



NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1- 2010
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
Primary 4

PAPER 2

Total Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

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Class: Primary 4 B _____

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

SECTION A: VOCABULARY (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).

1. Susila was _____ when she failed to solve the mathematical problem after many attempts and she finally gave up.
(1) dishonest (2) disgusted
(3) disobedient (4) disheartened ()
2. Mrs Chen was _____ when her stubborn son insisted on going to school though he was unwell.
(1) excited (2) expired
(3) exasperated (4) exaggerated ()
3. When Bala's mother found out that he had cheated in the examination, she was _____ and wanted to throw him out of the house.
(1) enraged (2) shaken
(3) disbelieving (4) pessimistic ()
4. Mother found the new dress a little too big so she took it to the _____ to have it altered.
(1) draper (2) sculptor
(3) cobbler (4) seamstress ()
5. "Oh dear, you are turning _____. Have I said something that embarrassed you?" Danny asked.
(1) red (2) blue
(3) white (4) green ()
6. Mr Teo is such a/an _____ man. He always donates generously to the less fortunate.
(1) amiable (2) sensible
(3) charitable (4) understanding ()
7. The pupils were all _____ during the assembly. They paid very close attention to the speaker throughout the talk.
(1) eyes (2) ears
(3) thumbs (4) hearts ()

8. Our teacher looked as grave as a _____ when she returned us our test papers.
 (1) judge (2) surgeon
 (3) curator (4) policeman ()
9. That friendly man has cheated many gullible people of their money. He is really a _____ in sheep's clothing.
 (1) fox (2) lion
 (3) wolf (4) tiger ()
10. Before the football match, Tom went around to _____ information about the opposing team so that his team would be well prepared to take them on.
 (1) fish for (2) wolf down
 (3) crow about (4) chicken out ()

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. It is a tradition in our school that each teacher _____ a flower from his class on Teacher's Day.
 (1) receive (2) receives
 (3) received (4) receiving ()
12. During our Science lesson, Miss Lee told us that hot air _____ when heated.
 (1) rise (2) rises
 (3) will rise (4) was rising ()
13. _____ the police arrived, the robber had disappeared.
 (1) As (2) While
 (3) After (4) When ()
14. "This pile of books _____ really heavy. I wonder how Miss Tan can carry it all by herself," the pupil thought to herself.
 (1) is (2) are
 (3) was (4) were ()
15. We could not hear what he was saying _____ he was speaking very softly.
 (1) so (2) as
 (3) but (4) yet ()

16. Raju is extremely thirsty _____ he needs a drink.
 (1) yet (2) so
 (3) since (4) because ()
17. Amelia prefers reading _____ watching movies.
 (1) to (2) than
 (3) over (4) against ()
18. It is time to take down those _____. The event has been over for more than a month.
 (1) decorate (2) decorating
 (3) decorative (4) decorations ()
19. "Mother is at home. She is working in _____ kitchen," Ann told her aunt over the telephone.
 (1) a (2) an
 (3) the (4) some ()
20. "There isn't _____ food here but you can still join us at the table if you don't mind sharing whatever food that is left," Anna said to Ali.
 (1) any (2) many
 (3) much (4) some ()

SECTION C: COMPREHENSION (5 X 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

My name is Mia. I began learning the piano when I was three. I am ten years old now. I play the piano in the junior orchestra at the community college. We give a concert twice a year. At home, I am always practising new music pieces for the next concert.

During the school year, I take four piano lessons every week from my present teacher, Mrs Taylor. Mrs Taylor teaches piano lessons at the college. In summer, I take two lessons every week. I practise on the piano for about ten hours weekly. I practise very hard because I want to learn everything about playing the piano. 5

Learning to play the piano is very interesting but not always fun. I have to read notes, move my fingers on the keys and listen to the music that I make. It is sometimes difficult. My teacher never forces me to do so and my parents are not really strict with me. However, I always practise until I can play a piece perfectly. 10

As to whether I want to be a pianist when I grow up, I am not certain. However, I do know that playing the piano will always be a major part of my life. It is very special to me. 15

(Adapted from http://www.abcteach.com/directory/reading_comprehension/grades_46/fictional/)

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

21. Mia started learning to play the piano when she _____.

- (1) was ten
- (2) was three
- (3) went to school
- (4) met Mrs Taylor

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22. Mia takes her weekly piano lessons at _____.

