



NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1 – 2008
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
Primary 3

Total Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Name : _____ ()

Class : Primary 3 _____

Date : 5 May 2008

Total Marks: _____ / 48

Parent's Signature

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Section A: Vocabulary MCQ (6 X 1 mark)

For questions 1 to 6, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Write the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

1. Alex _____ through the pages of the book quickly to look for some information on oceans.
(1) tore (2) flipped
(3) turned (4) brushed ()
2. The child who fell into the river struggled _____ in the water.
(1) hurriedly (2) eagerly
(3) helplessly (4) recklessly ()
3. Being a _____ pupil, Sally always hands in her work on time.
(1) active (2) cautious
(3) punctual (4) thoughtful ()
4. Lily took a /(an) _____ from the bookshelf to look for the map of the world.
(1) atlas (2) thesaurus
(3) dictionary (4) encyclopaedia ()
5. Paul gasped when he heard the _____ news that his friend had met with an accident.
(1) unlucky (2) prompt
(3) alarming (4) accidental ()
6. The _____ clapped and cheered after watching the magic show.
(1) audience (2) observers
(3) spectators (4) participants ()

Section B: Grammar MCQ (6 X 1 mark)

For questions 7 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Write the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

7. David and Daniel _____ their grandparents every Sunday.
(1) visit (2) visits ()
(3) visited (4) are visiting ()
8. The security guard _____ the gate after everyone had left the school.
(1) lock (2) locks ()
(3) locked (4) was locking ()
9. "Hurry! Your friends _____ for you at the bus stop," Mother rushed John.
(1) is waiting (2) are waiting ()
(3) was waiting (4) were waiting ()
10. Peter was disappointed that he could not go for the outing yesterday _____ he was ill.
(1) if (2) but ()
(3) as (4) and ()
11. "You are so clever! _____ did you manage to solve the problem so easily?" Jane asked her brother.
(1) Why (2) How ()
(3) What (4) When ()
12. Jasmine is the _____ girl today because it is her birthday.
(1) happy (2) happier ()
(3) happiest (4) most happy ()

Section C: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 2 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 13 to 17. Your answers must be based on the passage.

There are more than three hundred species of sharks but only 25 types are known to attack and devour humans. The largest species of sharks is the whale shark. Despite their huge size, they are rather harmless and feed on tiny fish and small sea animals. They also feed on tiny water plants known as plankton. The whale shark can reach a length of 15 metres. It is such a gentle creature that it would go out of its way in order to avoid colliding into other sea creatures and fish. 5

Unlike whale sharks, the white sharks, the hammerheads and the tiger sharks are known to be man-eaters. Sharks have a very keen sense of smell which enables them to find their prey quickly. They can also hear sounds from far away. They often hunt in a group and gather around a wounded fish, which they tear off chunks of flesh from its body viciously. 10

Although most sharks are greatly feared by humans, they are known to be hunted for their fins. Apart from the much sought-after shark fins, sharks are killed for their meat, skin, jaws and oil. The most common edible sharks are the sand shark, leopard shark and the angel shark. 15

For each question from 13 to 17, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Write the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

13. The biggest shark is the _____ shark.

- (1) sand
- (2) angel
- (3) whale
- (4) leopard

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14. The diet of the whale shark consists of _____.

- (1) other species of sharks
- (2) water plants and planktons
- (3) all plants, fish and sea animals
- (4) small sea animals and tiny water plants

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15. Sharks can hunt their prey quickly because they _____.
- (1) hunt in groups
 - (2) are huge in size
 - (3) have a strong sense of smell
 - (4) can attack other sea creatures easily
- ()
16. Based on the information in the text, which of these sentences is **true**?
- (1) Sharks are vicious creatures.
 - (2) People hunt sharks for their fins only.
 - (3) Sharks often collide into one another in water.
 - (4) The different parts of a shark are useful to people.
- ()
17. The _____ shark are often eaten by people.
- (1) tiger
 - (2) white
 - (3) leopard
 - (4) hammerhead
- ()

Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (8 X 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to M) in each blank.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) ability	(D) beautiful	(G) fascinating	(K) patterns
(B) amusing	(E) designs	(H) icy	(L) protected
(C) attacked	(F) detected	(J) informative	(M) sharp

The following is a letter written by Emily to her pen pal.

