



**NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL
2017 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Primary 4

Paper 2

Name : _____ ()

Class : Primary 4 _____

Date : 3 May 2017

Total Marks: _____ / 50

Parent's Signature

Duration: 1 hour 15 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. Answer all questions.

SECTION A: VOCABULARY (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. I have to ensure that the _____ of the cake are mixed well before baking.
- (1) gear
 - (2) supplies
 - (3) equipment
 - (4) ingredients
- ()
2. Instead of taking pity on the beggars on the street, she _____ at them in disgust.
- (1) grinned
 - (2) cheered
 - (3) sneered
 - (4) chuckled
- ()
3. We all agreed that the box is too _____ to fit into the small cupboard.
- (1) bulky
 - (2) fragile
 - (3) heavy
 - (4) compact
- ()
4. There are _____ food supplies in the country so we do not need to worry about being hungry.
- (1) limited
 - (2) abundant
 - (3) inadequate
 - (4) insufficient
- ()
5. He _____ back to class as he had injured his ankle.
- (1) strolled
 - (2) sprinted
 - (3) stormed
 - (4) staggered
- ()

6. Tom was so well-behaved throughout the day that Mrs Tan could only comment that he was _____.

- (1) as good as gold
- (2) as happy as a lark
- (3) as gentle as a lamb
- (4) as playful as a kitten

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SECTION B: GRAMMAR (8 X 1 mark)

For questions 7 to 14, 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. The shops _____ Orchard Road are always brightly lit during the Christmas season.

- (1) along
- (2) against
- (3) through
- (4) between

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8. Due to the heavy rain, the soccer competition had to be put _____ to a later date.

- (1) up
- (2) off
- (3) away
- (4) down

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9. He was attacked by a _____ of bees in the forest.

- (1) flock
- (2) troop
- (3) flight
- (4) swarm

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10. We have never been to Australia. We are looking forward to an _____ experience when we are there.

- (1) excited
- (2) exciting
- (3) excitedly
- (4) excitement

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11. I want to go to _____ shops across the road to see if I can get some Christmas gifts there.

- (1) this
- (2) that
- (3) those
- (4) these

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12. He works in a shop _____ sells watches.

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

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13. A band of musicians _____ hired to perform at the party last night.

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

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14. James _____ here a minute ago. Where could he be now?

- (1) wait
- (2) waits
- (3) is waiting
- (4) was waiting

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SECTION C: GRAMMAR CLOZE (PERSONAL PRONOUNS) (4 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 F) in each blank.

(A) me	(B) my	(C) us
(D) your	(E) their	(F) our

I had a very good day today. My day started off with a plate of (15) _____ favourite pancakes for breakfast. When I got to school, my best friend John said, "(16) _____ new haircut looks good on you!" When we went to class, our form teacher announced to (17) _____ that our class was rewarded with a one-hour recess for being the cleanest classroom of the term. Everyone in the school envied us as they wanted (18) _____ own class to win. My classmates and I really enjoyed the one-hour recess break.

Original

SECTION D: GRAMMAR CLOZE (SUBJECT-VERB AGREEMENT) (4 X 1 mark)

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

I love fruits. There (19) [is / are] many different types of fruits to choose from. Some of my favourite fruits (20) [includes / include] grapes, mangoes and apples. My mother (21) [tries / try] to look for my favourite fruits whenever she can. Unfortunately, grapes and mangoes are not always available. Sometimes, I (22) [joins / join] my mother to help her select fruits. She is happy that I am willing to try other fruits when my favourite ones are not available.

Original

SECTION E: SYNTHESIS & TRANSFORMATION (2 X 1 mark)

For each of the items, rewrite the given sentences using the word provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of each sentence must be the same as the given ones.

23. John is allergic to dust. John cannot be in a dusty room.

_____ since

24. I know a friend. My friend's brother speaks five languages.

_____ whose

SECTION F: EDITING (6 x 1) marks

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes.

Singapore Zoo is the first zoo in the world to feature a free-ranging area for the orang
utans.

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Our orang utan habitat is one of our biggest exibits and certainly the most unique.

Two free-ranging areas, an island and a boardwalk complete with tall trees and thick

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vegetation, have been created for visitors to view these fasinating creatures.

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The absent of walls and the inclusion of the raised boardwalk allow guests to have an

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almost entirely 360 degree view in an elevated angle.

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To reproduce the natural rainforest enviroment, multi-tier climbing platforms have
been constructed for these creatures to swing, climb and play around. These double up as

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escape routes when fights break up. Our orang utan habitat is also equipped with play
structures to ensure these smart apes stay intellectually and physically engaged every day.

Adapted from <http://www.zoo.com.sg/>

SECTION G: COMPREHENSION 1 (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 31 to 39.

Once upon a time, there lived a farmer in a village. He had a big garden that had an old apple tree. When the farmer was a little boy, he spent much of his time playing with the apple tree and the animals living in it. Those days, the apple tree had given the choicest of apples to him. However, the apple tree became old and stopped bearing fruits. 5

The farmer decided that the apple tree was useless and wanted to chop it down to use its wood to make some new furniture. He forgot that the apple tree was home to several animals like the squirrels, birds and insects. When the farmer took his axe and began chopping the tree, all the little animals came rushing down.

They gathered round the farmer and pleaded, "Please don't cut the tree. This is our home and we have no other place to go". 10

However, their protests fell on deaf ears. Despite all their requests, the farmer was insistent. He raised his axe and continued to chop down the tree.

