



**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
FIRST SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2009**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

**PRIMARY FOUR
BOOKLET A: LISTENING**

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.

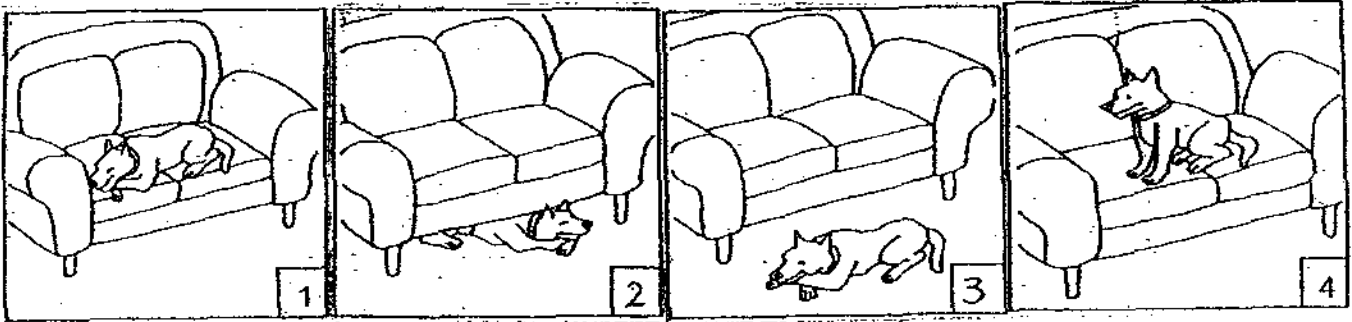
Name: _____ ()

Class: Pr 4 ()

SECTION A: PICTURE MATCHING (4 X 1 mark = 4 marks)

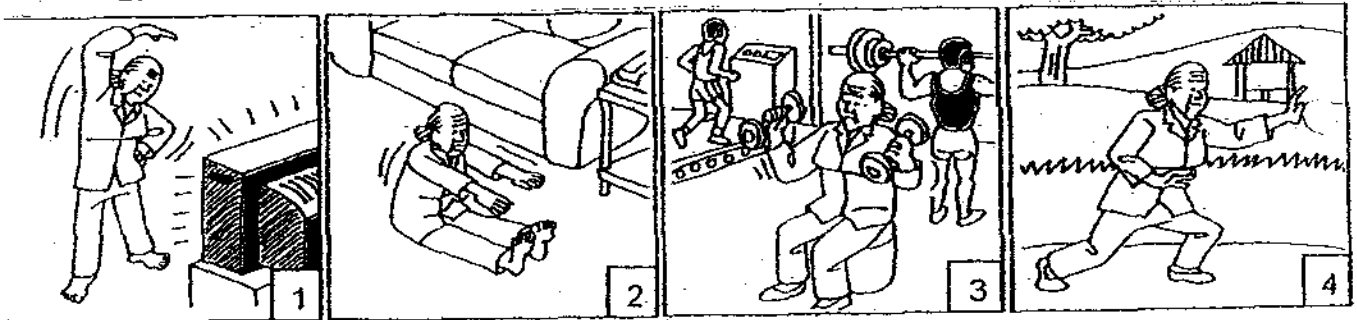
Listen carefully to your teacher and choose the picture which matches the statement(s) that he/she is going to read to you. Shade the number of the correct answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

