



**NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1- 2009**  
**PRIMARY 4**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2**

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

1. Write your name and register number in the space provided.
2. Do not turn over the page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions carefully.



8. The \_\_\_\_\_ boy jumped into the pool to save his drowning brother.  
(1) fearing (2) fearful  
(3) fearless (4) fearsome
9. The children were \_\_\_\_\_ when they were told that they had won the first prize.  
(1) agonized (2) ecstatic  
(3) pessimistic (4) zealous
10. As I looked out of the window from the hotel, I had a \_\_\_\_\_ of the city below me.  
(1) bird's eye view (2) red eye  
(3) eagle's eye view (4) bull's eye

**SECTION B: GRAMMAR** (10 X 1 mark)

*Choose the most suitable answer and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).*

11. That's not our classroom. \_\_\_\_\_ is on the first floor.  
(1) We (2) You  
(3) Our (4) Ours
12. Li Ming lives near the school, \_\_\_\_\_ he?  
(1) is (2) isn't  
(3) does (4) doesn't
13. Mary decided not to \_\_\_\_\_ her bicycle until her knee is completely healed.  
(1) rid (2) ride  
(3) rides (4) riding
14. The board of directors \_\_\_\_\_ all the decisions for the company. We have to respect the board's decision.  
(1) make (2) makes  
(3) made (4) are making

15. Jill did not turn up for practice \_\_\_\_\_ he was sick.  
(1) so (2) but  
(3) yet (4) because
16. The thief pointed the knife at her and ordered her to hand \_\_\_\_\_ all her valuables.  
(1) out (2) in  
(3) down (4) over
17. Please give me \_\_\_\_\_ sugar for my coffee. I don't like it to be too sweet.  
(1) any (2) a few  
(3) much (4) a little
18. Each of the books \_\_\_\_\_ a price tag. You can see which one you can afford to buy.  
(1) has (2) had  
(3) have (4) having
19. My mother will \_\_\_\_\_ me if she finds out that I have lied.  
(1) punished (2) punish  
(3) punishing (4) punishes
20. You have taken that \_\_\_\_\_ bag by mistake. You have left yours in the library.  
(1) boy (2) boys  
(3) boy's (4) boys'

**SECTION C: COMPREHENSION** (5 X 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Ali had been to the swimming pool with his friends on several occasions but he had never entered the pool. On each visit, he would ~~either read~~ a book or watch his friends swim in the pool. This was because he had water phobia and would shiver each time he went near the edge of the pool.

One day, Ali went cycling with his elder brother and they were heading towards a river. Just then, Ali heard a faint cry. At first, he thought nothing of it. However, it soon caught Ali's attention. When Ali looked towards the river, he saw a little boy struggling in the water. 5

"I must save the boy," thought Ali.

Forgetting that he could not swim, he jumped courageously into the river. He moved his legs and arms wildly in the cold water. Surprisingly, he did not sink. 10

"I'm swimming!" Ali shouted excitedly.

At the same time, his elder brother had also jumped into the river to save the boy. They carried him to the bank safely. From then on, Ali was able to swim with his friends when they went to the swimming pool as he no longer had the fear. 15

Choose the correct answer and shade its oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

21. From the passage, we know that Ali \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) was afraid of water
- (2) had never been to a pool
- (3) would shiver each time he swam
- (4) enjoyed swimming with his friends

22. Ali heard a cry when he was \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) reading a story book
- (2) in the swimming pool
- (3) cycling towards a river
- (4) watching his friends swimming

23. Ali jumped into the river because he wanted to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) save the boy
- (2) learn how to swim
- (3) move his legs and arms
- (4) prove that he could swim

24. When Ali did not sink into the river, he felt \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) afraid
- (2) fearful
- (3) surprised
- (4) courageous

25. From that day onwards, Ali \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) never went near the river
- (2) became a good swimmer
- (3) was not afraid of water anymore
- (4) was even more frightened of water

**SECTION D: VOCABULARY CLOZE** (10 X 1 mark)

There are 10 blanks numbered 26 to 35. From the list of the words given, choose the most appropriate word for each blank. Write its letter (A to K) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

Use each word only **ONCE**.

(A) active	(B) believe	(C) countries	(D) discovered	(E) doctors
(F) extinct	(G) fossils	(H) killed	(J) laboratories	(K) made
(L) movies	(M) popular	(N) scientists	(P) skeletons	(Q) valuable

The term "dinosaur" comes from a Greek word meaning "terrible, powerful, wondrous lizard". At first, many (26) \_\_\_\_\_ believed dinosaurs to have been slow, and unintelligent animals. However, most research conducted later found that dinosaurs were (27) \_\_\_\_\_ and 'successful' animals. However this could not prevent the dinosaurs from becoming (28) \_\_\_\_\_. Some scientists thought that a sudden drastic change in the weather could have (29) \_\_\_\_\_ all the dinosaurs.

In 1861, the fossils of a primitive bird was (30) \_\_\_\_\_. It suggested a close relationship between dinosaurs and birds. The fossils with the feather impressions lead many scientists to (31) \_\_\_\_\_ that birds are the only surviving dinosaurs.

Since the first dinosaur (32) \_\_\_\_\_ were recognized, dinosaur skeletons have been put on display at museums around the world. You can find them in (33) \_\_\_\_\_ like China, Japan, India and even Thailand.

Dinosaurs have become a part of world culture and remain consistently (34) \_\_\_\_\_. You can find them in best-selling books and (35) \_\_\_\_\_ like *Jurassic Park*. New discoveries are regularly covered by the media.

**SECTION E: GRAMMAR CLOZE** (10 X 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to J) in the blank. The letter (I) has been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

**Passage 1**

Use each word only **ONCE**.

