



NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2- 2008
PRIMARY 2

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2

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Date: 23 October 2008

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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.

1. Mary received a beautiful pair of _____ as a birthday present from her father.



- (1) boots
- (2) booties
- (3) sandals
- (4) slippers

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2. Timothy likes watching the _____ event. He likes to see the bar raised higher after each try.



- (1) diving
- (2) skating
- (3) high jump
- (4) long jump

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3. Mother used the _____ to measure the flour needed to make muffins.



- (1) scales
- (2) cooker
- (3) frying pan
- (4) mixing bowl

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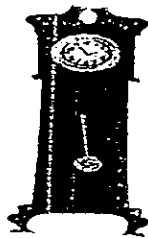
4. "Look further down the branch! There are some berries growing on the _____.



- (1) twig
- (2) fruit
- (3) trunk
- (4) roots

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5. We often hear the grandfather clock _____ in the living room.



- (1) honking
- (2) hooting
- (3) chiming
- (4) clanging

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SECTION B: Vocabulary (5 x 1) marks

Study the pictures. Choose the most suitable word from the box and fill in each of the blanks.

furious	digging	handbag	raking	groceries
acrobat	luggage	embarrassed	balancing	juggler


6. Jane enjoys watching the _____
throwing objects in the air and catching them very
quickly in the circus.



7.  Mr Tan felt _____ when the
pupils laughed at him for wearing different
patterned socks to school by accident.

8. Mr Wu is waiting to get his _____
from the conveyor belt at the airport.



9.  Mr Brown is _____ the dried
leaves in his garden.

10. Nadia, the gymnast, is very good at
_____ on the beam.



SECTION C: Grammar (10 x 1) marks

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

11. "Do you know that Cheeky the chimpanzee has the _____ pair of jeans in the whole zoo?" asked Lionel the lion.
(1) loose
(2) looser
(3) loosest
(4) most loose ()
12. After walking for a long time _____ the forest, the little prince at last came upon a road.
(1) at
(2) in
(3) over
(4) between ()
13. How _____ apples do you need to make the pie?
(1) more
(2) most
(3) many
(4) much ()
14. Ann is waiting _____ for the results of the competition. She cannot wait to know who the winner is.
(1) eagerly
(2) bravely
(3) quickly
(4) shyly ()

15. Emily's dog is always wagging _____ tail.

- (1) my
- (2) its
- (3) our
- (4) their

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16. Look ! The maid _____ the floor. Be careful.

- (1) mop
- (2) mops
- (3) is mopping
- (4) are mopping

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17. We _____ leapfrog at ten o' clock last Sunday morning.

- (1) play
- (2) played
- (3) is playing
- (4) was playing

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18. Miss Chua _____ shoulder-length hair and wears glasses.

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

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19. "_____ did the earthquake happen in Szechuan?" Jenny asked her mother. "Last week," replied her mother.

- (1) Why
- (2) What
- (3) When
- (4) Where

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20. An old woman fell and her groceries _____ onto the road.

- (1) spill
- (2) spills
- (3) spilled
- (4) spilling

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SECTION D: Editing for Punctuation (5 x 1) marks

Read the passage carefully. There are missing punctuation marks in the passage. Correct each mistake in the boxes provided. For the missing apostrophe, rewrite the word with the apostrophe in the box provided.

Ramli and his friends love to race their bicycles along a

21)

long quiet road behind his block of flats. Every Sunday,

22)

Ramli's friends will go to his house and join his family

23)

for breakfast in the five-room HDB flat. After breakfast

24)

the friends will go for a race on their bicycles. Last Sunday

morning, the boys decided that the one who lost the race would

have to treat everyone to ice cream. Who do you think would

25)

win the race.

SECTION E: Vocabulary Cloze (5 × 1) marks

Fill in each blank with the correct word from the box.

Use each word only ONCE.

red	slowly	zooming	tooted
blue	quickly	screeched	thumping

The car race began. John was leading the way
26) _____ ahead of all the others. Not too far behind
were Bala and Osman. The slowest was Peter who was trailing right
behind.

