



NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL  
CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT 1 – 2010  
PRIMARY 6  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

Class: Pr. 6 \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 1 March 2010

Booklet A	/ 30
Booklet B	/ 65
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>/ 95</b>

Parent's Signature & Date

Total Time for booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

**INSTRUCTION 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 carefully.
4. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

**Section A – Graphic-Stimulus Comprehension ( 5 x 1 ) marks**  
Read the website carefully and answer questions 1 to 5.

# Mobile phone ringtones !!!



**NO  
HIDDEN  
CATCHES**

## Starplus



**RINGTONES** 

Personalise your mobile phone with the latest ringtones.

**\*FREE RINGTONE downloads!** 

If you are an existing Starplus customer you can now download the latest ringtones. Over 4 000 to choose from. Classic hits, movie themes, rock and hip hop at your fingertips!

Most people have mobile phones but not everyone belongs to a company that offers such a unique opportunity to personalise your phone. Ringtones quickly become dated so why not change your signature call regularly?

**Click here** to access our online service and download your new ringtone within five minutes!

Or call us on 1800 6788 4444 to download your new ringtone and personalise your mobile phone now. Standard call charges apply.

Hurry to take the advantage of this month's offer – available only to existing Starplus customers.

You will receive regular updates advising you of new ringtones. These will be charged at the rate of \$2.20 per message.

Your new contract will be posted within two working days.

\*This month only for existing Starplus customers.



**Section A – Graphic-Stimulus Comprehension ( 5 x 1 ) marks**

**Study the procedure text and answer questions 1 to 5. For each question, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).**

1. The words “No hidden catches” are displayed on the website because the mobile phone company would like readers to believe it is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 1) honest
  - 2) modern
  - 3) friendly
  - 4) efficient
  
2. The text includes three references to existing Starplus customers in order to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 1) emphasise the range of tones available
  - 2) appeal to customers who have internet access
  - 3) enable other mobile phone users to purchase ringtones
  - 4) make them feel they are purchasing something exclusive
  
3. The website advertises ‘*FREE RINGTONE downloads*’.  
This is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 1) an offer for all mobile phone users
  - 2) a service provided only on the internet
  - 3) available only for classic hits and movie themes
  - 4) technically correct but there are other costs involved
  
4. The statement “This month **only** for existing Starplus customers.” is a/an \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 1) condition of the offer
  - 2) addition to the contract
  - 3) promotion of the product
  - 4) amendment to the agreement
  
5. The main purpose of the text is to \_\_\_\_\_ readers to personalise their mobile phones.
  - 1) advise
  - 2) inform
  - 3) persuade
  - 4) brainwash



**Section C: Punctuation Discrete (3 x 1) marks**

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

I told my teacher that Jamie and I got into a fight, and she let us talk outside the classroom. I told Jamie I was sorry.

"It's all right. What I said was really rude. I shouldn't have said it. I guess I'm the one that's sorry," she said.

"Thank you(13) I whispered.

"No problem. And I promise never to say anything mean about you again. Will you forgive me(14) she asked.

"Of course(15) I roared with laughter, taking her hand and walked back into the classroom.

- 13)      1)    [ ", ]    inverted commas and comma  
          2)    [ , " ]    comma and inverted commas  
          3)    [ " . ]    inverted commas and full stop  
          4)    [ . " ]    full stop and inverted commas

- 14)      1)    [ ? " ]    question mark and inverted commas  
          2)    [ " ? ]    inverted commas and question mark  
          3)    [ ! " ]    exclamation mark and inverted commas  
          4)    [ " ! ]    inverted commas and exclamation mark

- 15)      1)    [ , ]    comma  
          2)    [ ! ]    exclamation mark  
          3)    [ , " ]    comma and inverted commas  
          4)    [ ! " ]    exclamation mark and inverted commas

**Section D – Vocabulary ( 5 x 1) marks**

For each question from 16 to 20, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

16. As one of the questions in the Mathematics examination was \_\_\_\_\_, it brought about some confusion to the candidates.
- 1) abstract
  - 2) appalled
  - 3) atrocious
  - 4) ambiguous
17. They believe the law does not \_\_\_\_\_ against people of certain races.
- 1) emulate
  - 2) eliminate
  - 3) distinguish
  - 4) discriminate
18. All the evidence \_\_\_\_\_ to his guilt, so he remains silent.
- 1) refers
  - 2) points
  - 3) guides
  - 4) signifies
19. The place where I live has beautiful scenery but the \_\_\_\_\_ of living there is the lack of public transport.
- 1) flaw
  - 2) hindrance
  - 3) drawback
  - 4) misconception
20. His curiosity was \_\_\_\_\_ by their suspicious behaviour.
- 1) aroused
  - 2) motivated
  - 3) committed
  - 4) stimulated

