NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL

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PRIMARY 4
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 your answers for Q17 to Q45 in this booklet.

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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. "Please be quiet. My baby brother _____ his nap now," Jane whispered.

   (1) take
   (2) took
   (3) is taking
   (4) has taken

2. Max and Tim _____ very excited when they saw the presents under the Christmas tree.

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

3. Last month we _____ our grandparents in Malaysia.

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

4. Please bring _____ box of oranges over to me.

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

5. James borrowed a pen from his friend _____ he had forgotten to bring his pencil case to school.

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

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6. Hurry up! We have _____ time left. The concert is starting soon.

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

7. As we _____ the school, it began to rain heavily.

(1) leave
(2) have left
(3) will leave
(4) were leaving

8. During recess yesterday, I _____ delighted when my friends asked me to join in their game of tag.

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

9. James bought a new laptop _____ his online classes.

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

10. My sociable grandfather goes to the park every day as he has _____ friends exercising there with him.

(1) few
(2) little
(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. I had to move my shopping cart to let the elderly woman pass through the _____ in the supermarket.

(1) alley
(2) aisle
(3) track
(4) corridor

12. There are many _____ taking part in the singing competition this year.

(1) audience
(2) spectators
(3) bystanders
(4) participants

13. Sean hurt his foot during his soccer game and had to _____ home.

(1) amble
(2) scurry
(3) march
(4) hobble

14. Felicia did not do well in her Science test. She made a _____ decision to work hard to improve her result.

(1) firm
(2) rash
(3) hasty
(4) prompt

15. I will _____ the wallet I found to the police.

(1) hand in
(2) hand out
(3) hand over
(4) hand down

16. May cried out, her arms waving _____ in the air as she tried to keep her balance on the pole.

(1) frantically
(2) recklessly
(3) reluctantly
(4) carelessly

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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)	her	(B)	his	(C)	I
(D)	me	(E)	us	(F)	we

I went to the cinema last week. My brother went with **(17)** _____ The movie was very interesting. Unfortunately, sitting behind **(18)** _____ was a young man and he was talking loudly on **(19)** _____ mobile phone while the movie was playing. **(20)** _____ were very annoyed. My brother turned around a few times and stared at him. Eventually, the man stopped. He then ate his snacks noisily!

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

Block building is a popular hobby for all ages. It **(21)** [allow / allows] you to use your imagination and create different things using plastic blocks in different colours and shapes. Building with such blocks **(22)** [is / are] a great way to improve your creativity and problem-solving skills. Some people **(23)** [believe / believes] that only children enjoy block building. However, adults actually **(24)** [do / does] too. Grab a box of blocks today and see what you can create!

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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 giant panda is one of the world's most loved animals. It is (25) eazyli identified by its black and white fur. Baby pandas rely on their mothers for care and (26) proteksion. The giant pandas are once among the most endangered animals in the world. One of the main reasons is that their habitat is being destroyed so they are (27) forsed to live in smaller areas that are not suitable for them. This has also led to food shortage for them. In Singapore, we are (28) fortunet to have three pandas named Kai Kai, Jia Jia and Le Le. They are well cared for and provide us with the opportunity to learn about these incredible animals.

Adapted from https://www.worldwildlife.org/species/giant-panda

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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. Siti was tired. Siti stayed up late to finish her project.

_____ although

_____

30. Tim said, "I want an ice cream."

Tim said that _____

_____

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(F) Comprehension 1

Read this passage and answer questions 31 to 38. (8 marks)

Chee Seng took out his wallet and muttered, "I wonder if the model airplane is still available?" Chee Seng had been saving up for weeks and was determined to buy the model airplane that he saw a month ago. He arrived at the shop, elated to see it in the display window. Just as he was about to enter the shop, he heard a feeble cry. Turning around, he spotted a little girl sobbing in a corner. Worried, he approached the distressed girl who seemed helpless and asked her if she needed help.

In between sobs, the girl explained, "My mother gave me some money to buy milk for my baby brother, but I lost it. We do not have much money. Now my brother will have to go hungry."

Chee Seng's heart went out to the little girl. Without hesitation, he gave her all the money he had saved up for the model airplane. "Take the money and buy some milk for your brother," he said.

The little girl's face lit up with gratitude. "Thank you so much! You're so kind," she said before running off.

Though Chee Seng did not get the model airplane, he felt happy that he was able to help someone in need.

Adapted from "Chee Seng and His Money" by J.B. Alfer, M.A.

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31. Name the item Chee Seng wanted to buy.

