NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL

2022
PRIMARY 4
MID-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. Write 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. Joshua returned the mountain bike _____ the bicycle rental shop.

   (1) at
   (2) by
   (3) on
   (4) for

2. During the football match just now, Terry and his teammates _____ excited when they scored the winning goal.

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

3. The child _____ throwing a tantrum when her parents left her alone.

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

4. "Go to the hall now The choir _____ a new song," the instructor told his student.

   (1) practised
   (2) practises
   (3) is practising
   (4) has practised

5. An hour ago, the teenagers _____ the old lady's handbag before running away with it.

   (1) snatch
   (2) snatched
   (3) are snatching
   (4) have snatched

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6. While my mother _____ the house, I went to buy some groceries.

(1) cleans
(2) will clean
(3) has cleaned
(4) was cleaning

7. _____ participants resting here have the best training from the famous coach.

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

8. Jordan's stomach was rumbling _____ he had not eaten the whole day.

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

9. I hope we get to buy the carnival tickets as there are only _____ left.

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

10. Please donate generously. The flood victims need _____ help from us.

(1) no
(2) little
(3) many
(4) a lot of

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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. Peter dressed up as a cartoon character for the party and no one could _____ him.

(1) suspect
(2) discover
(3) recognise
(4) remember

12. Although the hikers were tired, they _____ and completed their forest trail before sunset.

(1) insisted
(2) practised
(3) remained
(4) persevered

13. You can find the latest sports _____ in our new indoor sports hall.

(1) tools
(2) utensils
(3) furniture
(4) equipment

14. A firefighter has to be _____ in order to carry out the mission to save lives.

(1) hazardous
(2) dangerous
(3) courageous
(4) adventurous

15. Due to the virus outbreak, the hospitals could not _____ with the sudden increase in the number of people who were infected.

(1) cope
(2) meet
(3) endure
(4) compete

16. The guests were impressed by the _____ spread of food served at the wedding dinner.

(1) precious
(2) priceless
(3) charming
(4) sumptuous

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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)	us	(B)	his	(C)	her
(D)	their	(E)	they	(F)	we

Jaden sprained his ankle during PE lesson. He was crying as (17) _____ ankle started swelling. Our teacher, Miss Chua, instructed other students to practise skipping on (18) _____ own. Miss Chua and I helped Jaden to the sick bay. (19) _____ felt sad seeing him in so much pain. I was relieved when his mother arrived to take him to the doctor. Miss Chua reminded (20) _____ to be extra careful during PE lessons. We all nodded.

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

Recycling is the process of converting waste materials into reusable materials. Many people **(21)** [do / does] their part in recycling to save materials. Recycling also **(22)** [reduce / reduces] energy use and pollution. In fact, recycling efforts are greatly encouraged because natural resources **(23)** [is / are] scarce.

In Singapore, recycling bins can be found in every housing estate as recyclable waste materials **(24)** [need / needs] to be collected and sorted. We should definitely make recycling a part of our daily life.

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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)

I was walking to school one morning. I took my usual route and waited at the [ ]
(25) <u>pedastrain</u> *crossing for the green light to flash. Just then, a boy ran past me* [ ]
and dashed across the road. I (26) <u>skreemed</u> *uncontrollably as I saw an oncoming* [ ]
vehicle approaching him. My heart was in my mouth as I (27) <u>tought</u> *that a serious*
road accident would happen right before my eyes. Fortunately, the vehicle managed [ ]
to brake in time to avoid crashing into him. I heaved a sigh of (28) <u>relieaf</u>*. The*
reckless boy was scolded by the driver.

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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)

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29. Max attended the trial lesson. Then he decided to sign up for the tuition class.

_____ before

_____

30. The bus broke down along the way. The children arrived at the campsite on time.

_____ although

_____

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(F) Comprehension 1

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

Fiona and her little sister, Edrla, lived in a countryside. The weather was hot but there was no air-conditioning in the house. All they had was a faulty old fan that barely worked. They did not have enough food and money. Knowing that Fiona was able to take care of her sister and herself, their parents had left the countryside to look for a job.

Due to a lack of rain, Farmer Joe, the sisters' neighbour, had only one watermelon growing in his field. It was a big one. Farmer Joe checked on it carefully every day and was eagerly looking forward to eating his first watermelon of the season. He frowned when he noticed two pairs of longing eyes gazing at the only watermelon.

One day, Fiona came home from school. She saw Edna enjoying a watermelon at the dining table. Fiona joined in immediately and stuffed herself full. However, she felt guilty later.

That evening, Farmer Joe was fuming when he discovered his watermelon was missing. He marched over to the sisters' house and scolded them from outside. As he stepped into the house, Edna asked, "Yes... Sir?" She did not realise a watermelon seed was stuck to her cheek! Farmer Joe could not yell this time when he saw how bare and worn out the house was. "I found a few more ripe watermelons. I'll bring one over tomorrow," his voice trembled as he spoke. "I'm sure you will enjoy my wife's freshly-baked bread too."

"Really? Thanks!" sobbed Fiona, touched by Farmer Joe's kindness. Farmer Joe knew that this was the best thing he could do to help them.

