



**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
2007 CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT 1**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY FOUR

BOOKLET A: LISTENING

TOTAL TIME: 1 hour 35 mins

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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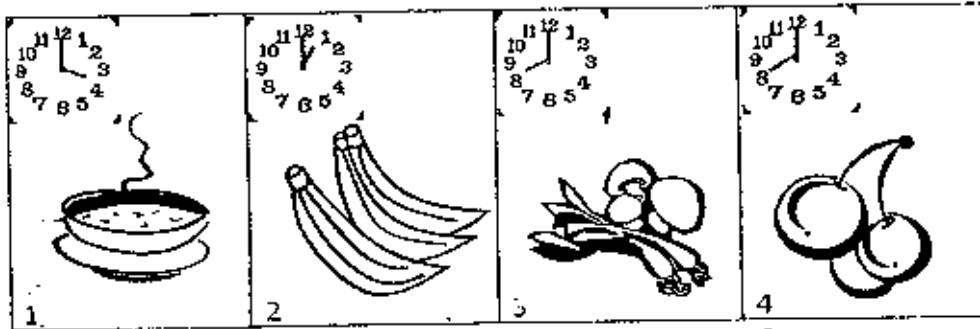
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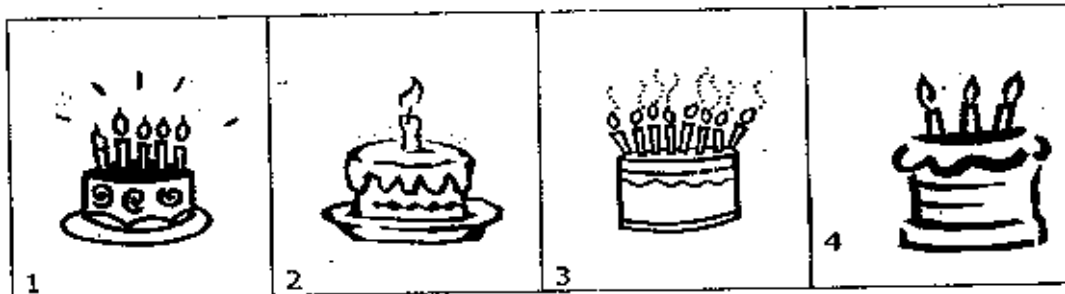
SECTION A: PICTURE MATCHING (4 X 1 mark = 4 marks)

Listen carefully to your teacher and choose the picture which matches the statement(s) that he/she is going to read to you. **Shade the number of the correct answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the Optical Answer Sheet provided.**

1.



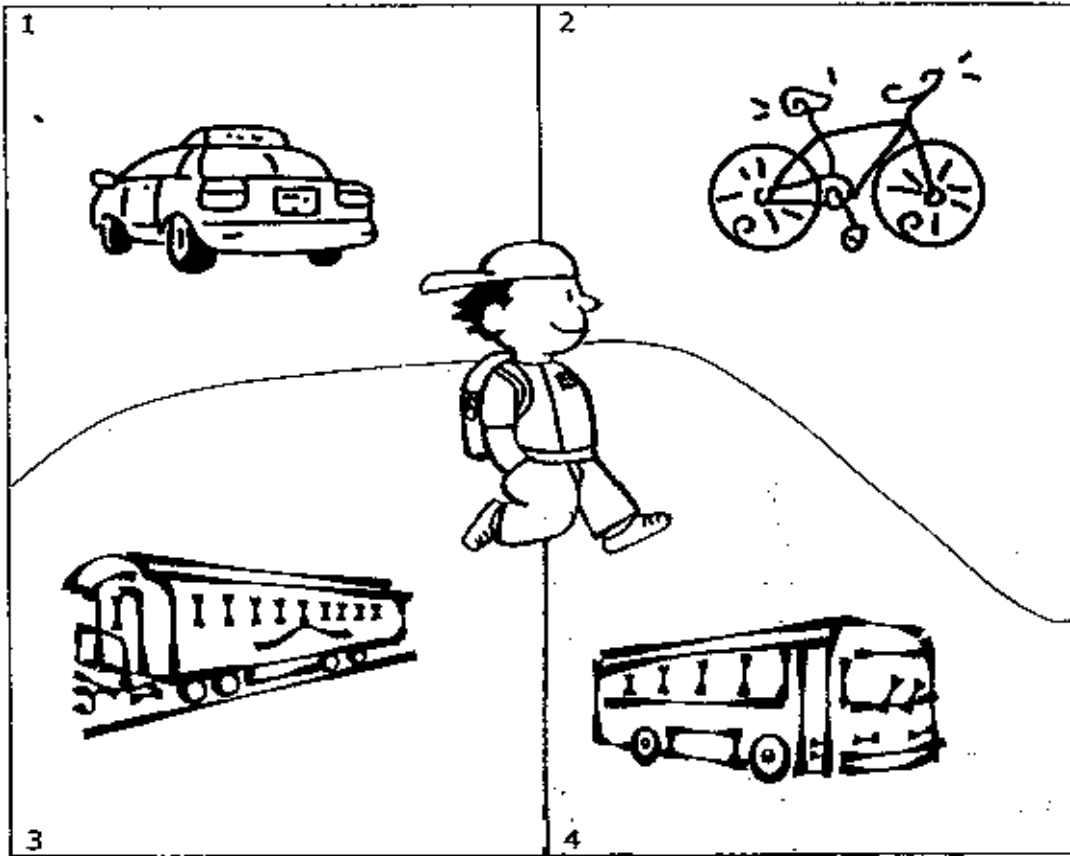
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3.



