



**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
2007 SECOND SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT
PRIMARY THREE**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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

TOTAL TIME: 1 hour 35 mins

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 3 ()

**You would have completed Questions 1 to 4 from Booklet A: Listening.
Continue with the next section, Section D.**

SECTION D: GRAMMAR (5 X 1 mark)

For each question from 5 to 9, 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. There are _____ bottles of water in this box than in that one.

- (1) little
- (2) some
- (3) fewer
- (4) a few

6. Jane ran _____ the field to meet her friends.

- (1) over
- (2) along
- (3) across
- (4) between

7. I _____ eating when the telephone rang.

- (1) am
- (2) was
- (3) were
- (4) have been

8. Has Sam ever _____ to you on the telephone before?

- (1) speak
- (2) spoke
- (3) speaks
- (4) spoken

9. David : _____ did you start collecting stamps?

Ahmad : I started when I was seven years old.

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

SECTION E: VOCABULARY (5 X 1 mark)

For each question from 10 to 14, 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).

10. It was so _____ that I could not see clearly what was in front of me.

- (1) hazy
- (2) rainy
- (3) windy
- (4) sunny

11. The _____ was so funny that the whole cinema was filled with laughter throughout the movie.

- (1) thriller
- (2) comedy
- (3) romance
- (4) documentary

12. Li Hua has a habit of writing down what happens everyday in her _____.

- (1) diary
- (2) album
- (3) dictionary
- (4) encyclopaedia

13. Be careful! Don't go too near to the calf, the angry _____ may be around here.

- (1) lion
- (2) bear
- (3) tiger
- (4) elephant

14. Peihua has just received a book prize. He is as happy as a _____.

- (1) king
- (2) knight
- (3) soldier
- (4) courtier

SECTION F: PUNCTUATION (3 X 1mark)

For questions 15 to 17, each circle indicates a missing punctuation mark. Choose the correct punctuation for each sentence. Shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

15. Can you keep this secret under your hat

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

16. "There is a snake under my haversack whispered Wei Li.

- (1) [!] exclamation mark
- (2) ["] close inverted commas
- (3) [, "] comma and close inverted commas
- (4) [. "] full stop and close inverted commas

17. The children s umbrellas were useful under this scorching sun.

- 1) [,] comma
- 2) [.] full stop
- 3) ['] apostrophe
- 4) ["] close inverted commas

SECTION G: SYNONYMS (3 X 1 mark)

For questions 18 to 20, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word. Shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

Mark hid his gloves under his pillow. Although it stopped snowing, it was still (18) freezing outside. But he was not going to wear a pair of pink gloves to school ! He (19) recalled how stunned he was when he opened his aunt's present on Christmas morning. "Perhaps she has made (20) a mistake," thought Mark as he imagined himself playing with one of his dream toy racing car.

18. **freezing**

- (1) cool
- (2) chilly
- (3) breezy
- (4) stormy

19. **recalled**

- (1) believed
- (2) realised
- (3) understood
- (4) remembered

20. **a mistake**

- (1) a lie
- (2) a swop
- (3) an error
- (4) an exchange

SECTION H: COMPREHENSION (4 X 1 mark)

Read the passage below and answer the questions 21 to 24 that follow.

It was Monday. Liling woke up refreshed and was ready to take on a new week. She had just recovered from her busy schedule the previous week which included a piano recital at the Esplanade. However, by the end of the day, Liling was sulking again.

"Mdm Lee said we had to stay back in school every Tuesday for remedial lessons, Mum," lamented Liling. "I don't want to go. Tuesday is my only free day," Liling continued. But before she could say anything further, Mother cut her short with "It's OK, the school term will soon be over." However, Liling knew that the term would only end eight weeks later.

Before she could dwell further in her thoughts, Mother had parked her car in front of her Chinese tutor's house. It was half past one. Liling rushed through some homework as she was half an hour early for her tuition.

On a normal week, Liling has Chinese tuition on Monday, Math tuition on Wednesday, Robotics class on Thursday and Art lesson on Friday. On weekends, she goes for swimming lesson on Saturday morning and piano lesson in the afternoon. Sunday is usually a day for church in the morning, homework in the afternoon and assessment work assigned by Father in the evening.

Soon it was Sunday again. Liling was completely exhausted. The thought of starting another week frightened Liling. She felt like asking her parents for permission to cut down on some activities so that she could have some free time.

Adapted from 'Give me a break' in *Raising Your Family EQ*



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**BOOKLET C: LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION
(OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS)**

TOTAL TIME: 1 hour 35 mins

Name: _____ () Class: Pr 3 ()

Booklet A: Note-taking and Unseen Dictation	/10
Booklet B (Including Listening MCQ)	/24
Booklet C;	/30
Writing	/20
Total	/84

21. Liling was sulking because she _____.
- (1) needed to see her teacher on Tuesday
 - (2) just had her piano recital at the Esplanade
 - (3) had not recovered from her hectic schedule
 - (4) had to attend remedial on her only free day
22. Where was Liling when she talked to Mother about Mdm Lee?
She was _____.
- (1) in Mother's car
 - (2) at the tuition centre
 - (3) just coming out from Chinese tuition
 - (4) on her way to attend her Math tuition
23. The Chinese tuition starts at _____.
- (1) one o'clock
 - (2) two o'clock
 - (3) one thirty
 - (4) two thirty
24. Liling felt exhausted thinking about the start of another week because she _____.
- (1) was overloaded with work
 - (2) wished to have some free time
 - (3) had completed a lot of assessment work on Sunday
 - (4) wanted to ask for permission to cut down on some activities

SECTION I: GRAMMAR CLOZE (5 X 1 mark)

Read the passage below carefully. Choose the answers from the words given in the box. Each word is given a letter name (A to G). **Write the letter** for the correct word in each blank.