Suddenly, he noticed something shiny. On inspecting it, he realized that it was a beehive, full of honey. He took a little and put it in his mouth. The honey tasted so good that it brought a sense of happiness to him. Suddenly, the memories of his childhood came rushing back. He smiled and exclaimed, "This tastes amazing." 15

Finally, the farmer realised his mistake and put down his axe. He understood that the tree was home to many animals that provided him with many fond memories. 20

He dropped the axe and said to the little creatures, "I promise that I would never cut this tree. You can now live in peace and harmony."

The little creatures thanked the bees profusely. If the farmer had not found the beehive, they would have been homeless. They continued living happily in the old apple tree. 25

Adapted from http://www.kidsworldfun.com/shortstories_theboyandtheappletree.php

31. Why did the apple tree stop bearing fruits? [1m]

32. Which word has the same meaning as "objections"? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

However, their <u>protests</u> fell on deaf ears. Despite all their <u>requests</u> , the	
(A)	(B)
farmer was insistent.	

33. Tick \checkmark your chosen answer.

The little creatures were grateful to the _____ for continuing to have a home.
[1m]

<input type="checkbox"/>	bees
<input type="checkbox"/>	farmer
<input type="checkbox"/>	apples

34. According to the passage, list two animals that lived in the old apple tree.

1) _____ [1m]

2) _____ [1m]

35. Why did the animals gather around the farmer? [1m]
- (1) They wanted to play with the farmer.
 - (2) They wanted the farmer to live together with them.
 - (3) They wanted to stop the farmer from chopping down the apple tree. ()

36. What does the word "This" in line 17 refer to? [1m]

37. Which four-word phrase in **paragraph 4** tells you that the farmer ignored the animals requests? [1m]

38. According to the passage, which one of the following statements is false? [1m]

- (1) The animals left the apple tree.
- (2) The farmer liked the honey he tasted.
- (3) The farmer played with the animals when he was a boy. ()

39. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the sequence of events that occurred in the passage. [1m]

_____ The farmer understood the apple tree was still useful and put down his axe.

_____ The animals pleaded with the farmer not to chop down the old apple tree.

_____ The farmer was insistent and continued to chop down the old apple tree.

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SECTION H: COMPREHENSION 2 (10 marks)

Read the following passage carefully and answer questions 40 to 45.

Sammy and his sister Marie visited their grandparents at the countryside during the school holidays. One afternoon, Sammy picked up a slingshot to play in the woods. He practised all afternoon but he could never hit the target. Getting a little discouraged, he headed back for lunch. As he was walking back, he saw Grandmother's pet duck.

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On impulse, he let the slingshot fly and it hit the duck square in the head and killed it. In a panic, he hid the dead duck in a pile of wood. Marie had seen all of it from the window but she said nothing. The next day after lunch, Grandmother said, "Marie, let's wash the dishes." Marie replied, "But Grandma, Sammy told me he wanted to help in the kitchen."

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Then she whispered to Sammy, "Remember the duck?" Sammy got nervous as he realised that his sister knew about the duck. If he did not obey Marie, she would tell their grandparents about it. So without saying a word, he washed the dishes.

Later that day, Grandfather asked the children if they wanted to go fishing but Grandmother said, "I'm sorry but I need Marie to help me make dinner." Marie just smiled and said, "Well, that's all right because Sammy told me he wanted to help you."

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She whispered again to Sammy, "Remember the duck?" So Marie went fishing and Sammy stayed to help even though he wanted very much to go fishing. After several days of being taken advantage of by Marie, Sammy finally could not stand it any longer. He went to Grandmother and confessed that he had killed the duck.

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Grandmother knelt down, gave him a hug and said, "Sweetheart, I know. I was standing at the window and I saw the whole thing. Because I love you, I forgive you. I was just wondering how long you would let Marie take advantage of you."

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Sammy smiled. He was relieved that he could enjoy the rest of his remaining school holidays.

Adapted from <http://www.moralstories.org/little-boy-slingshot/>

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

40. Where did Sammy practise playing his slingshot? [1m]

41. Which word from **paragraph 2** has the same meaning as "a strong feeling of fear"? [1m]

42. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the sequence of events that occurred in the story. [1m]

_____ Sammy hid the dead pet duck in a pile of wood.

_____ Marie took advantage of Sammy for several days.

_____ Sammy and Marie visited their grandparents at the countryside.

43. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	-Statement	True/False	Reason
(i)	Sammy was a good slingshot player.		
(ii)	Marie lied when she said that Sammy wanted to help Grandmother make dinner.		
(iii)	Grandmother punished Sammy for killing her pet duck.		

44. How did Marie make Sammy do all her chores? [2m]

45. Why did Sammy confess to Grandma that he killed the duck? [2m]

EXAM PAPER 2017 (P4)

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3	2	3	4						
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15)B

16)D

17)C

18)E

19)many

20)include

21)tries

22)join

23)John cannot be in a dusty room since he is allergic to dust.

- 24) I know a friend whose brother speaks five languages.
- 25) exhibits
- 26) fascinating
- 27) absence
- 28) at
- 29) environment
- 30) out
- 31) The apple tree became old.
- 32) A
- 33) bees
- 34) 1) Squirrels
2) Birds
- 35) 3
- 36) It refers to the honey
- 37) fell on deaf ears
- 38) 1
- 39) 3, 1, 2
- 40) Sammy practiced playing his slingshot in the woods.
- 41) panic
- 42) 2, 3, 1
- 43) i) False – Sammy practiced all afternoon but he could not hit the target.
ii) True – Sammy wanted to go fishing but he stayed to help Grandma make dinner.
iii) False – Grandmother knelt down and gave Sammy a hug.
- 44) Marie threatened to tell their grandmother about the dead duck.

45)He could not longer stand being taken advantage of by Marie.