



**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL  
FIRST SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2015**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**PRIMARY FOUR**

**BOOKLET B**

TOTAL TIME: 1 hour 35 minutes

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Class : Pr 4 ( )

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Booklet A : Listening Comprehension	/14
Booklet B : Language Use & Comprehension (Part 1 and Part 2)	/50
Writing	/20
Oral	/16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>/100</b>

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 m = 8 marks)**

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) provided.

1. I could not speak Japanese well enough to make \_\_\_\_\_ understood.
  - (1) myself
  - (2) himself
  - (3) ourselves
  - (4) themselves
  
2. Do you want to eat \_\_\_\_\_ peanuts from the plate over there?
  - (1) this
  - (2) that
  - (3) these
  - (4) those
  
3. "\_\_\_\_\_ of my precious time has been wasted looking for that worksheet!" exclaimed the disorganised boy.
  - (1) More
  - (2) Many
  - (3) Much
  - (4) Several
  
4. Robert became more fearful with \_\_\_\_\_ step he took towards the abandoned hut.
  - (1) more
  - (2) most
  - (3) every
  - (4) several
  
5. My elder brother will \_\_\_\_\_ his vacation job at McDonalds in a few days' time.
  - (1) begin
  - (2) began
  - (3) begins
  - (4) beginning

6. My sister \_\_\_\_\_ school tomorrow.

- (1) start
- (2) starts
- (3) started
- (4) has been starting

7. The pupils saw flashes of lightning when they \_\_\_\_\_ their books.

- (1) reads
- (2) have read
- (3) was reading
- (4) were reading

8. She claims to be a princess but few \_\_\_\_\_ her.

- (1) believe
- (2) believes
- (3) believed
- (4) were believing

**SECTION B: VOCABULARY (6 x 1 m = 6 marks)**

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. The poor seamstress \_\_\_\_\_ to earn an honest living.

- (1) strives
- (2) flaunts
- (3) pleases
- (4) searches

10. My parents are very \_\_\_\_\_ as they believe that wearing black clothes during Chinese New Year brings bad luck.
- (1) thoughtful
  - (2) distrusting
  - (3) suspicious
  - (4) superstitious
11. The tiny player proved to everyone that being small is not a/an \_\_\_\_\_ to playing basketball.
- (1) fault
  - (2) reason
  - (3) obstacle
  - (4) blockage
12. Pretending to be helpful, the stranger's \_\_\_\_\_ was to cheat the old woman of all her savings.
- (1) motive
  - (2) ambition
  - (3) profession
  - (4) imagination
13. Concerned members of the public \_\_\_\_\_ the authorities about the huge rats seen scampering near the MRT station.
- (1) alerted
  - (2) showed
  - (3) covered
  - (4) complained
14. The ponies at the zoo are tame and are \_\_\_\_\_ to being fed by the visitors.
- (1) adapted
  - (2) improved
  - (3) transformed
  - (4) accustomed

**PART 2**  
**SECTION C: GRAMMAR CLOZE (8 X 1m = 8 marks)**

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

A) he	B) him	C) it
D) she	E) they	F) you

**Passage 1**

James prefers being a baker. (15) \_\_\_\_\_ is a far cry from his previous job as a cashier. For one thing, (16) \_\_\_\_\_ obtains much satisfaction in churning out fanciful treats. The curt remarks of some customers had put (17) \_\_\_\_\_ off the job as a cashier.

On one occasion, James was serving a customer. A female customer, who was standing behind, started ranting about James' slow service. (18) \_\_\_\_\_ threw her groceries on the conveyor belt and demanded that James serve her first. The customer was eventually asked to leave but James had decided he did not want to deal with unreasonable customers anymore.

**Passage 2**

Read the passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

The puffer fish is a small fish as well as a slow swimmer. For this reason, the puffer fish 19. (has / have) to protect itself from other fishes.

When predators 20. (comes / come) near, the puffer fish swallows air and water, enabling it to 21. (puffs / puff) its body up. This sudden change scares the enemies away. Moreover, the puffer fish 22. (is / are) covered with sharp spines. These features enable the puffer fish to ward off all its enemies.

**SECTION D: SENTENCE-COMBINING ( 4 X 2m = 8 marks )**

For each of the questions from 23 to 26, combine the sentences to make one sentence using the word (s) given. The meaning of the sentences must be the same as the sentences given.

23. Sally created this beautiful statue. She used recycled materials.

Using \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

24. Go to the Art and Science museum. You can see the famous painting there.

\_\_\_\_\_ if  
\_\_\_\_\_

25. James had to call his mother from school. He was feeling unwell.

\_\_\_\_\_ so  
\_\_\_\_\_

26. Karen enjoys eating french fries regularly. French fries are unhealthy.

Although \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION E: COMPREHENSION (10 x 1m = 10 marks)**

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

I was doing my homework when I heard raised voices. At first, I thought it was the customers in the motorcycle shop directly below us as they were often unruly and loud. However, I soon realised that this was different.

5 "Quick! Remove the motorcycles from the shop!" someone yelled. Then, a burning smell filled the air. When I opened the front door to investigate, a thick cloud of smoke greeted me. The motorcycle shop had caught fire!