**Section E – Vocabulary Contextual ( 5 x 1 ) marks**

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Marilyn felt that she had lived through a <sup>(21)</sup> fruitful weekend at the end of the creativity camp

"This camp has <sup>(22)</sup> opened up my ~~mental locks~~, she told her best friend Rita, "and I  
*Creativity*

getting all sorts of ideas. From now on, I will explore all possible, even <sup>(23)</sup> ridiculous options, :

they may be stepping stones to something new. The trainers have taught me that instead

<sup>(24)</sup> loathing problems, I should be looking for opportunities in them."

Still buzzing with <sup>(25)</sup> enthusiasm, she left with Rita for the bookshop where she hoped would

have some books on creative problem solving.

21. 1) well-spent  
2) well-chosen  
3) well-adjusted  
4) well-balanced
22. 1) hurried  
2) spurred  
3) inspired  
4) activated
23. 1) futile  
2) absurd  
3) incredible  
4) unreasonable
24. 1) denying  
2) disliking  
3) dismissing  
4) disregarding
25. 1) devotion  
2) obligation  
3) eagerness  
4) responsibility

**Section F – Comprehension MCQ ( 5 x 1 ) marks**

**Read the given passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.**

You may not realise it but right now, you are playing host to millions of organisms. They are living on your skin and in your mouth, eyes, ears and nose – even in your bed! Each square centimetre of your skin is home to up to three million microorganisms. Most of these are helpful, providing an essential health service, but some are definitely unwelcome.

5

Organisms including bacteria, viruses, fungi and protozoa are normal residents on and in your body, and are called your body's normal flora. They form an invisible army, defending you from invaders. Microorganisms that live on your skin are an essential part of your immune system. By living on your skin, these bacteria are preventing other more dangerous organisms from moving in.

10

The invisible community on your skin may sound gross, but there is no way to remove them. Washing off the populations of bacteria on the surface of the skin only encourages microbes in the deeper layers of the skin to come to the surface.

Not all organisms living on your skin are helpful. Organisms such as parasites are generally not part of your normal flora and they survive by causing you harm. Ectoparasites live outside the human body and they include bedbugs, fleas, lice and mites.

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There are many common species of mites that affect humans. A particular yucky species is the *Sarcoptes Scabiei*, otherwise known as the itch mite. This mite burrows into the skin, forming tunnels in which it lays its eggs. Itch mites cause the condition known as scabies, seen as red, itchy rashes on the hands and arms.

20

The dust mite, *Dermatophagoides Farinae*, survives on you in a different way. These mites live in protected areas like beds and carpets and just love to munch on your dead skin cells. Humans constantly shed skin flakes a day, adding up to over two kilograms a year. All these skin flakes form dust and, luckily for us, dust is the favourite food of the dust mite. Dust mites are alive and well in your home. Your bed has about one million of them, cleaning up all your dead skin.

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For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the correct answer and shade the corresponding ovals on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

26. Which expression in the first paragraph is intended to show you that microorganisms are found almost everywhere?

- 1) "is home to"
- 2) "playing host to"
- 3) "may not realise it"
- 4) "even in your bed!"

27. According to line 7, 'They form an invisible army, defending you from invaders.', which one of the following belongs to part of the 'army'?

- 1) Protozoa
- 2) Ectoparasites
- 3) Sarcoptes Scabiei
- 4) Dermatophagoides Farinae

28. Which of the following sentences is true?

- 1) Washing will get rid of all bacteria on our body.
- 2) Parasites are harmless to the human body.
- 3) Most microorganisms are good for health.
- 4) External organisms are not harmful.

29. <sup>Mites</sup>~~Parasites~~ thrive on our skin by \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) living in protected areas
- 2) munching on dead skin
- 3) causing irritation to us
- 4) live outside our bodies

living

30. Which is the best title for the text?

- 1) Dust Mites
- 2) Human Host
- 3) Essential Health System
- 4) Secret Community of Microorganisms

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Section G – Grammar Cloze ( 10 x 1 ) marks

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40 in the passage below. From the list of words in the box, choose the most suitable answer for each blank and write its letter ( A to Q ) in it. "I" and "O" have been omitted to avoid confusion in marking.