(A) as	(B) along	(C) but
(D) from	(E) of	(F) or
(G) so	(H) with	(J) whom

Mr Das gestured to his daughters. "Dorothy and Nicole, would you prefer to go to Chiangmai (36) \_\_\_\_\_ Bali for a holiday?" he asked them.

"I would definitely like to go to Chiangmai (37) \_\_\_\_\_ it is much cooler. I heard that Chiang Mai's night bazaar can be found (38) \_\_\_\_\_ several city blocks, inside buildings, and in open squares," said Dorothy. Both Nicole and Mrs Das approved (39) \_\_\_\_\_ Dorothy's choice.

"Well, let's book the tickets quickly (40) \_\_\_\_\_ we can leave by next week," said Mr Das. His family members nodded in agreement.

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to J) in the blank. The letter (I) has been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

**Passage 2**

Use each word only ONCE.

(A) he	(B) her	(C) our
(D) me	(E) she	(F) you
(G) they	(H) we	(J) we

My best friend, Nisa, had grown up in her grandparents' house. This was because (41) \_\_\_\_\_ parents were working overseas most of the time. (42) \_\_\_\_\_ only moved back to her parents' house when (43) \_\_\_\_\_ retired from their jobs. By then, she was already sixteen years old.

Nisa and I were very close, so (44) \_\_\_\_\_ often spent time together at her grandparents' house. There was a river near the house and we loved fishing there with her grandfather. Her grandmother would cook the fish and together we would feast on (45) \_\_\_\_\_ catch. We had a wonderful time.

**SECTION F: EDITING FOR SPG (10 x 1 mark)**

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. A wrong or missing punctuation mark is indicated by a circle. Put the correct punctuation mark or word in each of the boxes.

He knew the owner would be leaving soon, so he hid himself and waited. He

46)

had been observing the place for a weak and knew the owner's routine by heart.

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A few minutes later, the owner walked out of the restourent, pulled down the

48)

roller shutters and went into his car. Then he drive off.

49)

When the car dissapeared round the corner, he walked towards the shutters

50)

cautiously. Using an electric drill, he removed several panels from the shutter.

51)

Then he squeezed in the hole. Accidentally, he knocked against a chair.

52)

Muttering angryly to himself, he took out his torch.

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After looking around, he walked to a small kountor and pulled out the

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drawers one by one. Finally, he find the money which he shoved into his pocket

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bag but walked out immediately.

**SECTION G: SYNTHESIS** (5 X 2 marks)

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

56. Peter is smart. He is humble.

\_\_\_\_\_ but  
\_\_\_\_\_

57. You can serve me coffee. You can serve me tea

\_\_\_\_\_ or  
\_\_\_\_\_

58. Mother bought me the book. The book was sold out within one week.

\_\_\_\_\_ that  
\_\_\_\_\_

59. John wanted to be a doctor. He studied very hard.

\_\_\_\_\_ since  
\_\_\_\_\_

60. He made the rope very strong. It would not break.

\_\_\_\_\_ so \_\_\_\_\_  
that \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION H: COMPREHENSION OE (7 x 2 marks)**

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions 61 to 67.

Vietnam is a small country in South-east Asia. The people of Vietnam speak Vietnamese as a native language. Various other languages are spoken by several minority groups in Vietnam. In recent years, English is becoming more popular as a second language and is required in most schools.

The Vietnamese celebrate many holidays. The two most important and widely celebrated holidays are the Lunar New Year and Mid-autumn Lantern Festival. The Vietnamese New Year is known as Tet and it marks the return of Spring. The Vietnamese have celebrated this festival for thousands of years. 5

As Tet approaches, the colour red can be seen everywhere as Vietnamese regard red as a symbol of good fortune and happiness. Most families hang scrolls in their living room and put branches of peach blossoms in vases at home. Before Tet arrives, people will try their best to settle all their debts. This is because they believe that if they owe money on New Year, then they will be in debt for the whole year through. 10

Food plays an important role in the celebration of Tet. However, most shops are closed during the long Tet holidays. So, the Vietnamese prepare all kinds of food such as rice cakes, pickled vegetables and dried fruits earlier for the New Year. These food are for visitors to the house during Tet. 15

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

61. What is the common language used by the people of Vietnam?

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62. In which season do the Vietnamese celebrate Tet?

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63. How do we know that Tet is a very important festival to the Vietnamese?

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64. Which word in the third paragraph means 'comes near'?

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65. What do people believe they should do so as not to owe money for the entire year?

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66. Why do the Vietnamese like the colour red ?

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67. Why do you think the Vietnamese prepare pickled vegetables and dried fruits instead of fresh ones?

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# ANSWER SHEET

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SCHOOL : NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL  
SUBJECT : PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH

TERM : SA 1

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
2	1	3	4	4	4	2	3	2	1	4	4	2	2	4	4	4

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
1	2	3	1	3	1	3	3	N	A	F	H	D	B	G	C	M

Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40	Q41	Q42	Q43	Q44	Q45
L	F	A	B	E	G	B	E	G	J	F

46)week      47)restaurent      48)drove      49)disappeared

50),      51)through      52)angrily      53)counter

54)found      55)and

56)Peter is smart but humble.

57)You can serve me coffee or tea.

58)Mother bought me the book that was sold out within one week.

59)John studied very hard since he wanted to be a doctor.

60)He made the rope so strong that it would not break.

61)They speak Vietnamese.

**62)They celebrate Tet in Spring.**

**63)The Vietnamese have celebrated Tet for thousand of years.**

**64)The word is " approaches".**

**65)They will try to set he all their debts.**

**66)Vietnamese regard red as a symbol of good fortune and happiness.**

**67)They can last for long period of time.**

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