- (1) home
- (2) school
- (3) Mrs Taylor's house
- (4) the community college

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23. According to the information in the text, Mia practises hard on the piano because

- (1) Mrs Taylor is strict with her
- (2) her parents force her to do so
- (3) she has decided to be a pianist
- (4) she wants to learn everything about the piano ()

24. The word "It" in line 10 refers to _____

- (1) reading notes
- (2) learning to play the piano
- (3) listening to the music made
- (4) moving the fingers on the keys ()

25. Which one of the following statements is FALSE?

- (1) Playing the piano is a part of Mia.
- (2) Mia has to perform at concerts regularly.
- (3) Playing the piano is not always fun to Mia.
- (4) Mia definitely wants to be a pianist in the future. ()

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 Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

Use each word only **ONCE**.

(A) annoyance	(B) comfortable	(C) cutting	(D) difficult	(E) disabilities
(F) doing	(G) easy	(H) flexible	(J) life	(K) like
(L) people	(M) person	(N) practice	(P) research	(Q) scissors

About 10% of all people are left-handed. These people are known as lefties. Being left-handed means that a person is naturally most (26) _____, using their left hand. For example, left-handers write using their left hand. Some famous lefties include former US presidents (27) _____ Benjamin Franklin, and great artists such as Michelangelo and Leonardo da Vinci.

Since most people are right-handed, many tools are made for right-handed (28) _____. This can make everyday (29) _____ difficult and sometimes dangerous for lefties. For example, most (30) _____ are designed to be used with the right hand. If you are right-handed and try to use the scissors with your left hand, you will probably have a very hard time (31) _____ anything with them. This is a type of (32) _____ that lefties face every day. However, most lefties become quite (33) _____ in using both of their hands. This is due to years of (34) _____ using objects and tools that were designed for right-handers.

There are many other things that are (35) _____ for lefties to use. Many of them struggle with tools like can openers and most stringed instruments like the violin, cello and so on.

(Adapted from <http://www.enchantedlearning.com/people/lefty/cloze.html>)

SECTION E: GRAMMAR CLOZE (10 X 1 mark)

Passage 1

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.

Use each word only **ONCE**.

(A) a	(B) around	(C) from
(D) her	(E) the	(F) them
(G) there	(H) which	(J) who

One day, Jess and her best friend, Sherry, were at a neighbourhood shopping mall. It was not crowded that day. They walked leisurely (36) _____ shop to shop looking at the things on display.

They stopped at a shop to look at the goods (37) _____. Jess tried on a pair of shoes. The blouses caught Sherry's eyes. They were very beautiful but were too expensive for (38) _____. Then, the ladies noticed a young woman behaving suspiciously in (39) _____ shop. She took two blouses and stuffed them into a big bag.

Sherry screamed, "Stop! Thief!" Several people (40) _____ heard her scream rushed up to the woman. They managed to catch the shoplifter.

Passage 2

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.

Use each word only **ONCE**.

(A) sang	(B) sing	(C) sings
(D) sung	(E) singing	(F) is singing
(G) was singing	(H) are singing	(J) were singing

Stella loves to sing. She (41) _____ almost all the time. She loves to do so especially when she is in the shower. You can even catch her (42) _____ at the dining table! Last year, she took part in a talent contest at the community centre. She had not (43) _____ in front of an audience before but she decided to give it a try.

For the competition, she (44) _____ her favourite song by Lady Gaga. While she (45) _____ during the contest, a producer of a recording company was present and heard her. He was so impressed with her that he offered to groom her into a young artiste.

SECTION F: EDITING FOR SPELLING, PUNCTUATION AND GRAMMAR (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.