Use each word only ONCE.

(A) and	(D) but	(G) needs	(K) was	(N) what
(B) anything	(E) in	(H) off	(L) waved	(P) why
(C) are	(F) needed	(J) something	(M) waving	(Q) with

When Mr Li glanced at the clock on the wall, he discovered that it was almost midnight. He quickly packed his things and hurried off to the car park. Not a soul (31) \_\_\_\_\_ in sight and everything was very still. Feeling a sudden chill, Mr Li quickly got into his car and sped (32) \_\_\_\_\_.

As he was driving along the lonely stretch of road, he suddenly spotted a young man (33) \_\_\_\_\_ frantically by the side of the road. Being a kind man, Mr Li stopped to find out (34) \_\_\_\_\_ was wrong and to offer the man a lift if he needed it.

"What's the matter?" asked Mr Li (35) \_\_\_\_\_ concern, "do you need a lift somewhere?"

"Please drive me to Chua Chu Kang as quickly as you can."

"But there (36) \_\_\_\_\_ no houses along that stretch of road," said the puzzled Mr Li.

"Please hurry! My wife is very ill and she (37) \_\_\_\_\_ me," pleaded the young man (38) \_\_\_\_\_ a desperate tone.

Mr Li felt a little apprehensive about the young man's behaviour (39) \_\_\_\_\_ he said nothing. Just as they were approaching Chua Chu Kang cemetery, Mr Li smelt something foul in his car. The smell was so unbearable that he had to wind down the window.

Mr Li turned to the young man beside him to ask if he knew (40) \_\_\_\_\_ about the stench. He had a shock of his life when he discovered that there was no one on the seat beside him!

**Section H – Editing for Spelling and Grammar ( 10 x 1 ) marks**

Correct each word in bold for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

(41)

If you want to be a competing long distance runner, you have to embark on a

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(43)

training programme priear to the competition to ensure that you are in top form physical.

(44)

Firstly, you have to go on long runs everyday to boost your staremihna. Next, you

have to practise your sprints to boost your speed towards the finishing line and thus make

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you a dead threät. Thirdly, you have to lift weights to develop your muscles. On top of

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that, you have to learn what to pace yourself or you may büm down before you reach the

finishing line. You should also take care not to injure yourself, particularly so before the

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competition. Throughout your training programme, you need to edhare to a proper diet to

keep healthy. You also have to get enough rest to maximise your potential.

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Such a training regime, couples with a positive mindset on the day of the

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competition will stand you in good staed to be the winnèr

**Section I – Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)**

**Fill in each blank with a suitable word**

Plastic bags are found everywhere! (51) \_\_\_\_\_ calls for consumers to reject plastic bags when shopping, the amount of plastic finding its way into the landfill continues to (52) \_\_\_\_\_. Between 2001 and 2007 the amount of plastic thrown out (53) \_\_\_\_\_ the weekly rubbish trebled.

Every year volunteers for 'Clean Up Australia' report that (54) \_\_\_\_\_ plastic bags make up the greatest percentage of items (55) \_\_\_\_\_ collect. Workers have retrieved plastic bags from treetops (56) \_\_\_\_\_ they were trapped after flood waters or high tides receded.

How (57) \_\_\_\_\_ more evidence do we need before we accept that current measures to get people to voluntarily (58) \_\_\_\_\_ their use of plastic bags are failing?

Some supermarkets claim that the bags they use to pack your (59) \_\_\_\_\_ are made of biodegradable (60) \_\_\_\_\_ and are therefore 'safe'. This is not so. The reality is that even these bags take many years to break (61) \_\_\_\_\_. In the meantime they cause an unsightly mess in parks, waterways, oceans and along our highways. Not only do they look untidy, they are (62) \_\_\_\_\_ dangerous to land and sea animals.

Clearly the only (63) \_\_\_\_\_ to this problem is to ban the use of plastic bags altogether. This ban should begin with supermarkets because they are the biggest users. (64) \_\_\_\_\_ should be asked to pack their groceries into boxes or to bring their own bags with them. Using boxes would (65) \_\_\_\_\_ the environment because most products are transported to the supermarket in cardboard boxes. The boxes are unpacked and then thrown out. Isn't it more sensible to reuse the boxes? Moreover most plastic bags are just another form of advertising. But who pays? The environment, of course!