4.



For Sections B and C, please write the answers in this question booklet.

SECTION B: NOTE-TAKING (4 x 1 = 4 marks)

Listen carefully now.
Q5 to Q8 is a note-taking test.

You are listening to an advertisement on a musical over the radio. You are to take down the details of this text as you listen.
Each blank in Q5 to Q8 should be filled with one word. As you listen, fill in the blanks with the information given.

Musical

Q5. Title of the musical: The Frog Princess and the _____ Ball.

Q6. Total number of performances for the three days: _____
performances

Q7. Place of Performance: _____ Concert Hall

Q8. Price of family package includes: Tickets for 2 adults and _____
children



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**BOOKLET B: LANGUAGE USE AND
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QUESTIONS)**

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You would have completed Questions 1 to 4 from Booklet A: Listening.
Continue with the next section, Section D.

SECTION D: GRAMMAR (8 X 1 m = 8 marks)

For each question from 5 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the correct answer. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

5. Ming Ming enjoys cycling but her sisters _____ swimming.

- ① prefer
- ② prefers
- ③ preferred
- ④ will prefer

6. The mischievous child always _____ tricks on others.

- ① play
- ② plays
- ③ will play
- ④ is playing

7. There seems to be _____ rain this month than last month.

- ① less
- ② little
- ③ least
- ④ lesser

8. There isn't _____ grass in the field during the dry season.

- ① little
- ② some
- ③ many
- ④ much

9. I am new to this neighbourhood, so _____ people here know me.

- ① few
- ② little
- ③ many
- ④ a lot of

10. All the furniture _____ destroyed in the warehouse fire last night.

- ① is
- ② was
- ③ are
- ④ were

11. There is a camp for the pupils next week and _____ are expected to attend.

- ① all
- ② anyone
- ③ nobody
- ④ everyone

12. Mr. Lim discovered that what he had bought was _____ ordinary vase and not anything special.

- ① a
- ② an
- ③ the
- ④ this

SECTION E: VOCABULARY (5 X 2 m = 10 marks)

For each question from 13 to 17, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the correct answer. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

13. During my _____ time, I would rather go for a jog than watch a movie.

- ① last
- ② free
- ③ usual
- ④ precious

14. My aunt has just remarried two days ago after being a _____ for five years when my uncle passed away of cancer.

- ① widow
- ② spinster
- ③ widower
- ④ bachelor

15. We found this twisted fairy tale very _____. All of us had a good laugh.

- ① boring
- ② amusing
- ③ interesting
- ④ unbelievable


16. If you want to sell your house, one of the best ways to do it is to _____ in the newspapers.


- ① notify
- ② report
- ③ advertise
- ④ announce

17. The mother _____ her crying daughter to comfort her.


- ① shook
- ② struck
- ③ battered
- ④ embraced

SECTION F: PUNCTUATION (4 x 1 m = 4 marks)

For question 18 to 21, each circle  indicates a missing punctuation mark. Choose the correct punctuation for each sentence and shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

18. Beware  There is a puddle of water in front of you.

- ① [,] comma
- ② [.] full stop
- ③ [?] question mark
- ④ [!] exclamation mark

19. "Could you pass me that bottle of chilli sauce  asked Peter.

