



**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
FIRST SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2008
PRIMARY THREE**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

**BOOKLET B: LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION
(MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS)**

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.

Name: _____ () Class: Pr 3 ()

✓A1 = 281 to 2816
✓A2 = 2817 to 2852

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

SECTION D: GRAMMAR (5 X 1 mark)

For each question from 5 to 9, 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. My best friend _____ me with my homework whenever I have a problem.
- (1) helps
 - (2) helped
 - (3) is helping
 - (4) was helping
6. "Do not touch _____ art pieces over there! They are very expensive!"
the man warned.
- (1) this
 - (2) that
 - (3) these
 - (4) those
7. My mother _____ when the telephone rang.
- (1) irons
 - (2) ironed
 - (3) is ironing
 - (4) was ironing
8. As the fire spread to the neighbouring houses, the people _____ for their lives.
- (1) run
 - (2) runs
 - (3) ran
 - (4) were running

9. _____ the eggs into the bowl and beat them with a spoon.

- (1) Break
- (2) Breaks
- (3) Broke
- (4) Breaking

SECTION E: VOCABULARY (5 X 1 mark)

For each question from 10 to 14, 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).

10. After exercising for an hour, Mr Lee is as _____ as a wolf.

- (1) sly
- (2) fierce
- (3) strong
- (4) hungry

11. The horror movie was so _____ that I did not dare to open my eyes.

- (1) scary
- (2) funny
- (3) boring
- (4) romantic

12. Ricky is supporting the green movement by cycling to work. He has just bought a _____.

- (1) bicycle
- (2) trishaw
- (3) scooter
- (4) motorcycle

13. A flash of _____ lit up the sky.

- (1) clouds
- (2) thunder
- (3) lightning
- (4) raindrops

14. He is a very famous _____ who has written many plays.

- (1) author
- (2) reporter
- (3) illustrator
- (4) playwright

SECTION F: PUNCTUATION (3 X 1mark)

For questions 15 to 17, each circle indicates a missing punctuation mark. Choose the correct punctuation for each sentence. Shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

15. When you live in a flat it is hard to keep a big animal as a pet.

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

16. "Let the magical adventure begin the magician announced jubilantly.

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

17. "Don t do that! It will hurt the kitten!" Mother warns Peter.

- 1) [,] comma
- 2) [.] full stop
- 3) ['] apostrophe
- 4) ["] close inverted commas

SECTION G: SYNONYMS (3 X 1 mark)

For questions 18 to 20, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word. Shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

When John saw the boat, it was already too late. Before he could react, his canoe had (18) overturned. John was thrown into the raging waters. Although he was a (19) strong swimmer, he felt he was being sucked under by the currents. John struggled (20) furiously to keep himself afloat. Soon, he felt overpowered and helpless.

18. **overturned**

- (1) sunk
- (2) capsized
- (3) submerged
- (4) shipwrecked

19. **strong**

- (1) fast
- (2) skilful
- (3) powerful
- (4) persistent

20. **furiously**

- (1) fiercely
- (2) fearfully
- (3) frantically
- (4) ferociously

SECTION H: COMPREHENSION (4 X 1 mark)

Read the passage below and answer the questions 21 to 24 that follow.

Do you know who Helen Keller is? She is an amazing woman who lived a normal life despite being handicapped. At the age of nineteen months, Helen Keller suffered an illness and became deaf, blind and mute. Her family had a tough time taking care of her as she could not communicate her needs and desires.

However, Helen's parents noticed that she was an intelligent child. Thus, they decided to engage a special teacher for Helen. Though Anne Sullivan was partially blind, she had a clever way of communicating with Helen. She would use her fingers to write down words on Helen's palms. Through Anne's method and help, Helen picked up four different languages and even went on to the university. Anne would go to every class with Helen and spell lectures into her hand. Later in her life, Helen wrote poetry, gave lectures and even wrote an autobiography, 'The Story of My Life'.

Helen Keller died in 1968 at the age of eighty-eight. She had shown the world that through hard work and determination, it was possible to overcome one's handicap.

21. Helen Keller became blind _____.
- (1) right after she was born
 - (2) after her second birthday
 - (3) when she was one year old
 - (4) before she was two years old
22. Helen's family found it hard to take care of her because she _____.
- (1) was too young
 - (2) was a clever child
 - (3) did not want to talk
 - (4) could not tell them what she needed
23. Helen's parents hired Anne Sullivan _____.
- (1) to teach Helen
 - (2) to talk to Helen
 - (3) because she was blind
 - (4) to help take care of Helen
24. Helen made it through university _____.
- (1) with the help of Anne Sullivan
 - (2) because she went to every class
 - (3) by writing poetry and giving lectures
 - (4) because she learnt different languages



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**BOOKLET C: LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION
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Name: _____ () Class: Pr 3 ()

Booklet A: Note-taking and Unseen Dictation	/10
Booklet B: (Including Listening MCQ)	/24
Booklet C:	/30
Oral	/16
Writing	/20
Total	/100

Parent's Signature: _____

SECTION I: GRAMMAR CLOZE (5 X 1 mark)

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

(A) at	(D) into	(G) we
(B) beside	(E) next	
(C) he	(F) they	

The people of the village were worried. It had not rained for many weeks and the wells were drying up.