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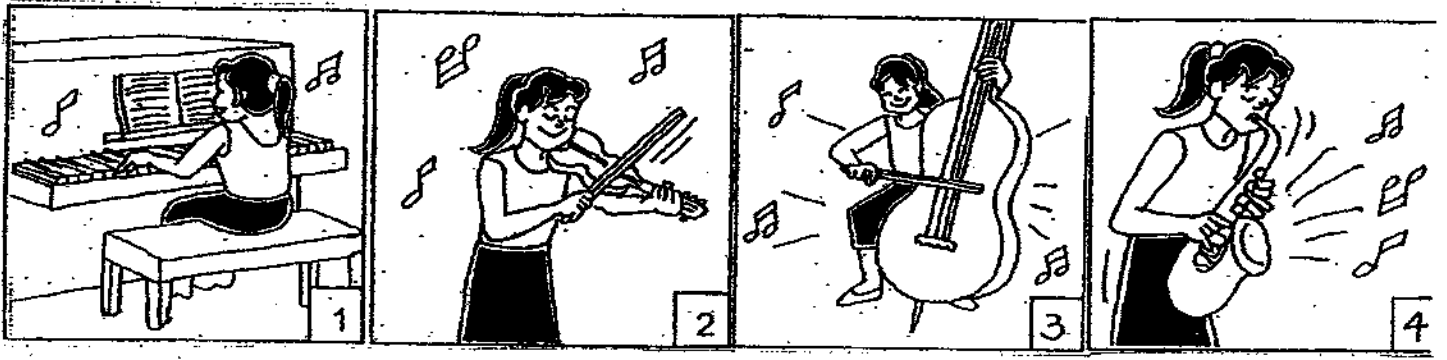
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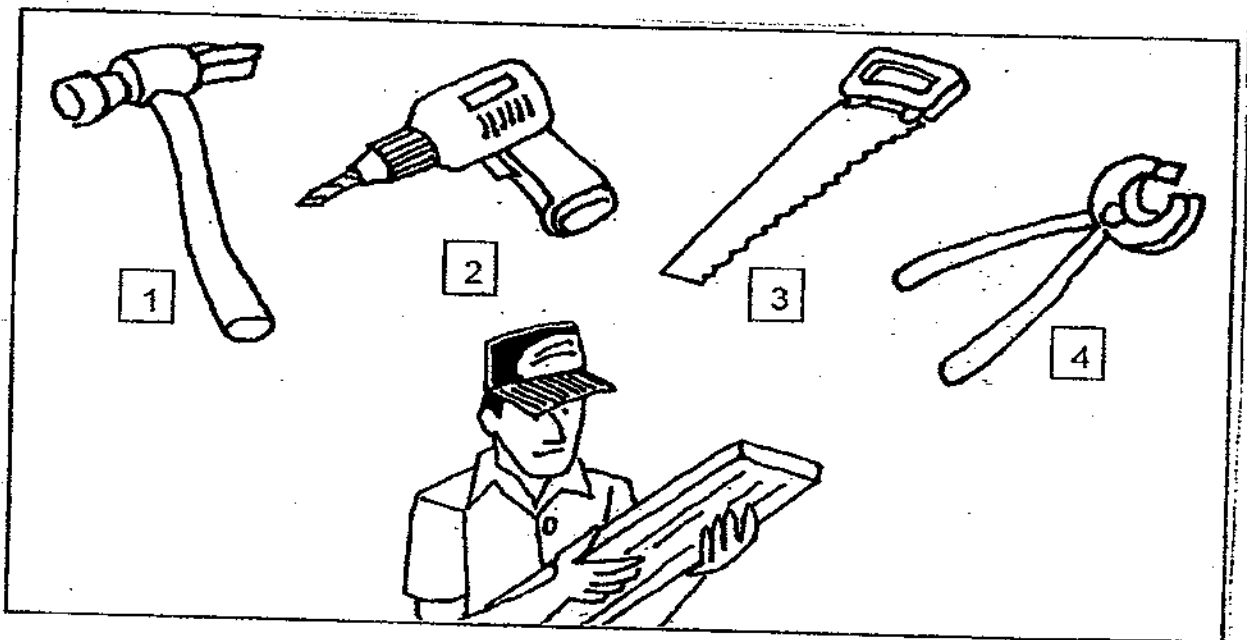
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For Sections B and C, please write the answers in this question booklet.

SECTION B: NOTE-TAKING (5 x 1m = 5 marks)

Q5 to Q9 is a note-taking test.

Q10 is a dictation test.

Each blank in Q5 to Q9 should be filled with one word. As you listen, fill in the blanks with the information given.

Listen carefully to the teacher.

Community Involvement Programme –Information Sheet

Q5. Name of Activity : _____-Collecting

Q6. Date of Activity : _____

Q7. Venue of Activity : Blocks _____, 11, 12 and 13

Q8. Number of classes Involved : _____

Q9. Recommended Attire : T-shirt and _____



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

TOTAL TIME: 1 hour 35 minutes

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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 (6 x 1 m = 6 marks)

For each question from 5 to 10, 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. When everyone _____ ready, we will start the debate.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
6. My dog, Brownie, naps _____ the afternoon.
- (1) in
 - (2) on
 - (3) at
 - (4) by
7. My cousin and his neighbours _____ catching butterflies.
- (1) love
 - (2) loves
 - (3) loving
 - (4) is loving
8. I prefer drinking tea _____ coffee.
- (1) to
 - (2) than
 - (3) instead of
 - (4) better than
9. The celebration will begin _____ half past seven _____ Saturday.
- (1) inat
 - (2) on on
 - (3) onin
 - (4) at on

10. "Please help _____ to the food," Mrs Tan told the guests at her party.

- (1) yourself
- (2) yourselves
- (3) ourselves
- (4) themselves

SECTION E: VOCABULARY (5 x 1 m = 5 marks)

For each question from 11 to 15, 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).

