



NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2 - 2013
PRIMARY 2

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2

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Class: Primary 2 _____

Date: 23 October 2013

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Total Time: 1 hour 15 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Write your name and register number in the space provided.
2. Do not turn over the page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions carefully.

Section A: Vocabulary (5 x 1) marks

Study the pictures and read each sentence carefully. Choose the most suitable answer and write 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the brackets provided.

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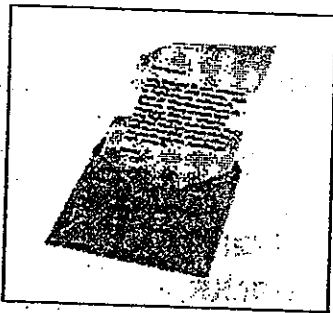


John is unwell and his body feels warm. His mother uses a _____ to check his temperature.

- (1) scale
- (2) magnet
- (3) stethoscope
- (4) thermometer

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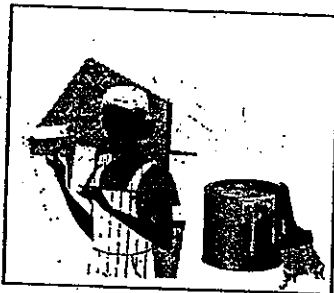


Nicole wrote a/an _____ to her pen pal to tell her about her trip to Japan. Her mother would help to post it.

- (1) letter
- (2) email
- (3) recipe
- (4) invitation

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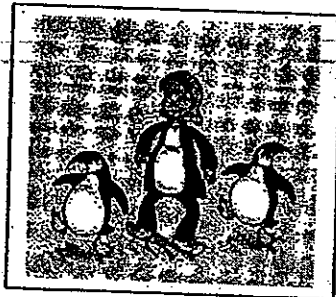


"Be careful of the wet _____ on the wall!" warned Mrs Tan.

- (1) ink
- (2) frost
- (3) paint
- (4) powder

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What a funny sight! My sister is _____ like the penguins.

- (1) flipping
- (2) rocking
- (3) crawling
- (4) waddling

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Mr Lim _____ upon hearing the piece of bad news from his friend.

- (1) giggled
- (2) laughed
- (3) frowned
- (4) hummed

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Section B: Grammar (10 x 1) marks

Read each sentence carefully. Choose the correct answer and write 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the brackets provided.

6. It _____ time for us to attend the meeting now.

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

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7. Can you add _____ more salt in your cooking?

- (1) all
- (2) many
- (3) a few
- (4) a little

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8. I _____ a terrible headache last night.

- (1) had
- (2) has
- (3) have
- (4) am having

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9. Johnny's ball landed behind the fence. He had no choice but to climb _____ the fence to get it.

- (1) in
- (2) on
- (3) over
- (4) along

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10. This blouse is beautiful but _____ blouses over there are more beautiful.

- (1) this
- (2) that
- (3) these
- (4) those

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11. This is the _____ movie that I have ever watched. I could hardly understand what the story is about.

- (1) bad
- (2) best
- (3) better
- (4) worst

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12. Mrs Lim praised Amanda for being such _____ honest girl.

- (1) a
- (2) an
- (3) the
- (4) that

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13. _____ did you have dinner with last night?

- (1) Who
- (2) Why
- (3) When
- (4) Whose

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14. Mother was in such a hurry that she _____ her wallet.

- (1) forget
- (2) forgot
- (3) forgets
- (4) forgotten

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15. I am scared to go for the camp by _____. Would you like to go with me?

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

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Section C: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1) marks

Read the passage carefully. From the list of words in the box, choose the most suitable answer and write the word in the blanks provided. You may use each word **ONCE** only.

sky	appears	colours	sunlight
space	anxious	happy	arrives

Have you ever seen a rainbow? A rainbow is a curve of colours that is sometimes seen in the (16)_____.

We often see a rainbow when the sun shines through rain. Sometimes, a rainbow (17)_____ on a moist, damp day when it did not rain at all.

Rainbows are created by rays of (18)_____ that reflect through tiny droplets of water in the air. The droplets break the sunlight into the seven different (19)_____ that we see in the rainbow. The colours are red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet.

Rainbows make people feel (20)_____. This is because of their beautiful colours.

Section D: Grammar Cloze (5 x 1) marks

Read the passage carefully. From the list of words in the box, choose the most suitable answer and write the word in the blanks provided. You may use each word **ONCE** only.

Passage 1

are	have	is
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We can hear the cheers and screams of the spectators. This is the big day we (21) _____ been waiting for. We are going to compete in the Inter-School Basketball Competition. All of us know that the team we are competing against is strong.

