



**NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL
2015 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
Primary 3**

Paper 2

Name : _____

Class : Primary 3 _____

Date : 11 May 2015

Total Marks: _____ / 50

Parent's Signature

Duration: 1 hour 15 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Section A: Vocabulary MCQ (6 X 1. mark)

For questions 1 to 6, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Write the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

1. Harry's stomach _____ as he has not had his breakfast.
- (1) rumbled
 - (2) mumbled
 - (3) stumbled
 - (4) crumbled
- ()
2. Candice _____ in fright when she saw a rat in her lunch box.
- ~~(1)~~ roared
 - ~~(2)~~ snarled
 - ~~(3)~~ shrieked
 - ~~(4)~~ whispered
- ()
3. No one likes Beatrice as she is as proud as a _____.
- (1) fox
 - (2) bee
 - (3) tortoise
 - (4) peacock
- ()
4. The frightened cat _____ out of the door when it saw the ferocious dog approaching.
- (1) bolted
 - (2) flexed
 - (3) tiptoed
 - (4) strolled
- ()
5. My brother was _____ when his name was announced as the first prize winner.
- (1) enraged
 - (2) overjoyed
 - (3) fascinated
 - (4) disheartened
- ()

6. Mother used a needle and thread to _____ the loose button to the shirt.

- (1) stick
- (2) stitch
- (3) paste
- (4) hammer

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Section B: Grammar MCQ (8 X 1 mark)

For questions 7 to 14, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Write the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

7. This is not my book. I have kept _____ in my bag.

- (1) his
- (2) hers
- (3) mine
- (4) theirs

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8. "We did not buy the cookies, we baked them _____," the girls said with pride.

- (1) myself
- (2) herself
- (3) yourself
- (4) ourselves

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9. "_____ fish over there are all dead," the little boy cried out.

- (1) This
- (2) That
- (3) These
- (4) Those

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10. "The air in the park _____ so fresh early in the morning," Mrs Tan said cheerfully.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

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11. "Water is precious. You _____ not waste it," Mdm Lee told the class.

- (1) will
- (2) may
- (3) shall
- (4) must

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12. The scientists are trying to find a cure _____ the Ebola disease as soon as possible.

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

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13. There is not _____ rice left in the rice cooker. We need to cook more.

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

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14. " _____ saw you stealing my wallet just now. He has already caught you on camera!" Mary shouted at the culprit.

- (1) Nobody
- (2) Anybody
- (3) Somebody
- (4) Everybody

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Section C: Grammar Cloze (8 X 1 mark)

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

Passage 1

USE EACH WORD **ONCE** ONLY.

(A) exchange	(B) exchanges	(C) exchanged
(D) exchanging	(E) have exchanged	(F) were exchanging

While waiting for their teacher, a group of girls from class 3G took out their stickers and gathered in a corner. They wanted to (15) _____ stickers. They took out their stickers and (16) _____ them quickly. Dorothy and Mary (17) _____ Hello Kitty stickers when Mdm Woo walked into the class. She glared at them and instructed them to keep their stickers.

"Luckily, we (18) _____ all the stickers," Mary whispered to Dorothy. They quickly put all the stickers into their bags.

Passage 2

USE EACH WORD **ONCE** ONLY.

(G) along	(H) at	(J) off
(K) on	(L) over	(M) under

One very hot day, the heat was unbearable. A crow was sitting alone (19) _____ the branch of a tree underneath the thick leaves. The sun was shining brightly and the crow could feel the heat even being (20) _____ the shade. "Maybe I should not be sitting here, it thought. "Maybe I should fly and let the air cool me." So it flew (21) _____ the branch and flapped his wings hard to cool itself. It was the right decision. Soon, the crow was flying (22) _____ rows of beautiful houses and trees, admiring the scenery beneath it. It was an indescribable feeling.

Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (5 X 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the most suitable word given in the box and write its letter (A to H) in each blank.

USE EACH WORD **ONCE** ONLY.

(A) able	(B) developed	(C) engrossed	(D) fascination
(E) lit	(F) made	(G) pitch	(H) pretend

Megan is an avid reader. She reads all kinds of books. Her interest was (23) _____ at the age of four when her parents read her the story of "The Ugly Duckling" by Hans Christian Andersen. Ever since then, her (24) _____ for books has grown tremendously. She loves how stories can come to life in her bedroom and she can (25) _____ to be characters in the story. Sometimes, she can be so (26) _____ in the stories that she forgets to have her meals. Megan also likes to read lying down when the room is dim or poorly (27) _____. Her parents often nag at her to change her bad reading habits but she refuses to listen.

Section E: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (5 X 1 mark)

For each of the items, **circle** the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

28. Peter has a pet dog (**which / whose**) barks frequently at night.
29. Tiffany does not have (**many / much**) money in her savings as she spends more than she saves.
30. Joe was [**dissappointed / disappointed**] when his friends told him that the soccer match was postponed due to bad weather.
31. A (**plague / plaque**) was presented to Mr Thomas to thank him for his contributions to the company.
32. The [**mischievous / mischevious**] boys ran around the library and made a lot of noise.

Section F: Synthesis (2 X 1 mark)

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

33. I was very hungry. My stomach kept growling.

_____ , **so**

34. Henry was having his dinner. The telephone rang.

_____ **when**

Section G: Comprehension 1 (8 marks)

Read the passage below and answer the questions 35 to 40.