11. I think you have a _____. Your forehead feels hot.

- (1) rash
- (2) fever
- (3) sprain
- (4) headache

12. The television reporter _____ the vegetable seller to find out how he managed his stall.

- (1) quizzed
- (2) examined
- (3) requested
- (4) interviewed

13. Arul's pet rabbit is not in its _____. Where can it be?

- (1) pen
- (2) coop
- (3) hutch
- (4) stable

14. The detective will look for more clues at the crime _____.

- (1) area
- (2) spot
- (3) place
- (4) scene

15. The construction worker was paid a _____ of fifty thousand dollars for his injury.

- (1) ransom
- (2) reward
- (3) commission
- (4) compensation

SECTION F: PUNCTUATION (2 x 1 m = 2 marks)

For questions 16 and 17, each circle indicates a missing punctuation mark. Choose the correct punctuation for each sentence and shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

16. Tokyo is the capital city of Japan isn't it?.

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

17. "Who is bringing the children to the zoo asked Mrs Tan.

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

SECTION G: SYNONYMS (3 x 1m = 3 marks)

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

Mina and David named their new puppies Bella, Fluffy and Duffy. They did not have (Q18) room to keep all three. Mum told them that they could only keep one. One of their relatives wanted puppies. But they could not (Q19) make up their mind which one to keep.

Mina liked Bella best because it had such big round eyes. David wanted to keep Fluffy because it was always sitting on his shoes. Duffy looked so (Q20) adorable and was playful. They thought about it for the whole day and could not make up their minds.

18. (1) time
(2) space
(3) means
(4) permission

19. (1) think
(2) judge
(3) decide
(4) choose

20. (1) neat
(2) cute
(3) clever
(4) active

SECTION H: COMPREHENSION (4 x 1 mark = 4 marks)

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

For questions 21 to 24, shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Raja, Andy, Weiming and Anwar were very excited. They had been waiting impatiently for Mr Lim, their scoutmaster, to arrive. He was taking them and the other scouts to East Coast Park.

When the boys arrived, they could not wait to pitch their tents. They chose a spot near the trees as it was shady. When they had finished pitching their tents, they took a short rest. Then it was time for lunch.

After the break, the boys were divided into four groups of six. Weiming and Anwar were the leaders. Each group was given an activity. Raja's group learnt how to tie different types of knots. Andy's group learnt how to prepare a simple meal. Weiming's group learnt the ways of putting out a fire and Anwar's group learnt about jungle survival.

After another break, there was a changeover of activities and the groups had to complete all four activities by the next day. The boys found the activities interesting and they wanted a similar session another time. Mr Lim promised to organise another camp for them later in the year.

21. Raja, Andy, Weiming and Anwar were _____.

- (1) scouts
- (2) sailors
- (3) rangers
- (4) leaders

22. They went to the East Coast Park to _____.

- (1) play
- (2) hike
- (3) camp
- (4) exercise

23. They picked a spot near the trees to pitch their tents because it _____.

- (1) was safer to do so
- (2) provided more shade
- (3) gave them protection
- (4) was convenient to do so

24. The boys liked camping because they _____.

- (1) could play together
- (2) liked the delicious meals
- (3) enjoyed pitching the tents only
- (4) liked the activities they were engaged in



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

TOTAL TIME: 1 hour 35 minutes

Name: _____ () Class : Pr 4 ()

Parent's Signature: _____

Booklet A : Listening Comprehension (Note-taking & Unseen Dictation)	/10
Booklet B : Multiple-choice Questions (including Listening MCQ)	/24
Booklet C : Language Use & Comprehension	/30
Writing	/20
Oral	/16
TOTAL	/100

SECTION I : GRAMMAR CLOZE (4 X 1m = 4 marks)

There are 4 blanks, numbered 25 to 28. From the words given in the box, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to G) on the blank. **Each word can be used once only.**

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|-----------|---------|----------|--------|
| (A) our | (B) for | (C) are | (D) is |
| (E) their | (F) on | (G) have | |

The sense organs of hearing are the ears. You use your ears to hear sounds all around you. Taking good care of your ears (25) _____ important. Sounds that are too loud and loud sounds that last (26) _____ a long time can damage your hearing. Deaf people (27) _____ no sense of hearing. They use (28) _____ other senses instead. Some deaf people tell what others are saying by lip-reading. Some deaf people talk by using sign language.

SECTION J : COMPREHENSION CLOZE (8 X 1m = 8 marks)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Mrs Fu is our neighbour. She lives next door with her mother and two young children. Her husband passed (29)_____ a year ago so Mrs Fu has to (30)_____ herself and her family. She (31)_____ as a seamstress. She sews for many of the women in our housing estate, including my mother.