Mother hurried to the living room. We rushed out of the door and were heading to the stairway when Mother stopped in her tracks. She turned around and headed back the way we came.

10 She had suddenly remembered the frail Chinese lady who lived next door to us. Mother began banging on her door but to no avail. As the smoke thickened around us, I could see many of our neighbours scurry for safety.

"She would have run for safety like everyone else!" I cried. However, Mother refused to give up, even though I could see the panic in her eyes.

15 "I know she's still inside as she always takes an afternoon nap after lunch," she said. "Go, Shaji! Go!" Frozen with fear, I stood rooted to the spot. Just as we were beginning to suffocate, the door opened. The old lady stood there, looking perplexed.

Grabbing her hand, Mother led her downstairs to a safe spot. When the old lady comprehended the gravity of the situation, she was filled with gratitude.

Mother had become a hero in our eyes.

*Adapted from "My Story", Readers' Digest*

For Q27-28, read each statement and tick (✓) "True" or "False". The first example has been done for you. [2m]

Statement		True	False
Example	The writer was interrupted by the raised voices while he was doing his homework.	✓	
Q27.	The writer and his family lived below the motorcycle shop.		
Q28.	The writer often heard loud noises coming from the motorcycle shop.		

For Q29, write 1, 2 and 3 in the boxes below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story. [1m]

Mother rushed into the living room.	
The writer realised that there was a fire.	
The old lady was confused by the commotion.	

30. Which word in Paragraph 4 means the same as "run"? [1m]

31. Which sentence in the passage tells us that Mother was unsuccessful in alerting the old lady to the fire? [2m]

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32. Why did Shaji's mother think that the old lady was still in the building? [2m]

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33. Which word has the same meaning as 'seriousness'? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

When the old lady comprehended the gravity of the situation, she was filled  
(A)  
with gratitude.  
(B)

34. Which sentence best describes the author's feelings about his mother? [1m]

Statement	Tick
He was filled with admiration for his mother.	
He felt that his mother did not care for his safety.	
He was ashamed that his mother panicked when there was no response from the old lady.	

**SECTION F: COMPREHENSION ( 5 X 2m = 10 marks )**

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Kristen and Susan were feeling bored and decided to go to the one place their mother had told them never to go. Giggling, they took little shuffling steps and sat on the frozen river. Minutes later, they heard a loud crack.

5 Kristen spun around and scrambled back to safety. To her horror, Susan crashed through the ice, her round, dimpled face disappearing into the depths of the water.

"Susan, can you reach my hand?" cried Kristen. Now, she would have given anything to go back up the hill and never come down.

10 All of a sudden, the ice broke under Kristen! She fell into the river but managed to grab a solid ledge of the ice, holding on until a man and his dog loomed above her. The man lifted her out, set her down and told her to wait at the bridge above.

15 Kristen nodded and then, she gasped, "Where's my sister?" Frantic, the man looked around and spotted a bright red T-shirt and pink leggings half a kilometre downriver. He and his dog started running along the river bank but she was about 1.5m from the edge and the current was carrying her along like a log.

20 The man threw the dog's leash at Susan but it was not long enough. He decided to tie the leash around Rocky and command it to swim to her. Rocky loved the cold. He once dug a snow cave to play in when it was - 46.1° C. He was the girl's only hope.

25 The dog leapt into the river and swiftly paddled against the current towards Susan. He nudged the girl to take his leash. When she did not take it, he pushed her with his paw as if to say, "Come on. We're running out of time." The girl grabbed the leash feebly and the dog pulled her ashore.

*Adapted from "Hero Pet", Readers' Digest*

Answer these questions. Write your answers in complete sentences.

36. Where did the two girls' mother advise them not to go?

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37. Which sentence tells us that Kristen wished that she had not disobeyed her mother?

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38. What helped the passer-by spot Susan?

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39. Why couldn't Susan grab hold of the leash when the man threw it to her?

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40. Explain clearly why the dog nudged Susan.

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**TERM : SA1**

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
1	4	3	3	1	2	4	1	1	4
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
3	1	1	1	C	A	B	D	has	come
Q21	Q22								
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- Q23. Using recycled materials, Sally created this beautiful statue.
- Q24. You can see the famous painting at the Art and Science museum if you go there.
- Q25. James was feeling unwell so he had to call his mother from school.
- Q26. Although french fries are unhealthy, Karen enjoys eating them regularly.
- Q27. TRUE                      Q28. TRUE
- Q29. 1. The writer realized that there was a fire.  
2. Mother rushed into the living room  
3. The old lady was confused by the commotion.
- Q30. Scurry
- Q31. The sentence is 'Mother began banging on her door but to no avail.'
- Q32. The old lady would always take an afternoon nap after lunch.
- Q33. Gravity
- Q34. He was filled with admiration for his mother.
- Q36. She told the girls not to go to the frozen river.
- Q37. The sentence's 'Now, she would have given anything to go back up the hill and never come down.'
- Q38. Susan's bright red T-shirt and pink leggings helped the passer -by spot her easily.
- Q39. The leash was not long enough.
- Q40. It wanted her to take his leash so that he could pull her up ashore.