Source: The Watermelon / Andrew Frankle

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31. Fill in the blank with only one word. [1m]

The two girls could not have air-conditioning because they were _____.

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32. Which word has the same meaning as "**could not wait to do or have something**"? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

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Farmer Joe checked on it **carefully** (A) every day and was **eagerly** (B) looking forward to eating his first watermelon of the season.

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

_____ Fiona saw her sister eating the watermelon.

_____ Fiona came back home from school.

_____ Fiona enjoyed eating Farmer Joe's watermelon.

34. How did Farmer Joe's feelings change based on paragraph 4? [2m]

Event in paragraph 4	**Feeling**
when Farmer Joe was outside the sisters' house	
when Farmer Joe was inside the sisters' house	

For questions 35 to 36, read each statement and tick √ "True" or "False". The first example has been done for you. [2m]

	Statement	**True**	**False**
Example	The weather had been dry in the countryside.	√	
35.	Fiona's parents expected her to look after her younger sister.		
36.	Fiona cried because she felt guilty after eating the watermelon.		

37. Farmer Joe knew that this was the best thing he could do to help them (line 19 to 20). This sentence tells us that the sisters would _____. [1m]

(A) have their fan repaired

(B) finally have more food to eat

(C) no longer have to suffer in the heat ( )

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(G) Comprehension 2

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

Henry and Anna lived quite far away from their school. They walked to school every day by themselves as their parents were busy. It was a pleasant walk down the lane and through the meadow by the pond. During winter, when the ice was thick and firm, they would even walk across the icy pond, not knowing the danger of it. Their mother often reminded them not to do that.

"Don't walk across the pond, children," their mother said again one winter morning and bade them goodbye.

"All right," answered Henry, sounding irritated because he was very fond of running and sliding on the ice. When the siblings came to the pond, Henry stepped onto the ice and stomped on it. Satisfied that the ice felt hard and safe, Henry assured his sister, "I'm sure we'll be safe. Mother is always needlessly afraid we will fall through the ice. Come on, we will have a good time sliding!"

"But you promised Mother," recalled Anna. "No, I didn't!" Henry clarified immediately. "I didn't make any promise either. Let's do it," Anna added with glee. They beamed at the idea of playing on ice. The children stepped on the ice and started to go across the pond, ignoring their mother's words. They had not gone far before the ice suddenly gave way. Both Henry and Anna did not expect **that** and fell right into the ice-cold water.

A man who was near the shore heard the children's cries for help and quickly plunged into the water. He swam towards Anna with all his might and hauled her up to shore. Henry panicked and started kicking frantically to stay afloat. He finally managed to hold on to a thick low-lying branch and made it to shore without any help. Both siblings went home shivering in their wet clothes. They hung their heads as they confessed to their mother about their encounter. They never disobeyed their mother ever again.

Source: Short Story for Children

38. What did the children's mother tell them not to do? Why? [2m]

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39. Tick ✓ your chosen answer. [1m]
Henry felt that it was safe to slide across the pond as he believed that the ice _____.

	was not slippery
	could hold their weight
	would be fun to slide on

Do not write in this space

40. Which word in paragraph 3 has the same meaning as the words given below? [2m]

Meaning	Word from the passage
annoyed	
convinced	

41. Pick out a four-word phrase from paragraph 4 which shows that the children did not obey their mother. [1m]

42. Look at the table below. What does the word **"that"** (line 17) in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answer in the column on the right. [1m]

Word from the passage	What the word refers to
Both Henry and Anna did not expect **that** and fell right into the ice-cold water. (line 17 to 18)	

For questions 43 to 44, read each statement and tick √ "True" or "False"
The first example has been done for you. [2m]

	Statement	True	False
Example	The children enjoyed walking to school.	√	
43.	The man was first alerted when he saw the children falling into the water.		
44.	Henry managed to save himself without any difficulty.		

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45. Based on the last paragraph, how did the siblings feel about their drowning encounter? [1m]

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(A) They were ashamed of themselves.

(B) They were proud that they had been saved.

(C) They were afraid of walking on the icy pond from then on. ( )

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Booklet A

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1	3	3	3	2	4	4	4	2	4
Q 11	**Q12**	**Q13**	**Q14**	**Q15**	**Q16**	**Q17**	**Q18**	**Q19**	**Q20**
3	4	4	3	1	4	B	D	F	A
Q 21	**Q22**	**Q23**	**Q24**						
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Q25)	pedestrian
Q26)	screamed
Q27)	thought
Q28)	relief

Q29)	Max attended the trial lesson before he decided to sign up for the tuition class.
Q30)	The children arrived at the campsite on time although the bus broke down along the way.
Q31)	poor
Q32)	B
Q33)	2,1,3
Q34)	angry sad/sorry
Q35)	True
Q36)	False
Q37)	B

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Q38)	The children's mother told them not to walk across the icy pond because she was afraid that they would fall through the ice.
Q39)	could hold their weight
Q40)	Annoyed → irritated Convinced → assured
Q41)	ignoring their mother's words
Q42)	the ice giving way
Q43)	False
Q44)	False

Q45) A

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