



**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
FIRST SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2009
PRIMARY THREE**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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

TOTAL TIME: 1 hour 35 mins

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
Follow all instructions carefully.
Answer all questions.

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

SECTION D: GRAMMAR (5 X 1 mark)

For each question from 5 to 9, 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. Who is _____ boy over there?

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

6. _____ the cups before you use them.

- (1) Wash
- (2) Washes
- (3) Washed
- (4) Washing

7. While Peter _____ home, it started to rain.

- (1) walks
- (2) walked
- (3) was walking
- (4) were walking

8. The twins are waiting eagerly for their mother to get home. _____ have a surprise for her.

- (1) We
- (2) She
- (3) You
- (4) They

9. The wind _____ and the fire spread very fast.

- (1) blow
- (2) blew
- (3) blows
- (4) is blowing

SECTION E: VOCABULARY (5 X 1 mark)

For each question from 10 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).

10. The children are not afraid of the giant because he is as gentle as a/an _____.

- (1) ant
- (2) dove
- (3) mouse
- (4) elephant

11. He has perfect _____ and does not need glasses.

- (1) view
- (2) eyes
- (3) looks
- (4) vision

12. Lisa reads the _____ to find out how a caterpillar becomes a butterfly.

- (1) diary
- (2) album
- (3) dictionary
- (4) encyclopaedia

13. It is a Chinese _____ for adults to give red packets to children during Chinese New Year.

- (1) duty
- (2) custom
- (3) religion
- (4) exercise

14. After eating a plate of fried noodles, I ordered a/an _____. The mango pudding was delicious!

- (1) dessert
- (2) beverage
- (3) appetizer
- (4) main course

SECTION F: PUNCTUATION (3 X 1 mark)

For questions 15 to 17, each circle indicates a missing punctuation mark. Choose the correct punctuation for each sentence. Shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

15. "Stop pulling the cat's tail " he shouted at the children.

- (1) [.] full stop
- (2) [,] comma
- (3) [?] question mark
- (4) [!] exclamation mark

16. "This is my neighbour, Ali Wee Teck said to his classmates.

- (1) [!] exclamation mark
- (2) ["] close inverted commas
- (3) [, "] comma and close inverted commas
- (4) [. "] full stop and close inverted commas

17. The people houses were destroyed in the flood.

- (1) [,] comma
- (2) ['s] apostrophe and s
- (3) [s'] s and apostrophe
- (4) ["] close inverted commas

SECTION G: SYNONYMS (3 X 1 mark)

For questions 18 to 20, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word. Shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

It was midnight. Suddenly, a fire alarm (18) woke the residents out of a deep sleep. Everybody rushed out of their houses and (19) assembled at the carpark on the ground floor. Soon, the police and a fire engine arrived. (20) Luckily, there was no fire. Finally, the police assured the residents that it was safe for them to return to their homes. Everybody did so gladly.

18. **woke**

- (1) called
- (2) roused
- (3) alerted
- (4) frightened

19. **assembled**

- (1) united
- (2) joined
- (3) collected
- (4) gathered

20. **Luckily**

- (1) However
- (2) Suddenly
- (3) Moreover
- (4) Fortunately

SECTION H: COMPREHENSION (4 X 1 mark)

Read the passage below and answer the questions 21 to 24.

Sir William had a special power. He was able to see footprints which were invisible to other people in the kingdom. The king was jealous of Sir William's popularity among the people and wanted to get rid of him.

One day, the king said to his advisor, "I am tired of hearing the people talking about William's special power. Let's rob the treasure house ourselves tonight. I want to know if he could really see footprints!"

That night, the king and the advisor broke into the treasure house, took some bags of gold and put them in a tank of water.

The next morning, the king sent Sir William to find the missing treasure. Sir William walked calmly into the treasure house. He saw two sets of footprints leading to the tank of water. Everyone, except the king, was impressed when the bags of gold were found.

"This is all very well," said the king, "but can you name the thieves? If you can't name the thieves, I shall throw you into the prison!"

Sir William had already recognised the footprints as those belonging to the king and his advisor. In the kingdom, no one could afford to wear any finer shoes than those worn by them. He bravely revealed that the thieves were none other than the king and his advisor. The people were angry when they heard this. At first, they demanded that the king and his advisor be imprisoned or punished by death. However, the king was later told to leave the country with his advisor instead. Sir William was then elected by the people to be the new king.

21. The king wanted to test Sir William's special power so that _____.

- (1) he could get rid of Sir William
- (2) he could have the treasure for himself
- (3) he could praise Sir William for his special power
- (4) the people would continue to talk about Sir William's power

22. Sir William recognised the footprints as those of the king and his advisor because _____.

- (1) they were very big
- (2) he saw them make the prints
- (3) the footprints led to the water tank
- (4) the footprints were made by people who wore fine shoes

23. In the end, the king and his advisor _____.

- (1) left the kingdom
- (2) were beaten to death
- (3) were thrown into prison
- (4) elected Sir William as the new king

24. Which of the following is **TRUE**?

- (1) The king was a jealous man.
- (2) Sir William did not have real powers.
- (3) Sir William was uncertain that the gold was in the water tank.
- (4) The king was impressed when Sir William found the bags of gold.



