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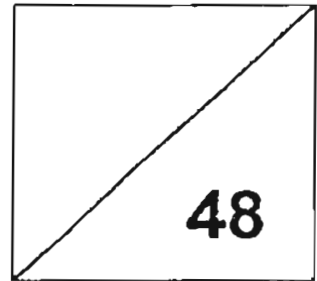
**Nan Hua Primary School  
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English Language Paper 2  
Primary Three**

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**DO NOT OPEN THIS BOOKLET UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO DO SO.  
READ ALL THE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.  
ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.**

**Part 1**

**Section A: Vocabulary MCQ (6 x 1) marks**

Choose the most suitable word to complete the blank and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets.

1. Mary wrote an account of her recent trip to Bangkok in her \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) register (2) calendar  
(3) magazine (4) journal ( )
  
2. The bull charged \_\_\_\_\_ at the mischievous boy who threw stones at it.  
(1) furiously (2) hurriedly  
(3) hastily (4) cruelly ( )
  
3. "Hello, may I speak to Mrs Lim please?"  
"I'm sorry, she's not in. Would you like to leave a/an \_\_\_\_\_?"  
(1) advice (2) message  
(3) instruction (4) announcement ( )
  
4. The audience roared with laughter after listening to the \_\_\_\_\_ story told by the guest speaker.  
(1) educational (2) horrifying  
(3) hilarious (4) boring ( )
  
5. Jeremy was so \_\_\_\_\_ in reading the storybook that he did not hear his father knocking at the door.  
(1) busy (2) captured  
(3) engrossed (4) occupied ( )
  
6. Every guest is \_\_\_\_\_ to wear a costume to Meiling's fancy dress party.  
(1) needed (2) expected  
(3) agreed (4) demanded ( )

**Section B: Grammar MCQ (6 x 1) marks**

**Choose the most suitable word to complete the blank and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets.**

7. We \_\_\_\_\_ a bus to the cinema to watch "Shark Tale" now.

- (1) took                                      (2) take  
(3) are taking                                (4) were taking                                (     )

8. Enid Blyton is my sister's favourite author. She finds her books \_\_\_\_\_ than Roald Dahl's.

- (1) interesting                                (2) more interesting  
(3) most interesting                            (4) as interesting                                (     )

9. Mr Lim always \_\_\_\_\_ to work in the morning. He doesn't like to take a bus.

- (1) drive                                        (2) drives  
(3) driving                                      (4) drove                                        (     )

10. Mrs Chan bought some cakes \_\_\_\_\_ she had invited her relatives to her house.

- (1) as    (2) when  
(3) but    (4) while                                        (     )

11. The tap water in some countries is not safe \_\_\_\_\_ drinking.

- (1) of    (2) in  
(3) for    (4) to    (     )

12. You should spend \_\_\_\_\_ time revising your work instead of playing games on the computer.

- (1) much                                        (2) many  
(3) several                                      (4) some                                        (     )

**Section C: Comprehension Open-Ended (5 x 2) marks**

**Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions.**

Many different kinds of plants and animals live in the sea. Some animals are plant eaters while others are animal eaters. Among the sea creatures, the fish are best suited to live in water. Their fins and streamlined bodies help them swim well.

Some animals can live both on land and in water. The penguin is a good example. They are members of the bird family. They are birds because they lay eggs, have feathers, and are warm-blooded animals. Most birds fly, but penguins do not fly. Penguins move over land by walking, jumping and sliding using their feet and wings. They are covered with feathers which shield them from the cold. When they are in water, they use their long, flat flippers for swimming and diving. Penguins can swim well in freezing water. They have a thick layer of blubber, or fat right under their skin to keep them warm in the water.

Most penguins can dive very deep and can hold their breath for many minutes. Unlike fish, they cannot breathe underwater. They must come up to the surface of the water for air.

**Choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets.**

13. Which one of the following is **NOT** correct?

- (1) Some sea creatures eat only animals.
- (2) Only animals that eat plants live in the sea.
- (3) Some plants and animals live in the sea.
- (4) Some animals live on land and in water. (      )

14. The fish are best suited to live in the water because they \_\_\_\_\_ .

- (1) cannot live on land
- (2) are plant eaters.
- (3) are not afraid of cold
- (4) ~~they~~ have fins and streamlined bodies ( )

15. From the passage, we know that penguins live in \_\_\_\_\_ places

- (1) windy
- (2) dry
- (3) cold
- (4) warm ( )

16. To protect themselves from the cold, penguins depend on their \_\_\_\_\_ .

- (1) fins
- (2) flippers
- (3) feathers
- (4) body shape ( )

17. Both fish and penguins \_\_\_\_\_ .

- (1) can breathe in the water
- (2) are afraid of the cold
- (3) are good swimmers
- (4) must come up for air after sometime in the water ( )

**Part 2**

**Section A: Vocabulary Cloze (8 x 1) marks**

**Read the following passage carefully. From the words given in the box, choose the most suitable word to complete each of the blanks. The letter 'I' has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.**

Use each word **ONCE** only.