One morning, Mrs Fu came to our flat. She looked very upset. She told my mother that her elderly mother was very (32)_____ and she had to take her to a doctor (33)_____ there was no one to look after her two young children. My mother immediately offered to go with her to the doctor and told me to look after the two children. We hurried to Mrs Fu's flat and the old lady looked very weak and pale. After they had left, I was left alone with Lily, a four-year-old girl, and Sam, a two-year-old boy. I played with them and (34)_____ them stories. Soon, they were (35)_____ and I put them to bed.

When my mother and Mrs Fu returned with Mrs Fu's old mother, I could see that the old lady was much (36)_____. My mother and I were happy that we had lent our neighbour a helping hand.

SECTION K : EDITING – SPELLING (4 X 1m = 4 marks)

There are 4 words that are underlined in the passage below. They are spelt wrongly. Write the correct spelling of each word in the boxes provided.

Meena was waiting outside the interview room. She had an

(37)

apointtmen for an interview with the head prefect and discipline teacher.

She had been nominated to be a prefect. Meena was having butterflies in

the stomach. As the clock ticked in her ears, she was feeling the

(38)

prasure more and more intensely. Meena's classmates had started

congratulating her for her nomination and expected her interview to turn

(39)

out sucesfull. She dreaded the thought of having to face them if it did

not go well. As she tried to take deep breaths to calm herself down, the person

(40)

who had gone in for the interview earriyer came out of the room.

Immediately Meena was flushed with excitement.

SECTION L : SENTENCE COMBINING (2 X 2m = 4 marks)

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

41. I have a pet dog. It is a golden retriever.

_____ which _____

42. Peilin wants to be a national swimmer. She has to train at least four hours daily.

_____ if _____

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

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Today I found a turtle. Father had sent me down to collect driftwood on Rushy Bay. I had been there for half an hour or so heaping up the wood before I noticed the turtle. He was upside down on the sand. His eyes were open, unblinking. He was enormous. I looked around and there were seagulls gathering. They were silent, watching, waiting; and I knew well enough what they were waiting for. I threw pebbles at the seagulls and they flew off protesting noisily. I tried to roll the turtle over. I rocked him back and forth, and pushed with all my might. The turtle turned over but I could not possibly push that **giant** into the sea.

I sat down beside him on the sand. Then I had an idea. I picked a thick branch from among the driftwood I had collected and scraped out a long deep channel all the way down to the sea. "When the tide comes in and fill up the channel, you can wade out to sea," I muttered to the turtle as I dug. When I had finished, I lay down beside him, exhausted and waited for the tide. I was very excited when the tide started coming in. "You want to get back in the sea then you've got to walk! You hear me?" I shouted at the turtle as I tried to catch my breath. The turtle blinked. He tried. He honestly tried. Time and again he dug his flippers into the sand, but he just could not move himself. I wandered a distance away from him and sat down on a rock to think.

A sudden shadow fell across me. Granny May was standing behind me. "Cheer up, Laura. I think I know what the problem is. Let's give him some shrimps," Granny May said. I dug a bowl in the sand under the turtle's chin and Granny May poured her bag of shrimps into it. The turtle gobbled the shrimps up like a vulture. I crouched down and looked my turtle in the eye. "Feel better now?" I asked. He moved. The flippers dug deeper and soon he was scooping himself slowly towards the sea. Granny May and I whistled and whooped. Finally, his flippers were under water. He dipped his snout into the sea and let the water run over his head and down his neck. He went deeper into the water and with a few powerful strokes, he was gone.

(Rewritten from *The Wreck of the Zazibar* by Michael Morpurgo)

Answer these questions. Write your answers in complete sentences.

43. Where did the writer find the turtle ?

44. Why did the writer throw pebbles at the seagulls ?

45. What does the word 'giant' in paragraph 1 refer to ?

46. Why was the turtle unable to move when the tide came in and filled up the channel ?

47. 'Granny May and I whistled and whooped.' What does this statement tell you how Granny May and the writer felt then ?

CHECK YOUR WORK CAREFULLY

ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2009

SCHOOL : NANYANG PRIMARY
SUBJECT : PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH

TERM : SA1

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

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28
2	3	2	1	3	2	4	D	B	G	E

- 29)away 30)support 31)works 32)ill 33)but 34)told
- 35)tired 36)better 37)appointment 38)pressure 39)successful
- 40)earlier
- 41)I have a pet dog which is a golden retriever.
- 42)Peilin has to train at least four hours daily if she wants to be a national swimmer.
- 43)The writer found the turtle at Rushy Bay.
- 44)The writer wanted to chase the seagulls away.
- 45)The word 'giant' refers to the turtle.
- 46)The turtle was weak from hunger.
- 47)Granny May and the writer were very happy.