**Section J - Synthesis / Transformation ( 5 x 2 ) marks**

**For questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the given ones.**

66. The children made a lot of noise. They also littered the room.

Not only \_\_\_\_\_

but \_\_\_\_\_

67. Nikki was not able to lift the heavy bag. The boys were not able to lift the heavy bag.

Neither \_\_\_\_\_ nor \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

68. The old man was very poor. Yet he donated fifty dollars to charity.

In spite of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

69. Nobody tells lies except Jojo.

With the exception \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

70. The committed professor was awarded for his contributions to the country.

An award \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Section K – Comprehension ( 10 x 2 ) marks**

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow. For each question from 71 to 80, write your answer in the space provided. All answers must be in complete sentences.

The surroundings were enveloped in darkness as the elusive moon hid behind the cloak of dark clouds. The night was heavy with expectation as I headed towards it. Tucked in a corner of the side road, the deserted mansion stood lonely and forsaken. The drawn shutters made the house look forbidding. As I walked, I **dragged my feet** and tucked my hands into my pockets. They had become icy **cold**. I was overwhelmed by a strong urge to back out. However, my resolution held me to it. I tried to calm myself but my hands were trembling as I reached for the doorbell. 5

It rang throughout the house but was greeted by dead silence.

Then, all at once, the pattering of footsteps was heard and in the next **instant**, the heavy oak door was suddenly flung open. I **reeled backwards** as a woman with shaggy long hair peered down at me. Her eyes were narrowed while her lips were tightly compressed together. She seemed to be about my mother's age but she lacked my mother's lovely smile. The exquisite jewels on the tiara she was wearing illuminated her face. As she raised her scrawny hand to me, the **bracelets** jangled noisily on her wrists. She was an awesome sight indeed. 15

There was a momentary lapse of silence as we stared at each other in the sudden cold frost of the night. The experience proved too overwhelming for me. I screamed, turned and fled from the porch, abandoning what I had set out to do. I ran and ran until I saw our familiar red gate, hurdled over it and hammered my fists **on the front door**. The racket sent my mother rushing to the front door. As soon as the door was opened, I rushed in and bolted the door shut. 20

Back in the comfort of home, I heaved a sigh of relief. Then I heard loud laughter behind me. I turned around to face a row of gleeful faces, in particular my elder brother's. He was grinning from ear to ear as he remarked, "I thought **someone** wanted to show us how brave she was?" 25

A conspiracy! The door opened. I held my breath as I came face-to-face with the dame herself. This time I saw her clearly. Without her shining tiara and shaggy hair, she looked as ordinary as my mum though she was much thinner.

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On that night of my sixth year, I survived my first night out alone.

71. What does "it" in line 3 refer to?

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72. Why do you think the narrator's hands were "icy cold" in line 5?

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73. What can you conclude from the fact that the narrator dragged her feet to the deserted mansion (line 5)?

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74. Which sentence in the first paragraph tells you that the narrator was determined?

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75. What caused the narrator to "reel backwards" in line 11?

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76. How was the narrator able to see the woman's face though it was dark?

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77. Why was the narrator silent in line 17 ?

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78. When did the narrator realise that she had been tricked?

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79. Why do you think the narrator visited the deserted mansion?

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80. Which phrase in the passage tells you that the event happened when the narrator was a child?

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# ANSWER SHEET

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## EXAM PAPER 2010

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Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
2	3	1	1	4	2	2	3	4	1	3	3	4	K	H	M	N

Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
Q	C	G	E	D	B

41)competitive      42)prior      43)physically      44)stamina      45)deadly

46)how      47)out      48)adhere      49)coupled      50)stead

51)Despite      52)grow      53)with      54)disgusted      55)they

56)where      57)much      58)reduce      59)groceries      60)material

61)down      62)also      63)solutions      64)customers      65)save

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71)It refers to the deserted mansion.



**72)She was extreme very frightened.**

**73)She was reluctant to go there she dreaded going there.**

**74)The sentence is "However my resolution held me to it."**

**75)The appearance of the women caused the writer to reel back.**

**76)The exquisite jewels on the tiara the lady was wearing illuminated her face.**

**77)She was too shocked/frightened.**

**78)She realised it when she saw the gleeful faces (of her family members) and heard her brother's remark.**

**79)She wanted to prove to the there that she was brave not afraid.**

**80)The phrase is "my sixth year".**