46)

Trembling with fear, I approached the school office. I was very anxi~~os~~, with my form

47)

teacher walking beside me. My palms was sweaty and my heart was thumping wildly. I

48)

49)

regreted my acti~~ons~~. At eight in the morning, while walking along the corridor o I felt a

pebble landing on my head. Boiling with anger, I walked towards the direction from where it

50)

had been threw.

51)

I saw Tom, who admitted to playing a prang on me. I was furious. I ran to him and

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53)

punches him in the face. His nose bled and he burst in tears. A classmate, who saw

everything, told our form teacher. She took Tom to the sick bay to stop his bleeding and

54)

asked me to follow her to the principas office.

The principal punished both of us and we had to attend detention class for two weeks.

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Before he dismissed us, he asked us to apologise to each other.

(Adapted from Little Red Dot, p 13, 21 April 2009)

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. The boy was punished. He was naughty.

_____ since

57. Rachel has a dress. I want to buy a similar dress.

_____ like

58. Tom is clever but he is humble.

Although _____

59. He took a taxi to the station. He was afraid of missing the train.

As _____

60. Mary does not like to eat candies. She likes chocolates better.

_____ prefers

SECTION H: COMPREHENSION OE (7 x 2 marks)

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

The butterfly is an insect. Butterflies are noted for their wings. *They* are often colourful and have fascinated many. Butterflies have wings like birds but bird wings consist of feathers. If you examine the butterfly wings closely, you can see that they are made up of tiny overlapping scales.

Butterflies have an interesting life cycle. They start as eggs. When they are hatched, they are what we call caterpillars. They eat a lot and grow rapidly. This is the *larval stage* for the caterpillar. The caterpillars then move into a cocoon, becoming what we call a chrysalis. At this stage, the *pupal stage*, it stops feeding. When the insect comes out of the cocoon, we call it a butterfly. This is the *adult stage* for the butterfly. These clear stages of changing on the way to adulthood are called *metamorphosis*. Many other animals go through metamorphosis. However, the butterfly's changes are most dramatic.

Butterflies can be found almost all over the world. There may be as many as twenty thousand different species of butterflies. Butterflies usually eat flower nectar and help to pollinate the flowers. Because of this, they are important to the life cycle of many flowers. Butterflies also need minerals, which they usually get from water found in dirt and sand.

They reach their adult stage in the summer. Some butterflies migrate. Every autumn, a magical event takes place. The Monarch butterflies migrate from Canada or the United States to Mexico. They fly thousands of kilometres to their destination to escape from the cold.

(Adapted from http://www.abcteach.com/free/r/rc_butterfly_elem.pdf)

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

61. What does the word "They" in line 1 refer to?

62. According to the information in paragraph 1, how are butterfly wings different from bird wings?

63. Which sentence from the text tells you that butterflies are not the only animals that go through clear stages of changing on the way to adulthood?

64. Which word in paragraph 2 is similar in meaning to "impressive"?

65. According to the text, how are butterflies important to nature?

66. Where do the minerals which butterflies need come from?

67. In paragraph 4, what is the magical event that takes place every autumn?

ANSWER SHEET

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TERM : SA1

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

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
4	3	3	2	4	4	2	4	B	K	L	J	Q	C	A	H	N

Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40	Q41	Q42	Q43	Q44	Q45
D	C	G	D	E	J	C	E	D	A	G

- 46)anxious 47)were 48)regletted 49), 50)thrown
- 51)prank 52)punched 53)into 54)'s 55)dismissed
- 56)The boy was punished since he was naughty.
- 57)I want to buy a dress like Rachel's.
- 58)Although Tom is clever, he is humble.
- 59)As he was afraid of missing the train, he took a taxi to the station.
- 60)Mary prefers chocolates to candies.
- 61)It refers to the butterflies' wings.
- 62)Butterfly wings are made up of tiny overlapping scales while birds' wings consist of feathers.
- 63)The sentence is "Many other animals go through metamorphosis."
- 64)The word is "dramatic".

65)They help to pollinate the flowers.

66)They come from water found in dirt and sand.

67)The magical event that takes place every autumn is that the Monarch butterflies migrate from Canada or the United States to Mexico.