One day, a little boy told the headman and the villagers that there was water in the old well (25) _____ the back of his house. Nobody believed him. They thought (26) _____ was lying and chased him away.

The next morning, the headman saw the little boy standing (27) _____ to the well outside his house with a pail of water. The boy poured the water (28) _____ the well. The headman was very angry and ordered his servants to take the boy away. As (29) _____ tried to do so, they saw water in the well! Everybody was so happy that they forgot all about the boy. When they finally remembered him, he was nowhere in sight.

SECTION J: VOCABULARY CLOZE (4 X 1 mark)

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

(A) created	(C) fake	(E) prince
(B) enjoyed	(D) imagination	(F) real

Do you like reading? Reading takes you into the world of (30) _____!

There are two main kinds of books. Fiction books are stories about people or events that were (31) _____ by authors. Young readers tend to like these stories more. They can pretend to be like the handsome (32) _____ or beautiful princess in ~~the~~ fairy tales. On the other hand, non-fiction books tell readers about (33) _____ events or things. Some of these books teach the readers how to make something, for example, an origami book.

SECTION K: MODIFIED CLOZE (4 X 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

School is a fun place for me. I have fun (34) _____ my lessons and playing with my friends. I am seldom (35) _____ from school unless I am ill. All the teachers in my school are very caring. They (36) _____ carefully what we do not understand. Sometimes they even give us extra lessons after school. My friends and I work hard to do well in our (37) _____ so ~~that~~ we will not let our teachers down. We even help each other to revise our work during recess.

SECTION L: EDITING – SPELLING (3 X 1 mark)

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

38. What is your favourite pasttime?

39. Singapore is a country with a tropical climbmate.

40. Children of all ages enjoy going to the palyground.

SECTION M: SENTENCE COMBINING (2 X 2 marks)

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

41. I dislike this story. It is too long.

_____ because

42. He could not solve the problem. He tried very hard.

Although _____

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Section N: Comprehension Open-ended (5 X 2 marks)

For each question from 43 to 47, read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Patrick never did his homework. "Too boring!" he said. "I would rather play basketball!" His teachers told him, "Patrick! Do your homework or you won't learn anything!" Patrick simply hated homework.

One day, Patrick's cat was playing with a little doll and he snatched it away. To his surprise, it was not a doll at all, but a very tiny man. He wore a little wool shirt and a high tall hat, very much like a witch's. The little man yelled, "Save me! Don't give me back to that cat. I'll grant you a wish!"

Patrick could not believe how lucky he was! Finally, he had the answer to all of his problems. Thus, he said, "I will save you if you promise to do all my homework till the end of the semester."

The little man groaned, "Oh, I'm cursed! But I guess I have no choice but to do it!"

True to his word, that little man began to do Patrick's homework. However, Patrick had problems with the little man as he did not always know what to do.

"Help me! Help me!" he would say. Then Patrick had to help in whatever way he could.

Soon, Patrick was working harder than ever! He had to stay up late every night, and went to school with his eyes puffed and bleary. Finally, the last day of school arrived and the little man was free to go. To everyone's surprise, Patrick did well in all his tests. His classmates were amazed and his teachers were full of praises. Even Patrick's parents wondered what had happened to him as he would only go out to play after completing his homework.

Patrick knew that the secret was his willingness to do his homework. The little man has indeed taught him an invaluable lesson in life.

Write your answers in complete sentences.

43. Why did Patrick not do his homework?

44. What did the little man have to do for Patrick to save himself?

45. Which sentence in the passage tells us that the little man kept his promise to Patrick?

46. What problems did Patrick have with the little man?

47. Explain why Patrick did well in all his tests.

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS CAREFULLY

END OF PAPER

ANSWER SHEET

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EXAM PAPER 2008

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TERM : SA 1

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
				1	2	4	3	1	4	1	1	3	4	2	4	3

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33
2	3	3	4	4	1	1	A	C	E	D	F	D	A	E	F

34)learning 35)absent 36)explain 37)examinations

38)pastime 39)climate 40)playground

41)I dislike this story because it is too long.

42)Although he tried very hard, he could not solve the problem.

43)He hated to do homework.

44)He had to do all his homework till the end of the semester.

45)The sentence is "True to his word, that little man began to do Patrick's homework."

46)The little man did not always know what to do and Patrick and to help in whatever way he could.

47)It was his willingness to do his homework.