NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL

2021 MID-YEAR EXAMINATION

PRIMARY 4

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2

Name: _____ ( )

Class: Pr. 4 _____

Date: **10 May 2021**

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Parent's Signature & Date

Total Time: **1 hour 15 minutes**

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. Doctor Tan explains the _____ of physical activity to my sickly uncle, encouraging him to exercise regularly.

   (1) goals
   (2) benefits
   (3) challenges
   (4) disadvantages ( )

2. Tom _____ that he had stolen the purse. He insisted that he had no idea how it came to be in his bag.

   (1) denied
   (2) explained
   (3) apologised
   (4) complained ( )

3. Jane and Peter followed the _____ for vanilla cake closely. They were baking one for Mother's birthday.

   (1) guide
   (2) script
   (3) menu
   (4) recipe ( )

4. Having worked all day, Phil was so _____ that he fell asleep immediately.

   (1) annoyed
   (2) famished
   (3) depressed
   (4) exhausted ( )

5. Since the day she received your letter, she had been preparing her room in _____ of your visit.

   (1) venture
   (2) excitement
   (3) anticipation
   (4) determination ( )

6. The siblings are very close as they have gone _____ after their parents abandoned them.

   (1) in hot water
   (2) on cloud nine
   (3) back to square one
   (4) through thick and thin ( )

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SECTION B: GRAMMAR (10 X 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and write the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided below.

7. You can buy a box of crayons _____ that bookshop.

(1) in
(2) on
(3) into
(4) with ( )

8. During recess yesterday, we _____ surprised when our teacher treated us to pizza.

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

9. Mrs Lee _____ relieved when she found her keys.

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

10. "Play quietly. The baby _____," Father told the twins.

(1) slept
(2) sleeps
(3) has slept
(4) is sleeping ( )

11. Two weeks ago, I _____ the zoo with my parents.

(1) visit
(2) visited
(3) was visiting
(4) have visited ( )

12. While you _____ a shower, somebody called our house and looked for you.

(1) take
(2) will take
(3) have taken
(4) were taking ( )

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13. _____ girl sitting there has the most lines in the play.

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

14. Grandpa likes tea _____ not coffee.

(1) or
(2) but
(3) and
(4) because ( )

15. My school is only _____ blocks of flats away from my house.

(1) little
(2) much
(3) a few
(4) a lot of ( )

16. James was sleepy and paid _____ attention to his mother's instructions.

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

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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) it	(C) me
(D) she	(E) them	(F) us

Dear Kimmy,

Guess what, we have a class pet! (17) _____ is a hamster. Miss Lee showed (18) _____ how to take care of our new furry friend, Tobin. She explained that (19) _____ own hamster had given birth to three pups and Tobin is one of (20) _____. Needless to say, we were delighted and promised to be responsible pet owners.

Well, till next time.

Your pen-pal,

Andrew

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.*

I have just bought a bunch of roses. There (21) **[is / are]** yellow and red ones. I put them in a vase of water. Immediately, my room (22) **[look / looks]** more cheerful than before and I (23) **[love / loves]** the lovely fragrance in the air. This bunch of flowers simply (24) **[make / makes]** my day!

No wonder flowers are the perfect gift.

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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.

(25) [ ]

Cities are intended for people to live in. Some animals survive but even

(26) [ ]

multiply in cities. Have you seen squirrels in your neiborhood? Pigeons? They are examples of urban wildlife. Small animals and those with more general diets, like mice, are more likely to live in cities than bigger animals and those that only eat one type of food, like moose.

(27) [ ]

Urban wildlife have adapted their beheaviers to fit into city life. Some have become

(28) [ ] (29) [ ]

nocturnal to aviod people. Some bird species sing at a high pitch so other birds can hear them over city noise. Small animals, like mice, use underground drains to move

(30) [ ]

over the city, steering clear of cars and people. Intelligent creatures, aren't they?

(Adapted from: www.kids.frontiersin.org)

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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.

31. Write down the list of items in your handbook. You know what to pack for the trip.

_____

so that _____ .