**Passage 1**

(A) killed	(B) gently	(C) good-looking
(D) irritating	(E) injured	(F) pleasing
(G) nursed	(H) escape	(J) good-natured
(K) happily	(L) seriously	(M) attacked

Once, there lived a bad-tempered woman. A sparrow flew into her garden and chirped (1) \_\_\_\_\_. Although the sound was most (2) \_\_\_\_\_, the woman got very irritated. She took an axe and (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the poor bird. The sparrow managed to (4) \_\_\_\_\_ and flew to the house next door. A kind and (5) \_\_\_\_\_ girl lived there.

When the girl saw the (6) \_\_\_\_\_ sparrow, she picked it up (7) \_\_\_\_\_ and took it home. She mended its broken wing and (8) \_\_\_\_\_ it back to health within a week.

**Section B: Grammar Cloze (8 x 1) marks**

**Read the following passages carefully. From the words given in the box, choose the correct word to complete each of the blanks.**

Use each word **ONCE** only.

**Passage 1**

(A) to	(B) as	(C) at
(D) in	(E) on	(F) for

Wenjie felt very anxious (9) \_\_\_\_\_ he waited for a taxi outside his house. He had to be in school (10) \_\_\_\_\_ a band practice at eight o'clock but he overslept. He looked out for an empty taxi while checking his watch from time (11) \_\_\_\_\_ time. Just then, an empty taxi turned round the corner and Wenjie flagged it down. In his hurry, he did not notice that the watch (12) \_\_\_\_\_ his wrist had dropped on the ground.

**Passage 2**

(A) sold	(B) has sold	(C) sells
(D) will sell	(E) selling	(F) sell

Mr Singh owns a computer shop. He has been selling computers for the past three years. He used to earn a lot from (13) \_\_\_\_\_ computers last year. However, he only (14) \_\_\_\_\_ fewer than five computers last month. Mr Singh feels that it is actually not easy to (15) \_\_\_\_\_ computers with so many competitors. He plans to offer a discount to his customers for the next few months. Mr Singh (16) \_\_\_\_\_ his shop to someone else if his sale does not pick up.

**Section C: Comprehension Open-Ended (5 x 2) marks**

**Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow in complete sentences.**

**ARMED ROBBERY AT CLEMENTI AVENUE 5 - THREE MEN ARRESTED**

On Friday, 21 January, 2005 at 1.25 a.m., a passer-by reported that there was an armed robbery at the coffee shop in Clementi Avenue 5.

Investigations revealed that around 1.15 a.m., while the owner and his friends were outside the coffee shop playing cards and drinking beer, two masked men armed with handguns approached them. He threw a bag on the table and demanded that the owner hand over all the cash found in the drawer at the counter. The owner did as he was told.

The two men ran towards a red car in the car park nearby. His accomplice was waiting in the car with the engine running. The three sped off with \$10,000. The police arrived and the owner pointed to the direction of the car park. The two police cars gave chase and its siren wailed loudly. After a long chase, the two men were cornered and were arrested.

17. Where did the armed robbery take place?

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18. What were the coffee shop owner and his friends doing outside the coffee shop?

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19. Why did the two men wear black hoods over their heads?

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20. Which word in paragraph 3 means 'a person who helps someone to commit a crime'?

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21. Why was the engine of the red car left running?

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PART 1

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10. 1
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12. 4
13. 2
14. 4
15. 3
16. 3
17. 3

PART2

1. happily
2. pleasing
3. attacked
4. escape
5. good-natured
6. injured
7. gently
8. nursed
9. as
10. for
11. to
12. on
13. selling
14. sold
15. sell
16. will sell

17. It took place at a coffee shop in Clementi Avenue 5.

18. They were playing cards and drinking beer.

19. They did not want the owner to know who they are.

20. The word is "accomplice".

21. The robbers could escape immediately in the car.

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