- ① [?] question mark
- ② [, ?] comma and question mark
- ③ [, "] comma and close inverted commas
- ④ [? "] question mark and close inverted commas

20. There is an old photograph of a big, beautiful stone castle.

- 1 [,] comma
- 2 [.] full stop
- 3 [?] question mark
- 4 [!] exclamation mark

21. "Look Cinderella looks so stunning in her gown," cried the handsome Prince.

- 1 [!] exclamation mark
- 2 [, !] comma and exclamation mark
- 3 [, "] comma and close inverted commas
- 4 [! "] exclamation mark and close inverted commas

SECTION G: SYNONYMS (4 x 1 m = 4 marks)

For question 22 to 25, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

The toad is a (22) useful creature in any garden. Its remarkable tongue is a most efficient tool for catching the (23) enormous number of insects it (24) requires daily. When not in use, this tongue remains coiled like a spring inside the toad's mouth. With lightning speed, this amphibian can shoot out its tongue towards (25) unwary insects that wander within its range.

22. useful

- ① rare
- ② unique
- ③ special
- ④ helpful

23. enormous

- ① large
- ② gigantic
- ③ impressive
- ④ outstanding

24. requires

- ① needs
- ② acquires
- ③ deserves
- ④ demands

25. unwary

- ① daring
- ② cautious
- ③ careless
- ④ impatient

SECTION H: COMPREHENSION (4 X 2 m = 8 marks)

Read the passage below and answer the questions 26 to 29 that follow.
Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

One bright morning, a small bear cub was following his mother through the sunshine in a pine-scented New Mexico mountain forest. Suddenly, his mother stopped, sniffed the air, and began to flee with all of the other forest creatures.

Left behind, the puzzled little cub watched as choking smoke and searing flames came nearer to him. Finally, not knowing what else to do, he climbed a pine tree and remained there while the forest fire roared and crackled below him. The flames scorched his tender paws a little. The little cub was very frightened.

After the fire had passed through the forest, a ranger went out to check the damage. He was surprised to find a bear cub clinging to the top of a burnt pine tree. The ranger rescued the cub and took him to the game warden's home. There, the warden and the rangers cared for the cub while he recovered from his ordeal.

26. The mother bear stopped suddenly and sniffed the air because _____

- ① the morning air was fresh
- ② she detected the smell of smoke
- ③ they were in a pine-scented forest
- ④ she detected other forest creatures nearby

27. The bear cub did not flee with his mother because he _____

- ① wanted to stay behind
- ② was fascinated by the searing flames
- ③ did not understand what was happening
- ④ was very frightened by what was happening

28. During the forest fire, the bear cub was _____

- ① fatally injured
- ② seriously hurt
- ③ slightly injured
- ④ completely unharmed

29. The bear cub was rescued by a ranger who _____

- ① happened to find him
- ② was there to put out the fire
- ③ knew he was on the pine tree
- ④ was there to rescue the forest creatures



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**BOOKLET C: LANGUAGE USE AND
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Note-taking and Unseen Dictation:	/ 14
MCQ:	/ 38
OE:	/ 48
Total:	/ 100

SECTION I: GRAMMAR CLOZE (6 X 2 m = 12 marks)

There are 6 blanks, numbered 30 to 35. From the words given in the box, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to H) on the blank. **Each word can be used once only.**

- | | | |
|---------|-------------|----------|
| (A) if | (B) towards | (C) but |
| (D) the | (E) then | (F) when |
| (G) why | (H) from | |

I loved adventures. Once, I went hunting on the edge of a sea. I was among cliffs and shrubs, chasing a hare. When I lost (30) _____ hare, I began to look around and saw smoke rising (31) _____ the cracks of rock. I went over to the place to see (32) _____ there was smoke, and the ground gave way under me. I fell right down till I was on the floor of the cave. Fortunately, I fell on sand and was not hurt.

I was trying to find my way home out of the cave (33) _____ I heard some noise coming (34) _____ me. It was the trampling of the giant's feet. I was looking for a suitable place to hide, (35) _____ in my hurry, I could not find one. I broke out in cold sweat as the noise grew louder.

SECTION J: MODIFIED CLOZE (8 x 1 m = 8 marks)
Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Some people walk in their sleep. The things people do while they are sleepwalking can be funny; however, (36) _____ can be dangerous. For example, in one amazing (37) _____, an eleven-year-old boy (38) _____ in his sleep one (39) _____ and was found the next morning (40) _____ one hundred miles from his (41) _____. The police who discovered him were somewhat amused, (42) _____ they did not think it a laughing matter when they discovered (43) _____ the boy had taken a train ride while he was asleep!

