



**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL  
FIRST SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2010**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**PRIMARY FOUR**

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

**TOTAL TIME: 1 hour 35 minutes**

**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 ( )

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. Lee Lyn will not go to the party, \_\_\_\_\_?
- (1) will she
  - (2) won't she
  - (3) would she
  - (4) wouldn't she
6. John \_\_\_\_\_ his homework at the canteen now.
- (1) do
  - (2) does
  - (3) is doing
  - (4) has done
7. Dillon and his friends \_\_\_\_\_ playing soccer now.
- (1) is
  - (2) are
  - (3) was
  - (4) were
8. Wei Heng \_\_\_\_\_ speaks up in class. He is very shy.
- (1) often
  - (2) briefly
  - (3) always
  - (4) seldom
9. The children can manage the project \_\_\_\_\_. They are very independent.
- (1) himself
  - (2) ourselves
  - (3) yourselves
  - (4) themselves

10. Walk \_\_\_\_\_ the cobblestone path to avoid stepping on the flowers at the side.
- (1) in
  - (2) off
  - (3) out
  - (4) along

**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. The tsunami was such a terrible \_\_\_\_\_ that it took many months for the affected countries to get back on their feet.
- (1) flood
  - (2) disaster
  - (3) drought
  - (4) accident
12. Hong Wei started a/an \_\_\_\_\_ to collect plastic bottles for the Green Club.
- (1) carnival
  - (2) exercise
  - (3) campaign
  - (4) expedition
13. I accepted her suggestion \_\_\_\_\_ even though I did not agree with her.
- (1) reluctantly
  - (2) pathetically
  - (3) convincingly
  - (4) persuasively
14. Corina finally reached the \_\_\_\_\_ of the mountain after an arduous five-day climb.
- (1) end
  - (2) head
  - (3) bottom
  - (4) summit

15. Ray Yi \_\_\_\_\_ the large bowl of noodles as she was starving.

- (1) sipped
- (2) scoffed
- (3) slurped
- (4) swigged

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. Breaking news! Goldilocks had just cut off her golden locks

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

17. "We will go through the test paper tomorrow  said 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 closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Zim was a dragon who lived in the forest near the Land of Wonder.

Everyone in the Land of Wonder was afraid of Zim. They were **(18) troubled** by his big green scales and long spiky tail. They were especially concerned about the scorching fire he breathed out of his two round nostrils.

In reality, Zim only breathed fire whenever he was **(19) terrified** or when he sneezed. However, everyone *thought* he did it to try and burn the Land of Wonder to a crisp.

One evening, a group of protesters **(20) gathered** outside the castle of the King and Queen. They wanted to demand that something be done to rid the land of the dreaded dragon.

18. (1) eased  
(2) soothed  
(3) relieved  
(4) bothered
19. (1) calm  
(2) afraid  
(3) fearless  
(4) courageous
20. (1) grouped  
(2) collected  
(3) arranged  
(4) assembled

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.

I was just seven years old when I looked out a window of our flat. I saw a new car parked on the street. It belonged to the Tans next door. I asked my mother innocently why we did not own a car.

Mother smiled and said, "We have you, your sister and this house. I think it is enough."

I kept quiet and stared at the Tans as they climbed into their shiny new car with a twinge of jealousy. I was too young to understand the financial struggles Mother and Father faced. All I could do was hope that one day we would be able to own one.

Years passed and we commuted everywhere together by bus, train and taxi. I enjoyed taking the bus the most. I loved peering through the large windows, feeling the wind blow on my face and watching all those pedestrians, shopping malls and houses rush past outside.

As the government upgraded the public transport system and built better roads, public transport had since become a lot easier. Those who owned cars now preferred to use public transport because it was safe and cheap. Even Mr. Tan next door was taking the train to work.

One evening, as I was standing at the window looking at all the parked cars, Mother came up beside me. "Your sister is planning to get a car," she said. Suddenly, owning a car did not seem to matter so much. The journey of love we had taken together as a family had bonded us tightly over the years.

Remembering our conversation twenty years earlier, I turned to her and said, "Mother, we have **one another** and this house. I think it is enough."

21. How many members were there in the writer's family?

- (1) two
- (2) three
- (3) four
- (4) five

22. When the writer saw the Tans getting into their new car, he was

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- (1) excited
  - (2) furious
  - (3) unhappy
  - (4) uninterested

23. Why did people who owned cars choose to travel by public transport instead?

- (1) They found it safe and inexpensive.
- (2) They enjoyed the wind blowing on their faces.
- (3) They preferred commuting with everyone else.
- (4) They loved watching houses and pedestrians rush past them.

24. <sup>What does</sup> Who did "one another" in the passage refer to?

- (1) It refers to the writer and his mother.
- (2) It refers to the writer's <sup>and his</sup> family members.
- (3) It refers to the writer and the Tan family.
- (4) It refers to the commuters of public transport.



