



**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL  
FIRST SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2012**



**PRIMARY FOUR**

**BOOKLET B:  
LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION  
(MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS)**

TOTAL TIME: 1 hour 35 minutes

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 4 ( )

You would have completed questions 1 to 4 from Booklet A: Listening. Continue with the next section, Section D.

SECTION D: GRAMMAR (8 x 1 m = 8 marks)

For each question from 5 to 12, 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. Playing soccer is \_\_\_\_\_ in this void deck.
- (1) forbids
  - (2) forbade
  - (3) forbidden
  - (4) forbidding
6. The kitten laps \_\_\_\_\_ the water in the bowl.
- (1) up
  - (2) with
  - (3) over
  - (4) away
7. John, together with his parents, \_\_\_\_\_ going camping next week.
- (1) is
  - (2) are
  - (3) was
  - (4) were
8. I was happy to see familiar faces \_\_\_\_\_ the crowd.
- (1) at
  - (2) of
  - (3) over
  - (4) among
9. Nobody appreciated Siew Lee \_\_\_\_\_ she did many things for the class party.
- (1) as
  - (2) while
  - (3) since
  - (4) although

10. The paramedics were taking out the stretcher when Jo Hong \_\_\_\_\_ his eyes.

- (1) open
- (2) opens
- (3) opened
- (4) opening

11. They did not \_\_\_\_\_ the movie last Saturday.

- (1) watch
- (2) watches
- (3) watched
- (4) watching

12. The lady \_\_\_\_\_ answered the telephone was rather rude.

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

SECTION E: VOCABULARY (6 x 1 m = 6 marks)

For each question from 13 to 18, 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).

13. The date of the match \_\_\_\_\_ with Chinese New Year, so we need to postpone the match.

- (1) collided
- (2) confused
- (3) coincided
- (4) combined

14. Susie is not a strong swimmer, so she can only swim in the \_\_\_\_\_ pool.

- (1) deep
- (2) empty
- (3) shallow
- (4) concealed

15. The old lady had been \_\_\_\_\_ by the trickster to surrender all her jewellery.
- (1) betrayed
  - (2) attracted
  - (3) deceived
  - (4) embarrassed
16. Can you add some orange \_\_\_\_\_ to the cake to enhance the flavour?
- (1) essence
  - (2) dressing
  - (3) seasoning
  - (4) ingredients
17. The witnesses heard the wheels of the car \_\_\_\_\_ before it came to a halt.
- (1) shriek
  - (2) squeal
  - (3) scrape
  - (4) screech
18. The camp commander is worried that the \_\_\_\_\_ of food is insufficient for the entire group for the next five days.
- (1) pool
  - (2) supply
  - (3) mixture
  - (4) category

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

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. For each question from 19 to 23, 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).

Hot wind blew and fanned a wildfire that consumed homes, ranches and woodlands. At the edge of the forest, the fire got closer and closer to a nest of newborn cottontail rabbits. The shrub that sheltered them began to smoulder. Too young to flee, the helpless rabbits waited for their mother to return. Burning ash drifted into their nest and scorched their delicate ears.

A firefighter who was nearby heard a noise. He peered into the shrub and found the quivering nest of tiny rabbits, each one about the size of a small egg and too young to see or hear. There was no sign of the mother rabbit. The fire roared close to the place where the rabbits were. The firefighter scooped up the babies and gently placed them into his pockets.

Hours later, the six rabbits travelled in a shoebox to Wild Rescue, where wildlife rehabilitation expert Diana took them in. They smelled like a forest fire. The edges of their ears were ragged from the burns and they were suffering from smoke inhalation. Diana guessed they were about seven days old. She transferred the babies into a warm, humid incubator that would soothe their burnt skin.

"They can breathe but that's about it," said Diana who had rehabilitated thousands of cottontail rabbits. "They move slowly, which tells me they're in pain." She hoped that they would have the strength to survive. The rabbit with the worst burns did not.

Adapted from *Rabbit Rescue* by Kitson Jazyanka

19. The wildfire spread because of the \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) burning ash that drifted in the air
- 2) fire at the edge of the forest
- 3) hot wind blowing through the forest
- 4) nearby homes, ranches and woodlands

20. The rabbits did not escape because they were \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) badly burnt
- 2) protected in the shrub
- 3) waiting for their mother
- 4) too young and could not see

21. The firefighter rescued the rabbits \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) before they were scorched
- 2) after their nest was burnt down
- 3) when he received news from Diana
- 4) after he heard the noise in the shrub

22. Diana put the rabbits in the incubator to \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) help them breathe
- 2) soothe their burnt skin
- 3) cure their scorched ears
- 4) prevent smoke inhalation

23. In the end, \_\_\_\_\_ of the rabbits were alive.

1) one

2) two

3) five

4) six



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**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**PRIMARY FOUR**

**BOOKLET C:  
LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION  
(OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS)**

TOTAL TIME: 1 hour 35 minutes

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

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

Any query on marks awarded should be raised by 21 May 2012 We seek your understanding in this matter as any delay in the confirmation of marks will lead to delays in the generation of results.

