NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
Primary 3

Paper 2

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Class : Primary 3_____

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Total Marks: _____/ 50

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES
Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
Follow all instructions carefully.
Answer all questions.

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Section A: Vocabulary MCQ (6 X 1 mark)
For questions 1 to 6, four options are given. Select the most suitable answer and write the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

1. Molly was _____ as she did not achieve good grades in the mid-year examination.

(1) overjoyed
(2) fascinated
(3) enthusiastic
(4) disheartened

( )

2. Daniel _____ through the pile of newspapers to look for a good article that he could use for his presentation.

(1) gazed
(2) glared
(3) peered
(4) browsed

( )

3. The principal presented a _____ to the guest speaker to thank her for giving a talk to the students.

(1) prize
(2) trophy
(3) plaque
(4) correspondence

( )

4. The fox waited for the right time and _____ on its prey.

(1) crept
(2) limped
(3) strolled
(4) pounced

( )

5. Timothy invited a _____ of musicians to perform for his school's hundredth anniversary celebration.

(1) army
(2) band
(3) choir
(4) troop

( )

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6. Doctor Irene may look fierce but she is actually as _____ as a dove when treating her patients.

(1) busy
(2) gentle
(3) graceful
(4) devoted

( )

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Section B: Grammar MCQ (8 X 1 mark)
For questions 7 to 14, four options are given. Select the most suitable answer and write the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

7. The postman had to deliver the mail the next day as nobody _____ at home that afternoon.

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

8. Mr Frank reminded his children to take care of _____ before he left for his business trip.

(1) himself
(2) ourselves
(3) yourselves
(4) themselves ( )

9. "Look at _____ penguins in the enclosure there. Shall we go nearer to take some pictures of them?" Bala asked his brother.

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

10. The waiter asked the diners politely, " _____ I take your order now?"

(1) Will
(2) Can
(3) May
(4) Must ( )

11. Cathy and Peter walked hastily to the platform as the train was about to _____.

(1) left
(2) leave
(3) leaves
(4) leaving ( )

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12. _____ one of the movies is the most interesting?

(1) Who
(2) Which
(3) Where
(4) Whose

( )

13. _____ in the class dislikes Alan because he likes to play pranks on people. It's no wonder he has no friends.

(1) Nobody
(2) Anybody
(3) Somebody
(4) Everybody

( )

14. "You must have placed your report book _____ in your bedroom. Go and look for it again," said Jill's mother.

(1) nowhere
(2) anywhere
(3) everywhere
(4) somewhere

( )

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Section C: Grammar Cloze (8 X 1 mark)
Read the following passages carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to M) in each blank.

Passage 1

USE EACH WORD **ONCE** ONLY.

(A) her	(B) I	(C) me
(D) they	(E) we	(F) you

Mr Lenny is Nora's English teacher. One day, Nora met up with her classmates, Amy and Gary, as (15) _____ wanted to discuss what to do for Mr Lenny on Teachers' Day.

"I think (16) _____ should make a gigantic card together," suggested Gary.

"Great idea, Gary! Could (17) _____ please bring some paper tomorrow?" Nora asked. Gary nodded.

"Nora and (18) _____ will bring some coloured markers then," volunteered Amy.

The next day, the children spent a few hours making the card for Mr Lenny.

Adapted from Thank You, Mr T! by Laura Edlund

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Passage 2

USE EACH WORD **ONCE** ONLY.

(G) at	(H) before	(J) during
(K) in	(L) into	(M) on

Bike-sharing services have made travel convenient but inconsiderate users have caused several problems. Two boys were seen damaging the locks on rental bicycles (19) _____ cycling off on their free ride. Their inconsiderate act was caught (20) _____ video. Recently, a couple was filmed tossing at least two rental bicycles (21) _____ a drain. The bike-sharing companies (22) _____ Singapore have introduced reward systems to encourage greater responsibility among bike users. Users who are caught not taking care of the bicycles would need to pay a fine.

Adapted from "Boys filmed damaging locks on ofo bikes; video goes viral" by Ng Huiwen, SUT, Dec 10, 2017.

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Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (5 X 1 mark)
Read the following passage carefully. Choose the most suitable word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to H) in each blank.

(A) annoyed	(B) apologised	(C) examined	(D) fascinated
(E) offered	(F) patiently	(G) reluctantly	(H) spotted

It was Sam's birthday. He decided to treat himself to some durians. When he arrived at the market, he went to a durian stall and picked a few durians.

Sam waited (23) _____ for the man to pack his durians into styrofoam boxes. As Sam was watching the man pry open the durians, he (24)_____ the man dropping a section of each durian into another basket. Sam was (25)_____ by the man's dishonest act. He paid for his durians (26) _____ and told the man, "Sir, I saw what you did. Next time I won't buy durians from you." The man was taken aback by Sam's response.

Embarrassed, the man (27) _____ to Sam for cheating and gave him another box of durian. Sam accepted the box of durian and advised the man not to cheat his customers again.

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Section E: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (5 X 1 mark)
For each of the items, **circle** the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

28. Everyone in the class party (**has / have**) received a gift from Mrs Kee.

29. Lilian always (**do / does**) her homework immediately after taking her lunch.

30. We need to do our part to keep the (**enviroment / environment**) clean.

31. The snake glided away to escape from its (**predator / predater**).

32. Ben was (**disappointed / dissapointed**) when he was told that he was not selected to join the school team.

Section F: Synthesis (2 X 1 mark)
For each of the items, rewrite the given sentences using the word provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of each sentence must be the same as the given ones.