32. Sally is taking piano lessons. Her brother is taking piano lessons too.

_____ **and** _____

_____ .

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SECTION G: COMPREHENSION 1 (8 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions 33 to 40.

The Active, Beautiful, Clean Waters (ABC Waters) Programme aims to transform Singapore's drains, canals and reservoirs into beautiful and clean streams, rivers and lakes. Since 2006, twenty-seven ABC Waters projects started launching all over the island.

Located near Chinese Gardens MRT station, Jurong Lake was constructed as a water playground for families in the west. Completed in 2010, amenities include a stage for performance, a viewing platform for community events and a boardwalk for visitors to enjoy views of the lake. There is also a water sports centre which caters to activities such as kayaking and dragon boating. Automated fountains on the lake operate three times a day at fixed timings.

Ruzaman Mohd, aged 45, has been visiting Jurong Lake once a week for the last thirty years. He is passionate in fishing and is attracted by the many species of fish in the lake. "I have at least one catch each time I come here," he said. "The lake also has a lot of aquatic vegetation and is a good ecosystem for the fish. I bring my family here to cycle too."

All thanks to the ABC Waters Programme, families may spend quality time together at these community spaces.

Adapted from www.straitstimes.com

33. What does the ABC Waters Programme aim to turn Singapore's drains, canals and reservoirs into? (1m)

34. How many ABC Waters projects have been launched since 2006? (1m)

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35. Which word has the same meaning as 'built'? Circle either (A) or (B). (1m)

Located near Chinese Gardens MRT station, Jurong Lake was constructed as a (A) (B) water playground for families in the west.

36. The ABC Waters Programme started work on Jurong Lake in 2010. (1m)

Circle the correct answer. **True / False**

37. According to the passage, what is one water sport that can be done at Jurong Lake? (1m)

38. Tick √ your chosen answer.
A visitor to Jurong Lake cannot _____. (1m)

- ☐ watch a performance in the evening
- ☐ stroll along the boardwalk in the morning
- ☐ enjoy the view of the fountains at any time of the day

39. Which word from lines 12-16 has the same meaning as "enthusiastic"? (1m)

40. Which of the following is the main reason why Ruzaman Mohd visit Jurong Lake weekly? (1m)

(1) many species of fish
(2) a lot of aquatic vegetation
(3) a good ecosystem for the fish ( )

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SECTION H: COMPREHENSION 2 (10 marks)

Read the following passage carefully and answer questions 41 to 47.

"For the finishing touch, some sprinkles on top... tada!" Vick exclaimed delightedly.

Jon tried a mouthful of the cold creamy creation and announced blissfully, "Mmm... **it** is heavenly!"

The brothers high-fived, beaming with pride. Their homemade vanilla ice cream was a success! Vick scooped some into his bowl. As he turned, he spotted **an unexpected object** at his feet. "Whoa!" he yelled and dropped the bowl, spilling its content. A tortoise had wandered into their house. Calmly, it inched towards a lump of ice cream and licked off every trace of it. *5*

Just then, their neighbour Aunt Mary entered the kitchen. "Shelly! You naughty thing! Always sneaking out of the house!" she chided. She placed pieces of food before Shelly. The boys **widened their eyes**. Was she giving it pancake? *10*

"It eats mostly leafy vegetables, but its favourite food is my pancake," Aunt Mary explained. "It had some in the morning, but look, it's still enjoying the treat now!"