Our coach (22) _____ confident that we can win. We know that we have trained very hard for this competition.

Passage 2

draw	drawing	drew	drawn
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John likes to draw. He usually spends his free time (23) _____.

John can (24) _____ animals such as cats and elephants very well. Once, I received a card from him. On the card, he (25) _____

~~a picture of an elephant holding a bunch of balloons. I showed my mother~~

the card and she liked it too.

Section E: Editing for Punctuation and Capital Letters (5 x 1) marks

Read the passage carefully. There are five punctuation mistakes in the passage. Correct each mistake and write the answer in the circles provided or the corrected word in the boxes provided.

Janet came home from school. After a quick lunch ⁽²⁶⁾ she went to the garden. She wanted to see if the tree she had planted was bearing fruit. To her disappointment, there was no rambutan on the tree.

"The tree needs sunshine and it takes time to grow, Janet," said her

mother. "Did you water it and add fertiliser to the soil ⁽²⁷⁾ "

⁽²⁸⁾
On hearing this, janet patiently watered the tree every time she got

home from school. She also added fertilisers to the soil ⁽²⁹⁾

One day, she saw the rambutans appearing on the tree and cried excitedly to her mother, "I can see the rambutans now ⁽³⁰⁾ I cannot wait to taste them."

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Section F: Comprehension (5 x 2) marks

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Peter was a shop assistant in a grocery store near the market. As he was supposed to be the first to arrive and open the shop at six in the morning, he was given the key to the store.

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Once Peter arrived at the store, he had to first sweep the floor then clean the table. By seven o'clock, he had to make sure that the four metal racks of dried goods were displayed neatly outside the shop. The shop owner would usually come at nine and Peter must have tea ready for him. Peter would then have to walk to the nearby coffee shop to buy breakfast too. These were the different things Peter had been doing as a shop assistant for the past two years.

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Peter worked every day except Sundays as the shop was closed. He was diligent and did not mind the long working hours. He only reached home at eleven o'clock every night. Peter had less than six hours of sleep and he found it difficult to wake up at dawn almost daily. However, Peter thought to himself that having to wake up early should not be a reason for him to leave his job.

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Choose the correct answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

31. The grocery store had to be opened by _____ o'clock.

- (1) six
- (2) seven
- (3) eight
- (4) nine

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32. Peter had the key to the grocery store because _____.

- (1) he was the owner of the grocery store
- (2) he had to open the grocery store at six o'clock
- (3) he had to go the nearby coffee shop to buy breakfast
- (4) he wanted to be the first to arrive at the grocery store

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33. Before the grocery store owner reached the store, Peter should have _____.

- (1) mopped the floor
- (2) arranged the groceries
- (3) sold some of the groceries
- (4) bought breakfast for the shop owner

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34. The word 'diligent' in line 12 has the same meaning as _____.

- (1) clever
- (2) strong
- (3) patient
- (4) hardworking

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35. Why was it difficult for Peter to wake up early every day for work?

- (1) He was lazy.
- (2) He had to work on Sundays.
- (3) He was always busy at work.
- (4) He had very little sleep every night.

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Section G: Comprehension (5 x 2) marks

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow. Your answers must be based on the given text.

Giraffes are the world's tallest mammals. They are well known for their long necks, long legs and spotted patterns. The long legs allow giraffes to run as fast as fifty-six kilometres an hour. Giraffes have small 'horns' or knobs on top of their heads. These knobs are used to protect their heads in fights.

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Healthy giraffes live about twenty-five years in the wild and they usually live in the savannahs of Africa, where they roam freely among tall trees and open grasslands. Even though they are the tallest, giraffes are often preyed upon by lions, leopards and hyenas. Giraffes defend themselves by travelling in large herds which may consist of any age or gender.

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The long necks of giraffes help them eat leaves from tall trees. Instead of drinking, giraffes get their water from leaves. It is difficult and dangerous for giraffes to drink at a water hole. To do so, they must spread their legs and bend down in an awkward position that makes it easy for the enemies to attack them.

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Giraffes are hunted for their meat, coat and tails. There should be laws to protect giraffes or they will become extinct.

