NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL

2021
PRIMARY 3
~~END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION~~

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2

Total Time: 1 h 15 min

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Write your name, index number and class in the space provided below.
2. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.
5. Shade your answers for Q1 to Q16 on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.
6. Write all your answers for Q17 to Q45 in this booklet.

Paper 2 – Language Use and Comprehension	/50

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A) Grammar

For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

(10 marks)

1. My family decided to have a picnic _____ the weather was fine.

   (1) yet
   (2) since
   (3) before
   (4) although

2. "That boy helping the man cross the road over there _____ my brother," Oliver pointed out.

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

3. Sophie _____ a cake while her siblings were at school.

   (1) bakes
   (2) baking
   (3) has baked
   (4) was baking

4. I would like to buy _____ pair of shoes over here.

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

5. I made quite _____ mistakes in the Science test we had last week.

   (1) a few
   (2) much
   (3) some
   (4) a little

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6. Having enough sleep every night _____ important for everyone.

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

7. Mother _____ me an umbrella before I left home in case it rained.

(1) give
(2) gave
(3) gives
(4) giving

8. "Look! That squirrel _____ up the tall tree now," said the zookeeper.

(1) climbs
(2) climbed
(3) is climbing
(4) has climbed

9. The playful boy accidentally knocked the glass jar _____ the table.

(1) of
(2) off
(3) into
(4) away

10. How _____ flour will I need to bake a jar of cookies?

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

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B) Vocabulary

For each question from 11 to 16, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS). (6 marks)

11. Grandfather smiles whenever he looks at old photographs in the photo _____.

(1) album
(2) brochure
(3) magazine
(4) bestseller

12. The scenery at the top of the mountain was _____ so many people took photographs excitedly.

(1) blissful
(2) beaming
(3) bountiful
(4) breathtaking

13. While walking in the park, I enjoy listening to the _____ of the leaves in the gentle wind.

(1) purring
(2) rustling
(3) booming
(4) murmuring

14. Mrs Tan was _____ with the results her students had achieved. She gave each of them a present.

(1) touched
(2) satisfied
(3) supported
(4) comforted

15. The students _____ their teachers at the start of every lesson.

(1) call
(2) obey
(3) greet
(4) respect

16. The musicians played their musical _____ impressively during the performance.

(1) machines
(2) apparatus
(3) equipment
(4) instruments

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(C) Grammar Cloze

There are 4 blanks, numbered 17 to 20 in the passage below. 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. (4 marks)

(A)	his	(B)	our	(C)	she
(D)	they	(E)	him	(F)	you

Our grandfather is turning ninety tomorrow. It is (17) _____ birthday. My parents and I are planning a surprise party for (18) _____. We invited our relatives for the celebration. Everyone promised to keep it a secret from Grandfather. Aunt Marilyn is a good baker. (19) _____ promised to bake a strawberry shortcake for Grandfather. "(20) _____ are not supposed to spill the beans," my mother reminded me. I nodded enthusiastically.

For each question from 21 to 24, two options are given. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets. (4 marks)

Ants are common insects but they can do amazing things. They communicate by using chemicals that can (21) [alert / alerts] other ants to danger or help them find food. There is one particular species of ants that works together to (22) [build / builds] huge traps using plant fiber. These traps (23) [has / have] many holes. When an insect (24) [step / steps] on one of these holes, hundreds of ants inside use the openings to catch it with their jaws. Some scientists even say that a colony of ants acts like one single animal.

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(D) Editing for Spelling

Each of the underlined words contains a spelling error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (4 marks)

The Singapore Zoo welcomed its first lion cub in January. The male cub was named Simba, which means "lion" in Swahili. Now, three months old, Simba [ ] *is growing up to be a (25)* ***helthi*** *and inquisitive little lion. He has started to* [ ] *enjoy small amounts of raw meat and milk and (26)* ***sppands*** *most of his day* [ ] *playing with (27)* ***varieas*** *objects prepared by his keepers. His favourite toy is a rattan ball.*

[ ]

Simba and his mother, Kayla, are housed in a private (28) ***enclozeur*** *for now. This is to allow the lions to bond slowly.*

Adapted from: Channel NewsAsia Lion cub born at Singapore Zoo

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(E) Sentence Synthesis

For each of the questions 29 and 30, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in **one** sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s). (4 marks)

29. My parents like to go hiking. I like to go hiking.

_____ and _____

_____

30. Fiona was injured. She could not participate in the dance competition.

As _____

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(F) Comprehension 1

Read this passage and answer questions 31 to 37. (8 marks)

It was dinner time. "Stew again! I'm not eating this!" Ken yelled. Tired of hearing Ken's complaints every day, Father decided to make Ken prepare dinner for the family from that day.

Ken buzzed with excitement as he planned his favourite dishes. However, it was more difficult than Ken had expected. Every time he decided on a dish, his father would tell him that someone in the family would not like it. "This is impossible!" Ken said, frustrated. He felt like giving up.

After looking up the recipes for the dishes he had chosen, it was time for Ken to cook his first meal. It took him two hours to cook dinner. He was usually playing video games while his parents prepared dinner. By the time dinner was ready, Ken was exhausted and hungry. However, he was also proud of himself. He had cooked dinner!

"This chicken tastes funny," Sophia said during dinner. Ken took a bite. It did taste a little funny. He had worked so hard! Soon, tears rolled down his cheeks. It seemed impossible to make everyone happy.

"I'm sorry, Mum and Dad. I didn't know how hard it was to cook dinner every day. Thank you for all your efforts," Ken remarked.