33. Tom did not complete his homework. Tom was not allowed to play soccer.

_____ **so**

_____

34. Emily was surprised. Emily saw a birthday cake on her desk.

_____ **when**

_____

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Section G: Comprehension 1 (8 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 35 to 40.

A herd of goats was lost in the forest for two days. They were confused and exhausted as none of them knew the way out. All they did was to follow the oldest goat who was the most experienced amongst them.

A brown goat grumbled, "We have not eaten for days. I'm so thirsty and hungry. Shall we take a rest?"

When the goats were resting and discussing the way out, a buffalo appeared suddenly.

The buffalo pleaded desperately, "I've been lost in the forest for four days. Can I join in because I don't know the way out?"

A young goat sighed, "Another lost animal! I don't think he will be able to provide any help. Let's ignore him." The rest of the goats began to move away from the buffalo and they were hostile to him.

"Stop this nonsense!" the oldest goat reprimanded the others. "He may be able to help advise us on the routes to avoid as he had been wandering in the forest longer than us," the oldest goat explained.

The goats were ashamed of themselves for their rude behaviour towards the buffalo. The animals managed to find the way out of the forest shortly after as they avoided the wrong routes pointed out by the buffalo. The goats thanked the buffalo for helping them to find the way out of the forest.

Adapted from The Lost Camels by WOW Stories Volume 2

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35. How long was the herd of goats lost in the forest? (1m)

36. Which word has the same meaning as **"tired"**? Circle either (A) or (B). (1m)

They were **confused** and **exhausted** as none of them knew the way out.

(A) **(B)**

37. Why did the brown goat want to rest? (2m)

The brown goat was _____ and _____.

38. Which word in **paragraph 5** has the same meaning as **'unfriendly'**? (1m)

39. Based on the passage, which two of the following statements are true?

Tick ✓ the two statements. (2m)

(1) The goats did not want the buffalo to join them initially.	
(2) The goats wanted the buffalo to help them to look for food.	
(3) The buffalo was lost in the forest for two days.	
(4) The oldest goat did not know the way out of the forest.	

40. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

The goats were _____ to the buffalo as he helped them to find the way out.

(1m)

	sorry
	grateful

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Comprehension 2 (8 marks)

Read the following passage carefully and answer questions 41 to 46

A merchant wanted to sell a few sacks of salt to a village nearby. He tied up the sacks of salt on his donkey and set off.

The sacks that were filled with salt were very heavy and the donkey felt very tired. When they came to a river, they walked across the shallow water carefully. Then the donkey tripped and fell into the water. The size of the sacks shrunk as the salt in them reduced tremendously. Most of it had dissolved in the water. As such, the sacks felt lighter when the donkey stood up. The merchant was very upset and led the donkey back to the town.

The next day, they came to the river, the donkey remembered what had happened earlier and fell into the water on purpose. The trick worked as his load felt lighter immediately. The merchant watched the donkey fall but said nothing. The donkey was very happy and boasted to his friends that he had found a way to make his work easier.

On the third day, the merchant placed some sacks on his donkey again. Unknown to the donkey, the sacks were filled with cotton which the merchant had borrowed from another trader. The donkey followed the merchant happily.

When they reached the river, the donkey tried the same trick again. He jumped into the water but could not stand up this time. The load of the sacks was three times heavier than before because the cotton absorbed water. After watching the donkey struggle in the water for a while, the merchant removed the sacks of cotton and led the drenched donkey out of the river.

He looked at his donkey and said, "Do not try to be lazy again."

When the donkey realised that the merchant was teaching him a lesson, he was embarrassed and hung his head low. After that incident, the donkey never tried to be lazy again.

Adapted from 'The Donkey' by WOW Stories Volume 1

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

41. How did the merchant earn a living? (1m)

The merchant earned a living by_____

42. According to the passage, what does 'it' in **line 6** refer to? (1m)

_____

_____

43. Which word in **paragraph 5** has the same meaning as "completely wet"? (1m)

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

_____ The donkey boasted to his friends.

_____ The donkey fell into the water accidentally.

_____ The donkey fell into the water with the sacks of cotton.

45. Based on the passage, state whether each statement is true or false, then give a reason why you think so. (2m)

Statement	True / False	Reason
a) The donkey fell into the river accidentally on the second day.		
b) The donkey learnt his lesson in the end.		

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46. Why did the merchant use sacks of cotton to teach the donkey a lesson? (2m)

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ANSWER KEY

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

Q15	D	Q21	L	Q27	B
Q16	E	Q22	K	Q28	has
Q17	F	Q23	F	Q29	does
Q18	B	Q24	H	Q30	environment
Q19	H	Q25	A	Q31	predator
Q20	M	Q26	G	Q32	disappointed

Q33 Tom did not complete his homework , so he was not allowed to play soccer.
Q34 Emily was surprised when she saw a birthday cake on her desk.

Q35 two days
Q36 (B)
Q37 The brown goat was thirsty and hungry.
Q38 hostile
Q39

The goats did not want the buffalo to join them initially.	✓
The oldest goat did not know the way out of the forest.	✓

Q40 grateful
Q41 The merchant earned a living by selling salt to the village nearby.
Q42 It refers to the salt.
Q43 drenched
Q44
2 The donkey boasted to his friends.
1 The donkey fell into the water accidentally.
3 The donkey fell into the water with the sacks of cotton.

Q45a) False – The donkey fell into the water on purpose.
b) True – After the incident , the donkey never tried to be lazy again.

Q46 He knew the donkey would try the same trick again so he put cotton which would absorb water and make the sacks three times heavier.

THE END

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