



**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL  
SECOND SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2008**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**PRIMARY TWO**

**BOOKLET B: LANGUAGE USE AND  
COMPREHENSION**

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Class: Pr 2 ( )

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Booklet A: Listening Comprehension	/20
Booklet B: Language Use & Comprehension	/50
Writing	/15
Oral	/15
TOTAL	/100

Section D: GRAMMAR (5 x 1m = 5m)

Fill in each blank with the correct answer. Write the number of the correct answer in the bracket provided.

1. The firemen \_\_\_\_\_ to put out the fire before it spread to the other huts.

- (1) has
- (2) had
- (3) have

( )

2. Look at \_\_\_\_\_ birds on the tree across the road.

- (1) that
- (2) these
- (3) those

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3. My sister \_\_\_\_\_ to rest as she was unwell.

- (1) need
- (2) needs
- (3) needed

( )

4. The lion roared when \_\_\_\_\_ paw was caught in the trap.

- (1) it
- (2) its
- (3) it's

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5. We searched high and low \_\_\_\_\_ could not find the wallet.

- (1) or
- (2) so
- (3) but

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Section E: VOCABULARY (5 x 1m = 5m)

Fill in the blank with the correct answer. Write the number of the correct answer in the bracket provided.

6. I find it hard to study in a \_\_\_\_\_ place. I can only concentrate where there is silence around me.
- (1) quiet
  - (2) clean
  - (3) noisy
- (     )
7. Henry and his mother went to the \_\_\_\_\_ to read up on organic vegetables.
- (1) clinic
  - (2) library
  - (3) market
- (     )
8. Don't touch the porcupine! The sharp \_\_\_\_\_ will hurt you.
- (1) fur
  - (2) quills
  - (3) feathers
- (     )
9. The story she read was so \_\_\_\_\_ that she could not stop laughing.
- (1) funny
  - (2) exciting
  - (3) horrifying
- (     )
10. The huge \_\_\_\_\_ stormed into the village and demanded for food.
- (1) fairy
  - (2) giant
  - (3) dwarf
- (     )

SECTION F: GRAMMAR CLOZE (6 X 1m = 6m)

Read the passage below carefully. Choose the answers from the words given in the box. Each word is given a letter name (A to E). **Write the letter** for the correct word in each blank.

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY

**Passage 1**

(A) <del>it</del>	<del>(B) their</del>	(C) <u>theirs</u>
<del>(D) them</del>	(E) <u>they</u>	

Mike, the squirrel, was always busy picking food for himself. He had no time to help the other animals when (11) \_\_\_\_\_ needed his help. One day, Mike hurt himself and was unable to look for food. The other animals gathered all (12) \_\_\_\_\_ food and gave it to him. Mike thanked (13) \_\_\_\_\_ and they had a feast together. Mike promised to help the animals in future.

Read the passage below carefully. Choose the answers from the words given in the box. Each word is given a letter name (A to E). **Write the letter** for the correct word in each blank.

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY

Passage 2

<del>(A) between</del>	<del>(B) down</del>	<del>(C) in</del>
<del>(D) over</del>	<del>(E) under</del>	

When the animals saw the mud, they jumped into it. The mud splashed all (14) \_\_\_\_\_ them. The pig squealed in delight as it rolled (15) \_\_\_\_\_ the mud. The cow sat (16) \_\_\_\_\_ and mooed loudly. Soon, the farmer's wife came. She was very angry to see the dirty animals.

SECTION G: VOCABULARY CLOZE (5 x 1m = 5m)

Read the passage below carefully. Choose the answers from the words given in the box. Each word is given a letter name (A to G). **Write the letter** for the correct word in each blank.

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY

<u>(A) candle</u>	<del>(B) dangerous</del>	<del>(C) day</del>
<del>(D) dripping</del>	<u>(E) night</u>	<del>(F) safe</del>
<u>(G) splashing</u>		

In the past, people relied on sunlight to tell time. They placed sundials in the gardens and told the time by looking at the moving shadow in the (17) \_\_\_\_\_. However, they had a problem in the (18) \_\_\_\_\_ when the sundial could not be used without sunlight. Some people were able to tell the time by measuring water (19) \_\_\_\_\_ into a marked jar. At one time, people also marked a (20) \_\_\_\_\_ so that as it burned, they knew what time it was. However, it was a (21) \_\_\_\_\_ way to tell time because of the risk of starting a fire. For a long time, people also put sand inside an hour glass and used that to tell the time.

