



**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
FIRST SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2015**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY THREE

BOOKLET B

TOTAL TIME: 1 hour 35 minutes

Name: _____ () Class: Pr 3 ()

Parent's Signature: _____

Booklet A: Listening Comprehension	/14
Booklet B: Part 1 & Part 2 – Language Use & Comprehension	/50
Writing	/20
Oral	/16
Total	/100

Any query on marks awarded should be raised by 21 May 2015. We seek your understanding in this matter as any delay in the confirmation of marks will lead to delays in the generation of results.

PART 1

SECTION A: GRAMMAR (8 X 1 mark)

For each question from 1 to 8, 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).

1. "Do you have a friend _____ father is a policeman?" asked John.

- (1) who
- (2) what
- (3) which
- (4) whose

2. While Matthew and I _____ on our project, the telephone rang.

- (1) is working
- (2) was working
- (3) are working
- (4) were working

3. Ming Wei shouldn't sleep after ten o'clock, _____ he?

- (1) will
- (2) isn't
- (3) should
- (4) wouldn't

4. "Did he _____ to bring his spectacles again?" groaned Mrs Lee.

- (1) forget
- (2) forgot
- (3) forgets
- (4) forgotten

5. There are only _____ more days left before the holidays start.

- (1) many
- (2) much
- (3) a few
- (4) a little

6. Anna and I prepared a sumptuous feast all by _____.
- (1) myself
 - (2) herself
 - (3) ourselves
 - (4) themselves
7. "John _____ to work harder for his next test," Mrs Singh told his mother.
- (1) need
 - (2) needs
 - (3) needed
 - (4) is needed
8. _____ teenagers standing there have a good view of their favourite actor.
- (1) This
 - (2) That
 - (3) These
 - (4) Those

SECTION B: VOCABULARY (6 X 1 mark)

For each question from 9 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).

9. Mother blew _____ the candles on her cake with one breath.
- (1) in
 - (2) up
 - (3) out
 - (4) down
10. All the tickets have been sold out. There were no _____ seats in the concert hall.
- (1) clean
 - (2) vacant
 - (3) occupied
 - (4) abandoned

11. Chicken pox is extremely _____. Please rest at home until you have fully recovered from it so that you will not spread it to others.
- (1) incurable
 - (2) unhealthy
 - (3) distasteful
 - (4) contagious
12. John flexed his _____ to show the audience how strong he was.
- (1) wrists
 - (2) ankles
 - (3) elbows
 - (4) muscles
13. The general _____ the brave soldiers to charge towards their enemies.
- (1) committed
 - (2) commanded
 - (3) commended
 - (4) complimented
14. Old Mr Lim is able to swim twenty laps at a go. He is as _____ as a fiddle.
- (1) fit
 - (2) frail
 - (3) agile
 - (4) active

PART 2

SECTION C: GRAMMAR CLOZE (8 X 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to G) in each blank. **USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.**

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| (A) he | (B) I | (C) it | (D) she |
| (E) they | (F) we | (G) you | |

Passage 1

My classmates and I sat quietly. (15) _____ were waiting for Max to hand in his homework. (16) _____ tugged at the zipper of his bag but it refused to budge. The teacher, Mrs Ong, went to Max and took his bag away. (17) _____ reached into his bag and took out its contents. There were biscuits, broken pencils, and even some action figures. Finally, she pulled out a wrinkled sheet of paper. "I knew (18) _____ was in there!" exclaimed Max. Mrs Ong glared at him angrily.

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| (A) about | (B) between | (C) by | (D) during |
| (E) from | (F) on | (G) out | |

Passage 2

An unfortunate incident took place last night. Thousands of fish died in coastal farms 500 metres away (19) _____ Changi. Farmers woke up this morning and saw dead fish floating (20) _____ the surface of the water. The mass deaths had occurred (21) _____ the night. The deaths were due to gill damage caused (22) _____ bacteria. Laboratory tests conducted so far did not detect toxins in the fish. Farmers would need to learn new farming methods to prevent this from happening again.

SECTION D: EDITING FOR SPELLING (4 X 1 mark)

Correct each underlined word for Spelling. Write the correct word in the box provided.

23.

Cheryl had a health check recently. The nurse notised that Cheryl was

24.

25.

having diffiulty in seeing objects that were far away. She suggestedd that she get her

vision checked. Cheryl took the medical report home and showed it to her parents.

"I think we should make an appointment with an optometrist," said her father

26.

with great concern. Cheryl fell silant with downcast eyes. She could hardly imagine how

she would look like with glasses.

Adapted from 180 Days of Reading for Fifth Grade, Margot Kinberg

SECTION E: SENTENCE COMBINING (4 X 2 marks)

For each of the following sentences, rewrite the given sentences using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same of the given sentences.

27. Mother washed the plates. Colin dried the plates with a dishcloth.

_____ before

28. You pay attention in class. You will be able to complete your homework.

_____ if

29. Mr Tan's car broke down. Mr Tan was on time for the meeting.

Although _____

30. Esther is well-liked by all her friends. Esther is a kind person.

_____ so

SECTION F: COMPREHENSION (8 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

5 Fiona chanced upon chess as a hungry nine-year-old searching for food in the slums. "I was very hungry," said the eighteen-year-old Fiona. She explained, "My dad lost his job when I was three. We struggled to get food as my mum was not working." The family lived only on one meal a day. She was forced to drop out of school at the age of six as her mother could not afford the fees.