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6 April 2008

Dear Alice,

I watched a documentary on the Indian Ocean yesterday. The show was very (18) _____ and I learnt many things about this vast body of water.

The middle part of the Indian Ocean is warm but the water in the southern part of it is (19) _____ cold. Despite the coldness, thousands of species of plants and animals live there! The (20) _____ coral reefs in the ocean are such a treat to the eyes. It was (21) _____ to see whales, sharks and schools of colourful fish swimming around it.

I always thought that a shark was a huge grey marine animal with big, (22) _____ teeth and a pointed dorsal fin. In fact, some sharks are rather small and have colourful (23) _____ on their bodies. They have the (24) _____ to camouflage themselves. In this way, they are not easily (25) _____ by their prey.

I am going to watch a documentary on the Pacific Ocean tomorrow. I shall write and tell you about it.

Love,
Emily

Section E: Grammar Cloze (8 X 1 mark)

Read the following passage 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 A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) takes	(B) took	(C) take
(D) is taking	(E) have taken	(F) are taking

Victor decided to (26) _____ up swimming lessons early this year. His mother (27) _____ him to Clementi Swimming Pool every Saturday morning. Last week, however, she (28) _____ him there every day for more practices. Victor hopes to become the overall champion in his school swimming carnival this year. Most of his friends (29) _____ part in the coming swimming carnival too.

Passage 2

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(G) all	(H) any	(J) some
(K) more	(L) many	(M) much

It was ten o'clock on Sunday night. Joe was still doing his Social Studies project. He needed (30) _____ time to complete his project. However, he did not have (31) _____ time left because he needed to hand in his work the following morning. He tried to gather (32) _____ help from everyone in his family. After two hours, Joe managed to complete his project with the help of (33) _____ his family members.

Section F: Comprehension OE (5 x 2 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 34 to 38.

Long ago, there was a man who had a big dog named Alger. He treated his dog very well. He also had a little baby boy whom he loved very much.

One day, he had something important to do in town so he left his baby in the house with the dog. Not long after that, a large hungry python crawled into the baby's room through a hole in the wall. The python glided towards the baby's cot. The baby was fast asleep.

Just then, Alger woke up. It saw the python and rushed to protect the baby immediately. A fierce fight followed. Finally, Alger managed to kill the python but it was badly wounded and covered with a lot of blood.

That evening when the man returned, Alger wagged its tail joyfully and put its paws on its master's chest. The man noticed that there was blood on Alger's jaws and head. He was horrified.

Without hesitation, the man rushed into his baby's room. It was in a mess. The cot was overturned and he could not find his son. Overcome with emotions, he shot Alger. The dying dog looked at its master sadly.

The man turned and walked away. Then he heard the sound of a baby crying. He quickly followed the sound into the next room. There, he saw his beloved son and a dead python two metres away. The man then realised that he had made a terrible mistake. He cried **bitterly** for his faithful dog.

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

34. How did the python get into the baby's room?

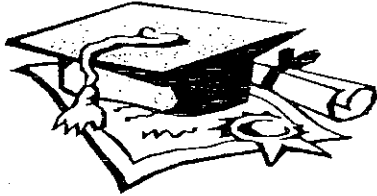
35. Why was there a fight between the python and the dog?

36. What did the man think of when he saw the overturned cot?

37. Which sentence tells you that the man realised that his son was still alive?

38. Why did the man cry "bitterly" (line 19)?

End-of-Paper



ANSWER SHEET

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TERM : SA 1

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

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33
J	H	D	G	M	K	A	F	C	A	K	F	K	M	J	G

34) It crawled into the baby's room through a hole in the wall.

35) The python wanted to eat the baby the dog protected the baby from the python.

36) He thought the dog had eaten the baby.

37) The sentence "Then he heard the sound of a baby crying."

38) He realized that he had made a terrible mistake of killing his faithful dog.