



**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
2008 SECOND SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT
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 ()

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. Ahmad and Zaki _____ to the news now.
- (1) listen
 - (2) listens
 - (3) is listening
 - (4) are listening
6. The boys _____ sitting on the bench when the lightning struck.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
7. We waited under the shelter _____ the rain stopped.
- (1) so
 - (2) until
 - (3) when
 - (4) while
8. Sam tripped _____ a stone and fell.
- (1) at
 - (2) on
 - (3) into
 - (4) over
9. _____ is the fastest runner in the school team?
- (1) Who
 - (2) What
 - (3) Which
 - (4) Whose

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. I have to climb that _____ of stairs to get to my flat every morning.
- (1) row
 - (2) flight
 - (3) height
 - (4) length
11. John's classmates _____ softly when he made a funny face behind the teacher.
- (1) bawled
 - (2) giggled
 - (3) bellowed
 - (4) shrieked
12. My brother enjoys _____ crossword puzzles during his leisure time.
- (1) fixing
 - (2) solving
 - (3) playing
 - (4) surfing
13. After the teacher made her a prefect, Jialing became _____ and thought she was better than her friends.
- (1) humble
 - (2) friendly
 - (3) impolite
 - (4) arrogant
14. My mother advised me to apply some _____ before I go out to play to protect my skin from the strong sun rays.
- (1) sunspot
 - (2) sunshade
 - (3) sunblock
 - (4) sunglasses

SECTION F: PUNCTUATION (3 X 1mark)

For question 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. The children are training hard for their competition

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

16. "May I borrow ~~you~~ pen, please asked Pei Pei.

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

17. The steam engine went chugga-chugga chugga-chugga, all the way up the hill.

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

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).

There was once a greedy hamster named Harry. As soon as his food was put into his cage, he (18) **swallowed** it all up and then he would push his little nose through the bars in the hope that there would be something else to eat. From his cage, he could smell all the delicious food on the kitchen table. The (19) **scent** of freshly baked bread was enough to send him (20) **running** all over the cage in frustration. He would then scratch the cage to tell his owner to feed him.

18. **swallowed**

- (1) nibbled
- (2) chewed
- (3) gobbled
- (4) munched

19. **scent**

- (1) stink
- (2) aroma
- (3) stench
- (4) flavour

20. **running**

- (1) swinging
- (2) slithering
- (3) squirming
- (4) scampering

SECTION H: COMPREHENSION (4 X 1 mark)

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

Far away on a high mountain there lived a wicked giant. His voice was like the roar of thunder. When the ground was soft after the rain, his footsteps made deep holes on the mountain side.

"Take care!" the wise men of the nearby village used to say. "When the houses shake, flee from your homes and hide in caves. Only there will you be safe from him."

One moonlit night, when the ground trembled, everyone fled like the wind into the caves at the foot of the mountain. Gopi's grandparents were too old to flee from the village. Instead of running away, they hid in their shed and prayed that the giant would not find them. Gopi remained with them to take care of them.

Gopi stood in the doorway of his house with a kitchen knife in his hand. His grandparents urged him to run for his life but Gopi struck the giant's toes with his kitchen knife. The giant thought that a blade of grass had brushed his feet.

Seeing his plan fail, Gopi rushed into the house and took out a box of fireworks which he had been saving for Deepavali. He threw some matches into the box. Light and fire filled the air. Crackers burst around and flew everywhere, making much noise! Some burst in the giant's face. They burnt the giant's hair and ears and filled his eyes with smoke. Never before had he seen such a commotion. Confused and shocked, he escaped from the village and disappeared over the mountain.