"Yes, it is hard. Your mother and I try very hard to make everyone happy, but we just can't please everyone," Father said gently.

Father and Mother smiled and they took back the duty of preparing dinner. Ken never complained about a meal his parents prepared again.

Adapted from: Dinner Disaster by www.k5learning.com

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31. Based on the first paragraph, tick √ one word that best describes how Ken felt about the dishes served at dinner. [1m]

agreeable ☐ contented ☐ dissatisfied ☐

For questions 32 and 33, read each statement and tick √ "True" or "False". The first example has been done for you. [2m]

	Statement	**True**	**False**
Example	Ken himself suggested cooking dinner for the family.		√
32.	Ken almost gave up cooking dinner.		
33.	Ken had never prepared a meal for the family before.		

34. Pick out a **three-word phrase** from paragraph 2 which shows how Ken felt when his father told him to prepare dinner for the family. [1m]

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35. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to show the events that happened first, next and last in the passage. [1m]

_____ Ken cried.

_____ Ken took more than an hour to cook dinner.

_____ Sophia commented on the dish Ken had prepared.

36. Based on what Ken told his parents (line 16 and 17), fill in each blank in the passage below with a suitable word. [2m]

After his experience of cooking dinner, Ken was _____ for complaining about the meals his parents prepared. He also _____ them for their efforts in cooking dinner every day.

37. In the end, Ken realised that _____. [1m]

(A) it was not easy to satisfy everyone
(B) cooking was not as hard as he thought
(C) playing video games was more fun than preparing dinner

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(G) Comprehension 2

Read this passage and answer questions 38 to 45. (10 marks)

"Wow, look at their colourful tails!" said Nazri. Nazri and Kai were squatting by the side of a stream looking at the guppies. It was fascinating to watch the guppies' fan-like tails sway from side to side as they swam.

"Come on! Let's catch some guppies!" said Kai. They kicked off their slippers and waded into the knee-deep stream, armed with fishing nets and a bucket. Carefully, they made their way to the middle of the stream where many guppies were swimming. Just as they lowered their nets, the guppies swam away in a flash!

They could not believe their eyes. "Where did they go?" said Kai. There was movement in the weeds. "They are hiding in the weeds!" said Nazri. Not wanting to scare the fish away, they tried their best to walk in the stream without causing ripples. SWISH! The guppies were gone again. This time, it was not movement that alarmed the guppies. **They** sensed the boys' presence when their shadows were cast over the weeds.

Nazri and Kai tried again. This time, they not only made their way through the water slowly so as not to cause any more ripples, they also took care not to cast their shadows over the guppies. They had to adjust their positions several times before they managed to catch one guppy each. They gingerly lowered the guppies into the bucket.

The guppies were swimming around trying to get out. "Shall we let them go? After all, this is their home," said Nazri. They tipped the bucket carefully over the edge of the stream. Seconds later, all that the boys could see were **flashes of blue and yellow** among the weeds.

Adapted from Rainforest Hike and Other Stories by Dr Cecilia Leong

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38. Why did the boys go to the middle of the stream? [2m]

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For questions 39 to 40, read each statement and tick √ "True" or "False".
The first example has been done for you. [2m]

	Statement	True	False
Example	Kai and Nazri enjoyed watching the guppies.	√	
39.	The boys went into the stream bare-footed.		
40.	The boys did not have any problem catching the guppies.		

41. Which of these words has the same meaning as "**startled**?
Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

This time, it was not movement that ***alarmed*** the guppies. They ***sensed*** the
(A) **(B)**

boys' presence when their shadows were cast over the weeds.

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42. Based on paragraph 4, Nazri and Kai managed to catch their fish by

(i) walking in the water without _____

_____. [1m]

(ii) taking care not to _____

_____ [1m]

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43. Pick out a word in paragraph 4 which has the same meaning as 'carefully'. [1m]

44. Seconds later, all that the boys could see were flashes of blue and yellow among the weeds. (lines 20 and 21)

What do the **'flashes of blue and yellow'** refer to? [1m]

They refer to

45. Based on the last paragraph, tick √ one word that best describes what the boys did with the guppies in the end. [1m]

kind ☐ selfish ☐ courageous ☐

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ANSWER KEY

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Q1	2	Q2	1	Q3	4	Q4	1	Q5	1
Q6	1	Q7	2	Q8	3	Q9	2	Q10	3
Q11	1	Q12	4	Q13	2	Q14	2	Q15	3
Q16	4								

Q17	A	Q18	E	Q19	C	Q20	F	Q21	alert
Q22	build	Q23	have	Q24	steps	Q25	healthy	Q26	spends
Q27	various	Q28	enclosure						

Q29	My parents and I like to go hiking.
Q30	As Fiono was injured, she could not participate in the dance competition.

Q31	dissastisfied ☑
Q32	True ☑
Q33	True ☑
Q34	buzzed with excitement
Q35	3 1 2
Q36	After his experience of cooking dinner, Ken was <u>sorry</u> for complaining about the meals his parents prepared. He also <u>thanked</u> them for their efforts in cooking dinner every day.
Q37	(A)
Q38	They wanted to catch the guppies and there were many guppies swimming there.
Q39	True ☑
Q40	False ☑
Q41	alarmed (A)
Q42	(i) walking in the water without slowly so as not to cause anymore ripples. (ii) taking carevnot to cast their shadows over the guppies.
Q43	gingerly
Q44	the guppies
Q45	kind ☑

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