It is fortunate that only a small number of people walk while they are asleep.

SECTION K: EDITING – SPELLING (5 X 2 m = 10 marks)

There are 5 wrongly spelt words which are underlined in the passage below. Correct them in the boxes provided.

(44)
During the school hoilidays, Ahmad would catch up on his reading. He loves to read

(45)
story books, expedialy those on knights and castles. He has many books from the

(46)
libary and he cannot wait to finish reading them. Reading not only helps build up

(47)
knowledge but also improves his language abieletis. He can also play with his

(48)
computer games. His father usually borows educational computer games for him to
play.

SECTION L: SENTENCE COMBINING (3 x 2 m = 6 marks)

Rewrite the two sentences in each question below into a sentence by using the word given.

49. You should get ready now. You do not want to be late for school.

If _____

50. It has been raining. There is no need to water the plants.

_____ as

51. Mr Nair does not make much money. He donates to charity regularly.

_____ although

SECTION M: COMPREHENSION (6 x 2 m = 12 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

"I tell you, no! I will not keep this miserable donkey another day!" Hodja glared at the little grey donkey that was patiently swishing off the myriad flies as it waited for Hodja to fasten on the piece of old rug that served as a saddle.

"A new donkey might be just as stubborn," suggested Fatima.

"This creature is more than stubborn!" stormed Hodja. "It eats like an elephant but grows skinnier every day. It is as slow as a tortoise, lazy as a pig, and as stubborn as a – as a – as a donkey!"

Fatima patted the little donkey which rubbed its head affectionately against her striped sleeve. Fatima said nothing. She had argued with her husband enough times to know that it would only make him angrier.

"Say your goodbyes to the creature! Next time you see it, someone else will be riding it. You shall see what a fine donkey I shall ride home from the animal market. I can sell this donkey for enough money to buy a fine one, and still have a gold piece left over."

Hodja rode the donkey through the street gate, and on toward the marketplace. His long legs dangled at the donkey's sides, his feet sometimes touching the cobblestones of the narrow street. He nodded to the right and to the left at his many friends in the marketplace, but kept straight on until he reached the animal market.

Adapted from a story by Alice Geer Kelsey

Write your answers to the following questions in complete sentences.

52. How can we tell that Hodja was preparing to set off for somewhere on his donkey?

53. What were **two** of Hodja's complaints about his donkey?

54. Which sentence tells us that Fatima had a good relationship with the donkey?

55. What would happen if Fatima had said something about the donkey?

56. Where was Hodja going with the donkey?

57. What did Hodja plan to do there?

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**PLEASE CHECK YOUR ANSWERS CAREFULLY
END OF PAPER**



ANSWER SHEET

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CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT (1)

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|-------|--|----------------|
| 5) 1 | 36) they | 44) holidays |
| 6) 2 | 37) incident | 45) especially |
| 7) 1 | 38) walked | 46) library |
| 8) 4 | 39) night | 47) abilities |
| 9) 1 | 40) about | 48) borrows |
| 10) 2 | 41) home | |
| 11) 1 | 42) but | |
| 12) 2 | 43) that | |
| 13) 2 | | |
| 14) 1 | 49) If you do not want to be late for school, you should get ready now. | |
| 15) 2 | | |
| 16) 3 | 50) There is no need to water the plants as it was raining. | |
| 17) 4 | | |
| 18) 4 | | |
| 19) 2 | | |
| 20) 1 | 51) Mr Nair donates to charity regularly although he does not make much money. | |
| 21) 1 | | |
| 22) 4 | | |
| 23) 1 | | |
| 24) 1 | 52) He was fastening the saddle on the donkey's back. | |
| 25) 3 | | |
| 26) 2 | | |
| 27) 3 | 53) The donkey was stubborn and slow. | |
| 28) 3 | | |
| 29) 1 | 54) The sentence is "Fatima patted the little donkey which rubbed its head affectionately against her striped sleeve." | |
| 30) D | | |
| 31) H | | |
| 32) G | | |
| 33) F | | |
| 34) B | 55) Hodja would get angrier and angrier if Fatima had said something about the donkey. | |
| 35) C | | |

56)Hodja was going to the animal market with the donkey.

57)Hodja planned to sell the donkey and buy a new one.