SECTION H: MODIFIED CLOZE (4 x 1m = 4m)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

My best friend is Julia. We study in the same primary (22) \_\_\_\_\_. During recess, we go to the (23) \_\_\_\_\_ to buy our food. Both of us (24) \_\_\_\_\_ our secrets with each other. We promise never to tell anyone else. Once a week, we go (25) \_\_\_\_\_ together. Julia is teaching me the breaststroke. I hope to be a good swimmer like her.

SECTION I: EDITING – SPELLING (4 x 1m = 4m)

There are 4 words that are underlined in the sentences below. They are spelt wrongly. Write the correct spelling of each word in the boxes provided.

26. She gives her friend an invitashion card.

27. This story is about his adventure on an island.

28. The little girl cried imediately upon seeing her mother.

29. We celebrate many festivers in Singapore.

SECTION J: EDITING – PUNCTUATION (3 x 1m = 3m)

Write the correct punctuation mark in the circles provided.

30. "Are you hungry  " Jane asked her sister

31. When she saw the bug  she screamed.

SECTION K: SENTENCE COMBINING (2 x 2m = 4m)

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

32. The gardener cut the grass. The gardener watered the plants.

\_\_\_\_\_

and \_\_\_\_\_

33. They are very worried. It is going to rain soon.

\_\_\_\_\_

because \_\_\_\_\_

Section L: COMPREHENSION – INFORMATION TRANSFER

(4 x 1m = 4m)

Below is an advertisement for the sale of a dog.

# For Sale



Would you like to own a black and brown dog for \$250?

It was born on 23 August 2007.

Meat and bones are its favourite food.

It is gentle with children and likes to play with them.

If you are interested, please look for Mr James at Woofy Pet Shop.

Address: 35 Greenleaf Estate

Opening hours: Mon to Sun(except  
Wednesday)

11 am to 9 pm

For Questions 34 to 37, fill in each blank with a word from the **text**.

34. There is a black and \_\_\_\_\_ dog for sale.

35. It likes to eat meat and \_\_\_\_\_.

36. This is a good dog for families with \_\_\_\_\_

37. Woofy Pet Shop is not open every \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION M: COMPREHENSION (5 x 2m = 10m)

Read the passage below carefully.

By the time Jimmy reached home, he was hungry and tired. He headed straight to the kitchen to look for some food. There was not much left in the refrigerator except for some fruit and cheese.

While Jimmy was eating, an idea struck him! "I can make some bread myself!" he said excitedly. Jimmy searched the cupboards and took out all the necessary ingredients. He mixed the flour, yeast, salt and water together in a mixing bowl. Then, he kneaded the dough and placed it in a tin tray. After that, he put the tray into the oven. To know when the bread would be ready, he set the timer to beep after fifteen minutes.

While waiting, Jimmy sat down to watch a television programme in the living room. However, he was very tired and could hardly concentrate on the show. Soon, he dozed off.

After a while, Jimmy's mother came home. Jimmy woke up with a start. Suddenly, he dashed into the kitchen. He was dumbfounded when he saw smoke coming out of the oven. The bread was burnt! His mother was very angry and scolded him severely. Jimmy bowed his head in shame.

Answer Questions 38 to 42 in complete sentences.

38. What did Jimmy eat when he reached home?

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39. What was Jimmy's idea?

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40. Why did Jimmy set the timer?

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41. What was Jimmy doing before he fell asleep?

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42. Which sentence in the passage tells us that Jimmy was very sorry for what he had done?

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CHECK THROUGH YOUR WORK CAREFULLY

# ANSWER SHEET

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SCHOOL : NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL  
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TERM : SA 2

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
2	3	3	2	3	3	2	2	1	2	E	B	D	D	C	B	C

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21
E	D	A	B

- 22)school      23)canteen      24)share      25)swimming
- 26)invitation      27)adventure      28)immediately      29)festivals
- 30)?      31),
- 32)The gardener cut the grass and watered the plants.
- 33)They are very worried because it is going to rain soon.
- 34)brown      35)bines      36)children      37)Wednesday
- 38)He ate fruits and cheese when he came home.
- 39)His idea was to make bread.
- 40)He set the timer because he want to know when the bread will be ready.
- 41)He was watching a television programme before he went to sleep.
- 42)The sentence is "Jimmy bowed his head in shame."