_____ [1m]

For questions 32 to 33, read each statement and tick √ "True" or "False". Refer to **paragraph 1** to help you. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

	Statement	True	False
Example	Chee Seng went to shop on his own.		√
32.	Chee Seng bought what he wanted when he first saw it.		
33.	Chee Seng saw the little girl before entering the shop.		

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34. Which word has the same meaning as 'very upset'? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

Worried, he approached the **distressed** (A) girl who seemed **helpless** (B) and asked her if she needed help.

For questions 35 to 36, decide who does the following actions. Tick √ your chosen answer. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

Actions described in Paragraphs 1 and 2		Little Girl	Chee Seng
Example	lost the money	√	
35.	saved up money		
36.	crying		

37. Complete the sentence.

Chee Seng helped the little girl by _____

_____. [1m]

38. How did the little girl feel when Chee Seng helped her? [1m]

She was _____ to Chee Seng for his help.

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(G) Comprehension 2

Read this passage and answer questions 39 to 45. (10 marks)

It was winter. Joe and his father were heading home when they saw a calf lying on the ice in the middle of a frozen pond. It struggled to get up but slipped and fell each time. Joe turned to his father anxiously, "Dad, we can't just leave the calf there! The ice is melting! It will fall through!" Joe knew that they had to act quickly to save the calf.

Joe pleaded with his father to let him go onto the ice as he was light, and the ice could hold his weight. Joe's father was hesitant at first. "Joe, I understand how you feel, but that can be dangerous." He relented in the end when Joe reassured him that he would exercise caution. "Alright, Joe, but I'll tie this rope around your waist, and if need be, I'll pull you back immediately."

With the rope securely tied around Joe's waist, his father double-checked the knot, making sure it would not come loose. Joe took a tentative step onto the frozen pond, then dropped to his stomach and crawled. As he approached the calf, he heard the ice cracking, but he persevered. He quickly used the second rope that he had carried with him to make a loop. Taking a deep breath, he threw the rope towards the calf but missed it. He inched closer but stopped when he heard the cracking sound again. Joe knew that he had little time left. He focused on the calf's head, then threw the rope. This time, the loop settled around the calf's neck and Joe pulled it snug. He began to edge back towards shore. Once safe, Joe and his father started pulling in the rope quickly and the calf skidded easily across the smooth ice to safety.

Joe's father looked at him with delight. "You are very courageous, son," he said. Joe grinned at his father. "Thanks, Dad," he said. "I couldn't have done it without your help."

Adapted from "Danger on Thin Ice" by Diane Bailey Frook

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39. Look at the table below. What does the word in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answer in the column on the right. [2m]

Word from the passage	What the word refers to
It (line 2)	
that (line 8)	

40. Why was there an urgency for Joe and his father to save the calf? [2m]

_____

_____

41. Pick out a three-word phrase from paragraph 2 which shows that Joe's father was reluctant in agreeing to Joe's plea. [1m]

42. What two things did Joe's father do to ensure Joe's safety before Joe stepped onto the frozen pond?

(i) He _____. [1m]

(ii) He _____. [1m]

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43. Tick (√) your chosen answer.

When Joe first heard the ice crack, he _____. [1m]

	stopped moving towards the calf
	did not give up trying to save the calf
	knew that he had little time left to save the calf

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

_____ Joe made a loop using a rope.

_____ Joe cautiously started moving back towards the shore.

_____ Joe threw the rope and it landed round the calf's neck.

45. Based on the last paragraph, tick (√) one word that best describes how Joe's father felt about Joe at the end of the story. [1m]

proud ☐ confident ☐ encouraged ☐

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3	4	2	2	4	2	4	3	3	4
Q 11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
2	4	4	1	3	1	D	E	B	F

Q21)	allows	Q22)	is	Q23)	believe
Q24)	do	Q25)	easily	Q26)	protection
Q27)	forced	Q28)	fortunate		

Q29)	Siti stayed up late to finish her project although she was tired.
Q30)	Tim said that he wanted an ice cream.
Q31)	"model airplane"
Q32)	False
Q33)	True
Q34)	A
Q35)	Chee Seng
Q36)	Little Girl
Q37)	Chee Seng helped the little girl by giving her all money he bad saved up for the model airplane.
Q38)	She was grateful to Chee Seng for his help.
Q39)	(line 2) --- The calf lying on the ice in the middle of a frozen pond. (line 8) – Joe going onto the ice
Q40)	The ice was melting, and the calf would fall through.
Q41)	"hesitant at first"
Q42)	i)He tied a rope around Joe's waist

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	ii)He double-checked the knot, making sure it would not come loose.
Q43)	did not give up trying to save the calf.
Q44)	1, 3, 2
Q45)	proud

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