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**BOOKLET C: LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION
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| Booklet A: Note-taking and Unseen Dictation | /14 ¹⁰ |
| Booklet B: (Including Listening MCQ) | /20 ²⁴ |
| Booklet C: | /30 |
| Oral | /16 |
| Writing | /20 |
| Total | /100 |

SECTION I: GRAMMAR CLOZE (5 X 1 mark)

Read the passage below carefully. Choose the answers from the words given in the box. Each word is given a letter (A to G). Write the letter for the correct word in each blank.

USE EACH WORD **ONCE** ONLY.

| | | |
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| (A) at | (D) in | (G) to |
| (B) away | (E) into | |
| (C) for | (F) of | |

It was late at night. Two men were returning (25) _____ their village when they saw a great black creature standing motionless (26) _____ the shadows of the huts. The men shouted to scare the thing (27) _____. At once, the creature left the shadows and charged (28) _____ them. The men saw it was a huge bull elephant and they ran (29) _____ their lives. They wished they had not shouted at the creature.

SECTION J: VOCABULARY CLOZE (4 X 1 mark)

Read the text below carefully. Choose the answers from the words given in the box. Each word is given a letter (A to F). **Write the letter** for the correct word in each blank.

USE EACH WORD **ONCE** ONLY.

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| (A) alive | (B) burnt | (C) oil |
| (D) smoke | (E) water | (F) windows |

Mrs Ali went off to answer the phone call. When she returned to the kitchen, she was shocked to see that the fish in the frying pan was (30) _____ and the pan had caught fire. Mrs Ali got some (31) _____ quickly and poured it over the pan. Thankfully, the fire was put out in no time. But there was a lot of (32) _____ and Mrs Ali started to cough. At that moment, Mr Ali came in and saw what had happened. He quickly opened all the (33) _____ wide. Mrs Ali was glad for the fresh air. She promised her husband she would be very careful when cooking in future.

SECTION K: MODIFIED CLOZE (4 X 1 mark)

Read the passage below carefully. Fill in each blank with a suitable word of your own.

It was a fine morning. Vivian decided to go (34) _____ in the park. Her parents had just bought her a new bicycle. Before she set off, she put on a helmet to protect her (35) _____. She also put on the elbow and knee pads. Then she hopped onto her bicycle happily. On the way, she rang the (36) _____ on the handlebar when she saw her neighbour. Uncle Kumar smiled and waved at her. When Vivian reached the park, she stopped to have a rest as she was (37) _____. After a while, she started on her journey home.

SECTION L: EDITING - SPELLING (3 X 1 mark)

There are three words that are underlined in the sentences below. They are spelt wrongly. Write the correct spelling of each word in the boxes provided.

38. In Thailand, elephants are regarded as saycred and people treat them with respect.

39. The public transport system in Singapore is very rilliable.

40. People like to buy souvinirs when they visit a country.

SECTION M: SENTENCE COMBINING (2 X 2 marks)

Rewrite the two sentences of each question below into a sentence by using the word given.

41. The match has to be postponed. It is raining heavily.

_____ because

42. Mother closed all the windows. She left the house.

Before _____

SECTION N: COMPREHENSION OPEN-ENDED (5 X 2 marks)

Read the passage below carefully.

A group of five men had decided to climb a mountain. Being an experienced mountain-climber, David was appointed to be the leader of the group.

After climbing for four hours, the men were tired. When they came to a narrow path, they had to be extra careful. One wrong step and they would fall down the steep slope. David went ahead first. The others followed him, one by one.

One of the men, John, was very tired. He did not pay much attention to what he was doing. As a result, he slipped and fell down the slope. Luckily John was able to grab a tree trunk about ten metres down. That stopped him from falling further. He was not badly injured but had difficulties in walking. With the help of the other men, David was able to pull John up with a rope he threw to him.

The men were more careful after that. They took turns to piggyback John. A few hours later, they finally reached the mountain top safely. They were relieved that they had been able to reach their destination before nightfall.

Write your answers in complete sentences.

43. Why was David made the leader of the group?

44. Who does the word 'him' refer to?

45. What stopped John from falling all the way down the slope?

46. How did David and the other men rescue John?

47. What was the men's destination?

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CHECK YOUR ANSWERS CAREFULLY

ANSWER SHEET

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34)cycling 35)head 36)bell 37)tired 38)sacred

39)reliable 40)souvenirs

41)The match has to be postponed because it is raining heavily.

42)Before Mother left the house, she closed all the windows.

43)That was because he was an experienced mountain-climber.

44)It refers to David.

45)A tree trunk stopped him from falling even further.

46)David threw down a rope for John to hold and they pulled him up.

47)The men's destination was the mountain.