10 One day, Fiona discovered a chess programme held in her hometown. Participants were offered a free cup of porridge, so Fiona began organising her days around this. "But I didn't go there for chess. I went just to get a free meal," she recalled of the times when she first played chess. As she attended the programme, something unexpected happened. The young girl developed a talent for chess, which was only introduced in Uganda in the 1970s by foreign doctors and was still seen as a game played by the rich.

15 According to the Uganda Chess Federation, Fiona made history in school competitions by becoming the first girl to compete in the boys' category. She also had the opportunity to play against Garry Kasparov, the former world champion. While her goal was to attain the Grandmaster title, she also hoped to become a doctor and start a home for children.

Adapted from <http://news.asiaone.com/news/showbiz/slum-girl-silver-screen-ugandas-chess-prodigy>

Q31. Fill in the blanks with numbers 1, 2 and 3 to indicate the order of events that occurred in Fiona's life. [1m]

Event	Order
Fiona chanced upon chess when she was looking for food in the slums.	
Fiona dropped out of school as her mother could not afford the fees.	
Fiona took part in school chess competitions.	

Q32. Why did Fiona play chess in the beginning? [2m]

Q33. Which word in paragraph 2 has the same meaning as 'remembered'? [1m]

For Q34, read the statement and tick (✓) 'True' or 'False'. The first example has been done for you. [1m]

Statement		True	False
Example	Chess was introduced in Uganda in the 1970s.	✓	
Q34.	When Fiona first played chess, she was extremely talented in it.		

Q35. List two goals Fiona hoped to achieve apart from attaining the Grandmaster title. [2m]

- (i) _____
- (ii) _____

Q36. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

In her participation in school competitions, Fiona was remembered for

[1m]

_____.

<input type="checkbox"/>	competing against the rich pupils.
<input type="checkbox"/>	playing against a former world champion.
<input type="checkbox"/>	being the first girl to compete in the boys' category.

SECTION G: COMPREHENSION (4 X 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

5 Tim was a shy boy who wanted to be brave. One day, he decided to look for someone who could help him overcome his fears. When he came to a village, he saw a crowd surrounding a giant. Tim heard the giant exclaim, "Don't be frightened. I've killed the wicked dragon!" Tim asked, "Aren't you afraid of anything?" Before the giant could reply, a wasp began buzzing round him. "Help! It's going to s-s-sting me!" shouted the giant. Realising the giant was not as brave as he had claimed to be, Tim shook his head in amusement and went on his way.

10 Then, Tim came to the seaside and noticed a house on top of the cliff. He asked a woman who dwelled in that house. She replied, "Extraordinary Aneka lives there. Did you know that an eagle once stole her baby? She climbed up to its nest and got him back!" Tim went up the hill to ask Aneka how to be brave. She explained, "I don't know how I managed to be brave. I'm just fearful that my baby will be in danger."

15 With that, Tim decided to go home. If Aneka and the giant were frightened of something, there was no point in looking any further. As he reached the yard, he saw several bandits attacking his parents in their cottage. Even as fear arose in his heart, Tim did not want any harm to befall them. He grabbed a sword from his shed, charged into the house and fought bravely. The need to protect his loved ones gave him courage in the end.

Adapted from 'The Boy Who Wanted To Be Brave' by C. Ubac

Write your answers in complete sentences. (4 x 2m = 8m)

37. Where did Tim meet the giant?

38. How did Tim know that the giant was not as brave as he claimed to be?

39. Why did Aneka climb up an eagle's nest?

40. What happened to Tim's parents during his absence?

END OF PAPER

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS CAREFULLY



EXAM PAPER 2015

LEVEL : PRIMARY 3

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SUBJECT : ENGLISH

TERM : SA1

Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Q 5	Q 6	Q 7	Q 8	Q 9	Q 10
4	4	3	4	3	3	2	4	2	2
Q 11	Q 12	Q 13	Q 14	Q 15	Q 16	Q 17	Q 18	Q 19	Q 20
4	4	2	1	F	A	D	C	E	F
Q 21	Q 22								
D	C								

Q23 noticed Q24 difficulty Q25 suggested Q26 silent

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Q30. Esther is a kind person, so she is well-liked by all her friends.

Q31. 1 – Fiona dropped out of school as her mother could not afford the fees.

Q31. 2 – Fiona chanced upon chess when she was looking for food in the slums.

Q31. 3 – Fiona took part in school chess competitions.

Q32. She wanted to get a free meal.

Q33. Recalled

Q34. FALSE

Q35. (i) Fiona wanted to start a home for children.

Q35. (ii) Fiona wanted to become a doctor.

Q36. Being the first girl to compete in the boys' category.

Q37. Tim met the giant at a village.

Q38. The giant heard a wasp began buzzing around him and was scared that the wasp might sting him.

Q39. Aneka climbed up to the eagle's nest to save her baby.

Q40. There were several bandits attacking his parents in his cottage.