2m]

	Statement	True	False
Example	Ron told his parents that the Wong's house had been burgled		
29.	Ron's father called the police.		
30.	Household appliances were scattered all over the floor.		

31. List two things the sergeant ordered the 'burglar' to do as he approached the doorway.

(i) _____ [1m]

(ii) _____ [1m]

32. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks to show what the policemen did first, next and last in paragraph 2. [1m]

	The policemen surrounded the house.
	The policemen approached the doorway cautiously.
	The policemen inspected the compound around the house.

33. Which word has the same meaning as "**frightened**"? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

Just as the policemen were getting ready to storm in, an **astonished** (A) and **alarmed** (B) Mr Wong came out with his wife.

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34. Name the activity Mr and Mrs Wong were actually doing. [1m]

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35. Tick √ your chosen answer.
The sergeant nodded and smiled at Ron to show that _____ . [1m]

- ☐ his men had done a good job
- ☐ he disapproved of Ron wasting the policemen's time
- ☐ he agreed with Mr Wong that Ron was a good neighbour

36. Tick √ the **two** words that best describe how Ron felt at the end of the story. [2m]

shy	☐	concerned	☐
curious	☐	responsible	☐
apologetic	☐	embarrassed	☐

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SECTION G: COMPREHENSION (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions that follow.

Beth was ten, and like most girls of her class, she had to look after her baby brother while her mother worked. The baby brother she was carrying on her left hip was plump, and unfortunately, the Grand House where her mother worked was far away. By the time she reached the House, the little girl was puffing and panting. The baby was holding a biscuit in one hand and a bright red plastic spoon in the other. Playfully, the baby kept knocking his leg against his sister's side. Beth cried, "You're a very bad boy, James!" The baby only chuckled with pleasure and he thrust the half-eaten biscuit into her mouth. The moment Beth spat out the biscuit in a show of disgust, the baby gurgled with enjoyment.

Beth liked going to the Grand House because she enjoyed looking at David's toys. David, who was the same age as James, was the son of her mother's employer. His room was filled with toys. There were so many toys that they were found in every part of the house. Beth could only look at them; her mother had forbidden her to touch them or let James play with them ever since the unfortunate incident. Beth had pulled off the tail of David's favourite plastic giraffe. Furious, Mother had said, "Don't touch the toys again!" She tried to fix it back and was relieved that she succeeded.

Just as Beth arrived at the Grand House with her brother, David had awakened from his afternoon nap. His mother carried him to the living room where Beth and James were. David's mother lowered him to the floor so that he could play with James but he immediately began to whimper and whine. She brought David some toys and spread them before him. David clung to his mother while James scrambled for the toys.

Adapted from "Big Sister" in Or Else the Lightning God, by Catherine Lim

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37. Why did Beth huff and pant by the time she reached the Grand House? [2m]

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38. How did James annoy his sister? [2m]

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For question 39, read the statement and tick √ "True" or "False".
The first example has been done for you. [1m]

	Statement	True	False
Example	**Beth worked in the Grand House.**		✓
39.	David's toys were kept in one room.		

40. Beth's mother scolded her because Beth _____. [1m]

(A) made David and James cry
(B) pulled off the tail of David's plastic giraffe
(C) did not stop James from touching David's toys ( )

41. Which **two** words from lines 15 to 16 show the change in Mother's emotion? The words are found in two separate sentences. [2m]

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42. James and David have very different personalities. Pick out one phrase from the passage for each boy to show the difference in their personalities. The first one has been done for you. [2m]

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	Personality	Phrases that show the boy's personality
James	cheerful	(i) chuckled with pleasure (ii) _____
David	fearful	(i) whimper and whine (ii) _____

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ANSWER KEY

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BOOKLET A

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

Q19 are
Q20 has
Q21 speak
Q22 celebrate
Q23 curosity
Q24 rescue
Q25 worriedly
Q26 safety
Q27 Although Tomate a heavy breakfast, he felt hungry an hour later.
Q28 Ellen fell ill since she did not take cae of her health.
Q29 True
Q30 False
Q31 (i)Come out of the house
(ii)Raise their hands
Q32 2
3
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Q33 alarmed
Q34 spring cleaning their house
Q35 he agreed with Mr Wong that Ron was a good neighbour
Q36 apologetic, embarrassed
Q37 She had to carry James, who was plump, and the Grand House was far away.
Q38 James kept knocking his leg against Beth's side and thrust a half-eaten biscuit into her mouth.
Q39 False
Q40 B
Q41 Furious, Relieved
Q42 (ii)gurgled with enjoyment
(ii)clung to his mother

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