Aunt Mary then left Shelly with the boys. They decided to bet on its favourite food. Vick was certain it was the tooth-rotting ice cream. Jon had confidence in Aunt Mary's pancake. They placed bits of lettuce, pancake and ice cream before Shelly, and waited. *15*

Well, Vick was wrong. So was Aunt Mary. Shelly had gone for the... lettuce, nibbling it happily! *20*

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

41. Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. The first one has been done for you. (2m)

Words from the passage	What the words refer to
The brothers (line 5)	***Vick and Jon***
it (line 4)	
an unexpected object (lines 6–7)	

42. Which word in lines 5–9 has the same meaning as 'crawled'? (1m)

43. Which of the following words best describes Vick's feeling which caused him to drop his bowl of ice cream?

Put a √ in the box beside each of your answers. (1m)
DO NOT TICK MORE THAN ONE BOX.

fearful	☐	proud	☐
frustrated	☐	shocked	☐

44. In Line 12, why did the boys widen their eyes? (2m)

_____

_____.

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

Statement	True/False	Reason
a) The brothers made their own ice cream.		
b) Aunt Mary was upset with Shelly for eating ice cream.		

46. What did Jon think Shelly's favourite food was? (1m)

_____

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

_____ Shelly ate ice cream at the boys' house.

_____ Shelly ate vegetables at the boys' house.

_____ Shelly ate pancake at Aunt Mary's house.

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ANSWER KEY

SECTION A: VOCABULARY				SECTION B: GRAMMAR				SECTION C: GRAMMAR CLOZE
1)	2	5)	3	7)	1	12)	4	17) B – it
2)	1	6)	4	8)	4	13)	2	18) F – us
3)	4			9)	3	14)	2	19) A – her
4)	4			10)	4	15)	3	20) E – them
				11)	2	16)	1	

SECTION D: SUBJECT VERB AGREEMENT	SECTION E: EDITING
21) are	25) and
22) looks	26) neighbourhood/neighborhood
23) love	27) behaviours/ behaviors
24) makes	28) avoid
	29) higher
	30) in / around / under / across

SECTION F: SYNTHESIS & TRANSFORMATION

(i) 31.	Write down the list of items in your handbook **so that** you know what to pack for the trip.	**1**
32.	(Both) Sally **and** her brother are taking piano lessons.	**1**

SECTION G: COMPREHENSION 1

33. What does the ABC Waters Programme aim to turn Singapore's drains, canals and reservoirs into? (1m)

beautiful and clean streams, rivers and lakes

34. How many ABC Waters projects have been launched since 2006?? (1m)

twenty-seven

35. Which word has the same meaning as 'built'? Circle either (A) or (B). (1m)

(B) constructed (1m)

36. The ABC Waters Programme started work on Jurong Lake in 2010. (1m)

False

37. According to the passage, what is one water sport that can be done at Jurong Lake? (1m)

kayaking/ dragon boating

38. Tick √ your chosen answer.
A visitor to Jurong Lake cannot _____. (1m)

enjoy the view of the fountains at any time of the day

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39. Which word from lines 13-17 has the same meaning as "enthusiastic"? (1m)
passionate
40. Which of the following makes Ruzaman Mohd visit Jurong Lake weekly? (1m)
(1) many species of fish

Section H: COMPREHENSION 2

Acceptable Answers (2m)

41. What do the words in the left column refer to? (2m)	
it (line 4)	the cold creamy creation / the (boys') ice cream
an unexpected object (lines 6-7)	the tortoise

42. Which word in lines 5-9 has the same meaning as 'crawled'? (1m)
inched
43. Which of the following words best describes Vick's feeling in relation to the tortoise in lines 5 – 9? (1m)
shocked
44. Why had the boys 'widened their eyes' (line 12)? (2m)
The boys were surprised / could not believe / found it strange (1m) that Aunt Mary would feed her tortoise pancake / the food was pancake (1m).

45. Based on the passage, state whether each statement is true or false. (2x1m)

Statement	Reason
a) The brothers made their own ice cream.	**True / T** Their **homemade** (1m) ice cream was a success.
b) Aunt Mary was upset with Shelly for eating ice cream.	**False / F** Aunt Mary was upset with Shelly for sneaking out of the house. (1m)

46. What did Jon think Shelly's favourite food was? (1m)
Jon thought it was Aunt Mary's pancake. (1m)
47. Write 1, 2, 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage. (1m)
2 Shelly ate ice cream at the boys' house. **3** Shelly ate vegetables at the boys' house. **1** Shelly ate pancake at Aunt Mary's house.

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END

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