USE EACH WORD **ONCE** ONLY

(A) to	(B) for	(C) of
(D) by	(E) than	(F) in
(G) from		

Would you believe that there is a fish that flies? Incredible as that may sound, there is. It lives (25)_____ the Atlantic Ocean.

The flying fish has wing-like fins. Most (26)_____ the time, it swims underwater. However, in order to escape its enemies, the fish swims quickly (27)_____ the surface and leaps into the air. The flight does not last long, rarely more (28)_____ half a minute. Yet it is often successful in escaping dolphins and other large fish looking (29)_____ their dinners.

The flying fish does not really fly in the true sense of the word. It glides. The fish travels in large schools and is sometimes seen following the ships out to sea.

SECTION J: COMPREHENSION CLOZE (8 X 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Passage 1

It is a fine weekend. Violet is exploring the children's garden that has newly opened. She brings along her binoculars. The binoculars make everything look closer and (30)_____. Violet spots three sparrows. The sparrows ruffle their brown (31)_____ and chirp to one (32)_____ in little bursts. The rain has just stopped. Violet sees beautiful (33)_____ on the leaves. They glisten like little stars. She walks past a big puddle and deliberately (34)_____ on it with her boots to create a splash! Sunshine sparkles on the puddle and Violet admires the rippling puddle.

Passage 2

One morning, my friend and I went on board the MRT. The train was not crowded so we were able to get ourselves comfortable (35)_____ in a corner. Two men sat opposite (36)_____. The older of the two was coughing quite badly and we were amazed that the younger man beside him could still (37)_____ despite this. In fact, the younger man snored throughout the ride! As though she was under his influence, my friend began to get very sleepy too.

SECTION K: EDITING – SPELLING (3 X 1 mark)

There are three words that are underlined in the sentences below. They are spelt wrongly. Write the correct spelling of each word in the boxes provided.

38. Pei Ling wishes to go mauntan climbing in Malaysia at the end of the year.

39. Little Mandy wants to know the defferens between a pony and a horse.

40. Rebecca came up with a brilliant idea to solve the proplem.

SECTION L: SENTENCE COMBINING (2 X 2 marks)

Rewrite the two sentences of each question below into a sentence by using the word given.

41. They shouted loudly during the match. They cheered loudly during the match.

_____ and _____

42. He had a fall. He did not cry.

Although _____

Section M: Comprehension Open-ended (5 X 2 marks)

For each question from 43 to 47, read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Little Zetto did not like his appearance. He was white. He wanted to be colourful.

His mother explained that all polar bears were white but that did not make him feel better.

"But I want to be different! I want to be as colourful as the rainbow," Zetto told his mother.

His wise mother took out a paintbrush. First, she dabbed some red paint onto it and painted Zetto's fur. Next, came orange, then yellow, green, blue and indigo. Finally, she painted violet onto him.

"There," she said. "You look just like a rainbow now."

Zetto was excited. He ran to show off to his friends who were playing in the snow. When they saw him, they laughed at him as none of them recognized Zetto. Then, they ran away and ignored him.

Feeling sad, Zetto walked home slowly. Suddenly, he heard a loud 'Bang!' Hunters were shooting at him. Zetto was so colourful that **they** could see him from miles away.

Zetto quickly ran home. Sobbing, he said to his mother, "I don't want to be colourful anymore. My friends would not play with me and hunters shoot at me." His mother smiled and washed off his colours. Zetto was glad he was white again.

Write your answers in complete sentences.

43. Why did Zetto not like his appearance ?

44. What animal was Zetto ?

45. What did Zetto want ?

46. Who does 'they' (paragraph 7) refer to ?

47. Which word from the last paragraph tells us that Zetto was sad?

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS CAREFULLY

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Primary 3 English SA2 Exam (2007)*Answer Keys*

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
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Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
2	1	4	1	3	3	3	2	1	3
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
4	1	2	1	F	C	A	E	B	bigger

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|---------------|----------------|
| 31. feathers | 36. us |
| 32. another | 37. sleep |
| 33. raindrops | 38. mountain |
| 34. stepped | 39. difference |
| 35. seats | 40. problem |

41. They shouted and cheered loudly during the match.
42. Although he had a fall, he did not cry.
43. Zetto did not like to be white but wanted to be colourful.
44. Zetto was a polar bear.
45. Zetto wanted to be colourful as a rainbow.
46. 'They' refers to the hunters.
47. The word is "sobbing".