Suddenly, a van appeared out of nowhere ! John's car
27) _____ to a stop to avoid hitting the van. John
28) _____ his horn and shouted angrily at the driver
of the van. The driver's face was as 29) _____ as a
cherry. Bala and Osman immediately pulled ahead. Now they were leading
the way.

Peter tried to catch up with the two leading cars in front. His car
picked up speed 30) _____ to narrow the gap between
the leading cars and his. John, however, was still a little shaken by the
scare and fell behind.

SECTION F: Comprehension - MCQ (5 x 2) marks

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Some animals cannot protect themselves against their stronger, fiercer and faster predator. As these animals cannot move quickly, they have a special way of eating. Whenever they find some food, they run away to hide after swallowing the food quickly without chewing it for fear of being attacked. Once safe in their hiding place, they will force the food out from their stomachs, biting it over and over again, chewing the food at their leisure. This is called chewing the cud and animals that do this are called *ruminants*.

One such ruminant is the cow. Its stomach has five parts. Each of these parts does something different to the food.

Another ruminant, the camel, has three parts in its stomach. It uses the first to store food while grazing in the field and to form the food into cud. In the second part is the digestive juice while the chewed cud is digested in the third.

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

31. Some animals cannot protect themselves as they are _____ than their predators.

- (1) faster
- (2) slower
- (3) fiercer
- (4) stronger

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32. The animals run away to hide after swallowing food because they are _____.
- (1) hungry
 - (2) pleased
 - (3) nervous
 - (4) excited
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33. The 'cud' in Line 7 in the passage refers to the _____.
- (1) freshly bitten off grass
 - (2) honey from the bee hive
 - (3) freshly torn off meat from the prey
 - (4) food forced from the stomach of the animal
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34. The cow has _____ parts in its stomach.
- (1) one
 - (2) five
 - (3) three
 - (4) seven
- ()
35. The word that tells you that camels feed on grass is "_____".
- (1) biting
 - (2) grazing
 - (3) chewing
 - (4) swallowing
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SECTION 6: Comprehension - OE (5 x 2) marks

Read the postcard sent by Yixin carefully and answer the questions that follow.

<p>Hello Caihan!</p> <p>I heard your parents are bringing you to Singapore. Alice and I are waiting for you to visit. We want to take you around our beautiful homeland, Singapore. Let me tell you about one of Singapore's most popular attractions - Sentosa. We can ride in a cable car, take a bus or walk over a bridge to the island.</p> <p>Sentosa is a small island with many fun and interesting places for tourists and visitors. There are the Underwater World, Fort Siloso, Palawan Beach, Dolphin Lagoon and many others. You will find pictures of these places on this postcard.</p> <p>There is so much to do and see. After a day on Sentosa you will not want to go home. I can't wait to take you there.</p> <p>Your friend, Yixin</p>	
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	Chengdu
	Republic of China

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

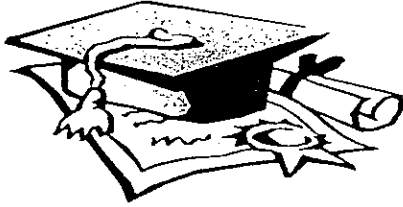
36. Who wrote the postcard?

37. Which word in the postcard in Paragraph 1 tells you that Sentosa is well-liked by most people?

38. Where in Singapore can you find all the attractions mentioned in the postcard?

39. According to the postcard, how can you get across to Sentosa?

40. Which sentence tells you Yixin believes Caihan will enjoy spending a day at Sentosa?



ANSWER SHEET

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- 1)1 2)3 3)1 4)1 5)3
- 6) juggler 7) embarrassed 8) luggage 9) raking
- 10) balancing 11)3 12)2 13)3 14)1 15)2
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- 22) Ramlis 23), 24)L 25)? 26) zooming
- 27) screeched 28) tooted 29) red 30) quickly 31)2
- 32)3 33)4 34)2 35)2
- 36) YiXin wrote the postcard.
- 37) The word is "popular."
- 38) They can be found in Sentosa.
- 39) We can ride in a cable, take a bus or walk over a bridge to Sentosa.
- 40) The sentence is "After a day on Sentosa you will not want to go home."