36. What are the knobs on top of the giraffe's head used for?

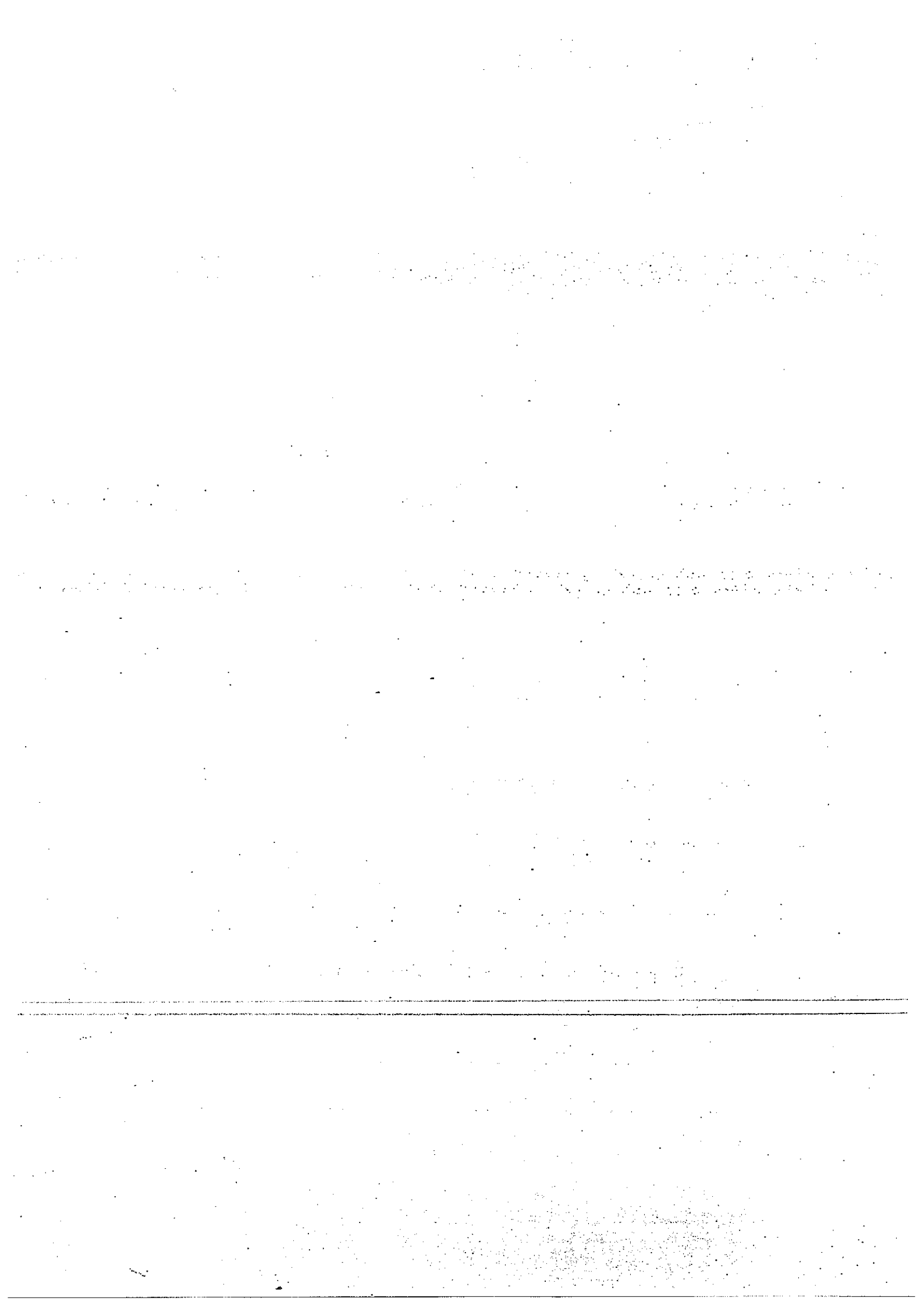
37. How long can giraffes live?

38. Why do giraffes move around in big groups?

39. Why is it better for the giraffes to get water from leaves instead of water hole?

40. What will happen to giraffes if nothing is done to stop the hunting of giraffes?

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ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2013

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SUBJECT : PRIMARY 2 ENGLISH

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Section C

Q16) sky

Q17) appears

Q18) sunlight

Q19) colours

Q20) happy

Section D

Q21) have

Q22) is

Q23) drawing

Q24) draw

Q25) drew

Section E

Q26) ,

Q27) ?

Q28) Janet

Q29) ,

Q30) !

Section F

Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35
1	2	2	4	4

Section G

Q36) The knobs on top of the giraffe's head are used from protecting their heads in a fight

Q37) Giraffes can live for about twenty-five years

Q38) Giraffes move around in big groups because they can defend themselves

Q39) It is better for the giraffe to get water from the leaves instead of water a water hole, because they must spread their legs in a awkward position that makes it easy for their enemies to attack them.

Q40) If nothing is done to stop the hunting of giraffes, then the giraffes will become extinct