Booklet A : Listening Comprehension (Note-taking & Unseen Dictation)	/10
Booklet B : Multiple-choice Questions (including Listening MCQ)	/28
Booklet C : Language Use & Comprehension	/26
Writing	/20
Oral	/16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>/100</b>



SECTION G: GRAMMAR CLOZE (8 X 1m = 8 marks)

**Passage 1**

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.

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|-------------|-----------|------------|
| A) however  | B) so     | C) unless  |
| D) although | E) before | F) because |

Paul is a thrifty boy. He would always think twice (24) \_\_\_\_\_ buying something. He sets most of his money aside for a rainy day. His spendthrift friend Sally, (25) \_\_\_\_\_, does not care about saving money. (26) \_\_\_\_\_ she is given a reasonable amount of pocket money each week, it is still not enough for her. This is (27) \_\_\_\_\_ she spends her pocket money on whatever catches her fancy. Paul is disappointed with her as she disregards his advice to save money.

**Passage 2**

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.

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| A) in      | B) down | C) at     |
| D) through | E) by   | F) behind |

The sun was setting. The sky was getting darker (28) \_\_\_\_\_ the minute. The climber could hardly see the narrow twisting path (29) \_\_\_\_\_ his feet. He was beginning to feel very afraid. He trembled and his mouth felt dry as he wondered how he would find his way out of the forest (30) \_\_\_\_\_ the dark. A bead of cold sweat trickled (31) \_\_\_\_\_ his neck. Suddenly his heart skipped a beat. He heard a sound behind him.

SECTION H: VOCABULARY 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 N) in each blank. The letter 'I' and 'L' have been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking. Each word can be used once only.

(A) coiled	(B) dispersed	(C) encounter	(D) gathered
(E) handed	(F) helped	(G) managed	(H) peeling
(J) picking	(K) seat	(M) sight	(N) snatched

Residents at a Bukit Batok West Avenue 6 block have their own snake catcher – a 23-year-old car washer Ahmad Salim. Yesterday, he (32) \_\_\_\_\_ catch a 2-metre python that had (33) \_\_\_\_\_ itself around the engine of a van.

At about 11am, Mr Ahmad was going to a coffee shop when he saw a crowd (34) \_\_\_\_\_ around a van and heard that there was a snake in it. Mr Ahmad removed the passenger (35) \_\_\_\_\_ and saw the snake's head. He quickly (36) \_\_\_\_\_ its head and spent ten minutes hauling it free. He then put it into a gunny sack and (37) \_\_\_\_\_ it to the police.

Mr Ahmad said that it was not his first (38) \_\_\_\_\_ with a large snake. When he was 13, he caught a 3-metre python when he was out (39) \_\_\_\_\_ rambutans near a farm. He released it back to the wild.

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

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Ibrahim tried several keys before he found the one that worked. Not knowing what they would find inside, they opened the door of the shed cautiously. The first thing that hit them was the awful stench. Toby and Joe almost vomited and Fara and Xinhui stayed away.

They were shocked at what they saw. Tiny cramped cages piled one on top of another. The rusty, bent bars could barely support the weight of the bears, which were in an awful state. Ibrahim could not see everything until his eyes became accustomed to the dim light. Fara had never seen or imagined anything as dreadful as this.

The bears had not seen any humans other than their torturers. They were frightened so Toby tried to calm them, "It's alright. We are here to rescue you." Ibrahim handed the smaller keys to his friends. Gradually, one by one, cage doors sprung open.

The bears were initially too shocked to move but slowly they stirred and stuck their noses out of the cages which had been their homes for many years. Their legs were weak and they found movement difficult. They flexed their muscles and several of them discovered that they had no muscles left.

Adapted from *The Doughty Warriors Save the Bears* by Brenda Broster

Answer these questions. Write your answers in complete sentences.

40. What caused Toby and Joe to feel sick and nearly throw up?

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41. Which sentence in the passage shows that the bears were kept in a dark place?

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42. Why did Toby speak to the bears?

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43. Why did Ibrahim hand the smaller keys to his friends?

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44. What was the first thing the bears did when the cages were opened?

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**CHECK YOUR WORK CAREFULLY  
END OF PAPER**

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**Answer Key for P4 English Language**

5)	3	10)	3	15)	3	20)	4
6)	1	11)	1	16)	1	21)	4
7)	1	12)	1	17)	4	22)	2
8)	4	13)	3	18)	2	23)	3
9)	4	14)	3	19)	3		

24)	E	28)	E	32)	F	36)	N
25)	A	29)	C	33)	A	37)	E
26)	D	30)	A	34)	D	38)	C
27)	F	31)	B	35)	K	39)	J

40. The awful stench caused it.

41. The sentence is "Ibrahim could not see everything until his eyes became accustomed to the dim light."

42. He wanted to calm them down as they were frightened.

43. He wanted his friends to open the cages and set the bears free.

44. They initially felt shocked but slowly they stirred and they stuck their noses out of the cages.