21. The wise men advised the villagers to _____.
- (1) flee from the caves
 - (2) hide in caves during a thunderstorm
 - (3) live in caves to be safe from the giant
 - (4) hide in caves when they felt the giant coming
22. Gopi's grandparents _____ when the ground trembled.
- (1) hid in a shed
 - (2) fled like the wind
 - (3) urged Gopi to fight the giant
 - (4) prayed that Gopi would protect them
23. At first, Gopi struck the giant with _____.
- (1) his fist
 - (2) a kitchen knife
 - (3) some matches
 - (4) a blade of grass
24. The giant finally left the village because _____.
- (1) his eyes were burnt
 - (2) he saw a box of fireworks
 - (3) Gopi's grandparents chased him away
 - (4) he was frightened by the lights and fire



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

SECTION J: GRAMMAR 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) and~~

~~(B) by~~

~~(C) from~~

~~(D) of~~

~~(E) on~~

~~(F) to~~

~~(G) with~~

The first photographers were often painters or artists. They took portraits (25) _____ famous people, such as kings and their families, writers and poets. They also photographed rich people. Photography became popular (26) _____ 1950 onwards. Gradually more and more people could afford (27) _____ have their photographs taken. Newly-weds and families visited studios to have their photographs taken. Some people even wanted their photographs taken after they had died and were laid out (28) _____ their

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Now children can take photographs too. Photographs can be sent from one computer to another (29) _____ from one mobile phone to another. Today, billions of photographs are taken worldwide.

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) coming	(B) curious	(C) frightened
(D) killing	(E) searching	(F) suddenly

One dark night, a strange thing happened. Sam, the Spider, while (30) _____ for insects, came across a large hole near the wooden bridge where he lived. He was (31) _____ so he decided to enter the hole to take a look inside. He walked through the maze of tunnels carefully for nearly one and a half hours before (32) _____ to a large room at the end. (33) _____, in front of him, he saw half a dozen spiders sitting around a table singing "Happy Birthday, Sam!" What a pleasant surprise Sam had!

SECTION K: MODIFIED CLOZE (4 X 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Joe lived by the sea. One day, as Joe was taking a stroll, he (34) _____ something white moving slowly near the edge of the cliff. It was a seagull. One of her wings was badly (35) _____. Joe looked closely at the wing. There were drops of (36) _____ on it. Joe carried the seagull home. He washed the wing, put some (37) _____ on it and bandaged it. Then he cared for it every day and soon the wing started to heal

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. The pasingers in the car are all belted-up and ready to go.

39. "Why does the temperture of boiling water stay at 100°C?" asked Jonathan.

40. I can hear giggles, whispers and screms from the playground.

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. The girl is singing merrily. The boy is singing merrily.

_____ and

42. The dog bit Ali. Ali was bleeding profusely.

because _____

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.

Once there was a greedy landlord. He owned a lot of land which he rented it out to poor farmers. If they could not pay him his rent, he would force them to pay with their crops. Later he would sell **these** in the market at a high price.

One day, he had a quarrel with another landlord. This second landlord had a piece of land which was next to the greedy landlord's. A stone wall separated them. Now the greedy landlord said that the second landlord had moved this stone wall so as to take a bit of his land. The second landlord denied it. The quarrel became so intense that it was brought before the King himself.

The King had heard of this greedy landlord and he wanted to teach him a lesson. With a smile, the King said to him, "I believe you are right. I shall offer you something in return for what you have lost. Look out there! Do you see that land belonging to me? Try and run round as much of that land as you can before sunset tomorrow. All that land will then be yours."

The greedy landlord was very pleased with the King's offer. Early the next morning, the landlord began to run. He was big and heavy but he tried to run as fast as he could. He knew that the faster he ran, the more land he would be able to cover. He puffed and panted till his face turned blue but he kept on running. By sunset, he had covered much land. However, the moment he reached his goal, he lay on the ground motionlessly.

"Go and bury him on the spot where he fell. That will be his grave," said the King. "That's all the land that he has now."

Write your answers in complete sentences.

43. What did the landlord do with his land?

44. What does the word "these" (in paragraph 1) refer to?

45. How did the two landlords decide to settle the quarrel?

46. Which phrase in the passage tells us that the greedy landlord was fat?

47. What happened to the landlord in the end?

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS CAREFULLY.

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ANSWER SHEET

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

34)spotted 35)injured 36)blood 37)ointment

38)passengers 39)temperature 40)screams

41)The girl the boy are singing merrily.

42)Ali was bleeding profusely because the dog bit him.

43)He rented them out to the poor famer.

44)It refers to the poor farmers' crops.

45)They decided to bring the matter to the king.

46)The phrase is "big and heavy".

47)The landlord died.