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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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>/100</b>



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.**

<del>(A) unless</del>	<del>(B) and</del>	<del>(C) because</del>	<del>(D) in</del>
<del>(E) its</del>	<del>(F) on</del>	<del>(G) that</del>	

Crocodiles are the largest living reptiles. They are found  
(25) \_\_\_\_\_ rivers in some countries. They are protected from their  
enemies by their hard body covering. They have powerful tails  
(26) \_\_\_\_\_ strong jaws. The crocodile's tail is so strong  
(27) \_\_\_\_\_ one blow from it can knock a large animal down. The tail is  
an excellent weapon (28) \_\_\_\_\_ it can be swung with accuracy and  
great speed. Its teeth are terribly pointed so that it can grab its prey, which may  
be a large fish, an animal or even a man.

SECTION J : COMPREHENSION CLOZE ( 8 X 1m = 8 marks )  
Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

The sun was shining brightly that day. However, we did not feel the heat as we were enjoying (29) \_\_\_\_\_. We had so much (30) \_\_\_\_\_ playing volleyball at the beach that we hardly felt tired. We only (31) \_\_\_\_\_ playing at lunchtime because all of us were so hungry by then that we could hardly wait to eat.

We had a wide spread of food for lunch. We felt energized after lunch and decided to play on the sand again. We (32) \_\_\_\_\_ a huge sandcastle. Everyone put in great (33) \_\_\_\_\_ to make the sandcastle (34) \_\_\_\_\_ grand. Soon, it was getting (35) \_\_\_\_\_. Just before sunset, we (36) \_\_\_\_\_ up all our belongings and headed for home. We had a wonderful time at the beach.

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.

My brother and I were looking forward to playing football in the

field. (37) Unfourtunerdy, it was raining heavily. Both of us were very

(38) dissapointed. We had no choice but to play indoors instead. We decided to

play a game of "Monopoly" while waiting for the rain to stop. It rained

(39) continuosly for two whole hours. We were too (40) engrozed in the game

that we forgot about playing football. Anyway, it was time well-spent.

**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. This is the blouse. I bought it yesterday.

which

42. It was raining cats and dogs. Our annual sports meet was cancelled.

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SECTION M : COMPREHENSION ( 5 X 2m = 10 marks )  
Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

It was a dark and stormy night. ~~The Lim family was having dinner when there was a scratching sound at the door.~~ Everyone looked up in surprise. Mrs Lim went to look through the peephole. She exclaimed, "Oh my goodness! It's our neighbour's dog, Brownie." She opened the door. In came the brown canine, looking like a drowned rat. There was water dripping from its body.

~~The poor dog was shivering in cold.~~ His face was long and thin. The pitiful animal looked utterly exhausted. The Lims decided to feed him some dog food. He ~~wolfed everything down.~~ He seemed to have regained his strength after eating the food and started barking in delight.

The Lims only found out what had happened the next day. ~~Brownie's owners had moved out of their flat two days ago and had abandoned him. He was wandering aimlessly in the neighbourhood when he was caught in the heavy rain.~~

The Lim family took pity on Brownie and decided to keep him as **their** new pet. Soon, he became part of their household.

Answer these questions. Write your answers in complete sentences.

43. What was Mrs Lim doing when Brownie arrived?

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44. Why did Brownie look like a drowned rat?

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45. How did Brownie end up wandering about?

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46. Which phrase in the passage tells you that Brownie was hungry?

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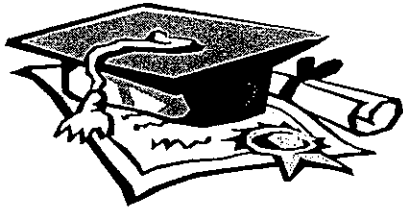
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47. What does the word "**their**" in the last paragraph refer to?

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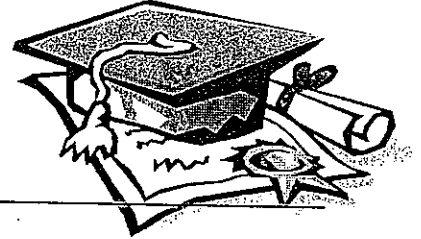


# ANSWER SHEET

**EXAM PAPER 2010**

**SCHOOL : NANYANG PRIMARY  
SUBJECT : PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH**

**TERM : SA1**



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

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

29) ourselves    30) fun    31) stopped    32) made    33) effort    34) very

35) late    36) packed    37) unfortunately    38) disappointed

39) continuously    40) engrossed

41) This is the blouse which I bought yesterday.

42) As it was raining cats and dogs, our annual sports meet was cancelled.

43) Mrs Lim was having dinner with her family when Brownie arrived.

44) Brownie was wandering about and got caught in the rain.

45) Brownie's owner moved out of their flat and abandoned him, so, he ended up wandering about.

46) The phrase is 'wolfed everything down'.

47) It refers to the Lim family.