Everyone in the village thought that Wei Bo was not a bright child. He could neither read nor write and was often tricked and mocked by the village children when they played games. Adults would ask him to run little errands for them and gave him a coin as a token of reward. However, they took every opportunity to make fun of him by getting him to choose between two coins, one bigger than the other. Every time without fail, Wei Bo would choose the smaller coin. The villagers would then laugh their heads off and say, "Silly boy, don't you know the value of the bigger coin?"

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One day, a visitor came to the village. He noticed that the villagers were making fun of Wei Bo by offering him the coins. He was furious that the villagers were playing tricks on a young boy like that. He was determined to enlighten Wei Bo, "Don't you know that the bigger coin is better and you can buy more things with it?"

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Wei Bo looked at the kind old man and answered, "If I were to pick the bigger coin, they would never offer me any more coins in the future."

35. What was the size of the coin which Wei Bo chose every time he was offered coins by the villagers? (1m)

36. Which word has the same meaning as "laughed at"? Circle either (A) or (B). (1m)

'He could neither read nor write and was often tricked and mocked by the village children when they played games.'

(A) (B)

37. According to the passage, how did the adults bully Wei Bo? (2m)

38. Which word in paragraph 2 has the same meaning as 'very angry'? (1m)

39. According to the passage, which of the following is **false**? (2m)

- (1) Wei Bo was often mocked by the villagers.
- (2) Wei Bo chose the smaller coin deliberately.
- (3) The villagers were unkind in their deeds and words.
- (4) The visitor joined the villagers in making fun of Wei Bo.

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40. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

In the end, Wei Bo was proven to be _____ (1m)

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smart

silly

Comprehension 2 (8 marks)

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions 41 to 46

Once upon a time, a young man named Madan lived in a village in northern India. Madan wished to leave the village and find work in town. His father blessed him and wished him a safe trip.

In town, Madan learnt to be a tailor. He worked hard and soon became known for the fine clothes he made. The entire town wanted clothes sewn by Madan. The more his fame spread, the more proud and boastful Madan became.

One night, Madan sat gazing at the full moon that shone from behind a tall coconut tree. He said, "I am going to make a dress for the moon. The moon will praise my handiwork and then my fame will spread to the sun and stars."

A breeze carried his words to the coconut tree: Laughing softly, it bent down and whispered, "That's one thing you cannot do Madan." Upon hearing that, Madan frowned and would not listen.

He started to work on the dress and soon it was ready for fitting. The moon tried and said, "The dress does not fit. It is too loose." Madan was stunned. "It is not possible!" he cried. "The clothes I make always fit perfectly." He spent the entire night making the dress a little smaller and the next evening, the same situation happened again.

Madan was in disbelief and wept. The coconut tree heard his cries and comforted him, "I have tried to tell you before. After the moon is full, she grows smaller each day until you cannot see her at all. You cannot make a dress that will fit the moon properly but you were too proud to listen to me."

Madan was humbled. From that day onwards, he resolved to work harder than before. People liked him more because he was an excellent tailor and a humble one too.

Adapted from "A Dress for the Moon" by Indira Krishnan

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

41. According to the author, what does 'it' in line 11 refer to? (1m)

42. Write 1, 2 or 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage. (1m)

_____ Madan turned over a new leaf.

_____ Madan wept at his failure.

_____ Madan left his village to pursue his career as a tailor.

43. Which word in **paragraph five** has the same meaning as 'shocked'? (1m)

44. Based on the passage, state whether each statement is true or false, then give a reason why you think so. (2m)

Statement	True/ False	Reason
a) Madan was not a famous tailor.		
b) The clothes did not fit the moon because Madan was not a good tailor.		

45. Why did Madan want to make a dress for the moon? (2m)

46. What important lesson did Madan learn in the end? (1m)

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Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Q 5	Q 6	Q 7	Q 8	Q 9	Q 10
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Q 11	Q 12	Q 13	Q 14	Q 15	Q 16	Q 17	Q 18	Q 19	Q 20
4	3	3	3	A	C	F	E	K	M
Q 21	Q 22	Q 23	Q 24	Q 25	Q 26	Q 27			
J	L	B	D	H	C	E			

Q28 which Q29 much Q30 disappointed Q31 plague Q32 mischievous

Q33. I was very hungry, so my stomach kept growling.

Q34. Henry was having his dinner when the telephone rang.

Q35 small Q36. Mocked

Q37 (i) They took every opportunity to make fun of him.

Q37. (ii) They asked him to run little errands for them.

Q38. Furious Q39. 4 Q40. Smart

Q41. The word " it" refers to the coconut tree.

Q42. 1 – Madan left his village to pursue his career as a tailor.

Q42. 2 – Madan wept at his failure.

Q42. 3 – Madan turned over a new leaf.

Q43. Stunned

Q44a. FALSE – The entire town wanted clothes sewn by Madan.

Q44b. FALSE – The clothes did not fit because her size changes every day.

Q45. Madan wanted to make a dress for the moon , so that the moon would praise his hardwork and the moon would spread good words of him to the sun and stars.

Q46. Madan learnt not to be proud.