



NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL  
MID-YEAR-EXAMINATION – 2006  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
PAPER 2  
PRIMARY 3

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

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Class: Primary 3 \_\_\_\_\_

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Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes

**SECTION A: VOCABULARY** (6 X 1) marks

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

1. Being a \_\_\_\_\_ child, Jack always likes to play tricks on others.  
(1) cunning (2) vain  
(3) mischievous (4) conceited ( )
  
2. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a special kind of story with a moral.  
(1) legend (2) haiku  
(3) fairytale (4) fable ( )
  
3. Nobody knew if she was coming for the party because she did not \_\_\_\_\_ to our invitation.  
(1) reply (2) call  
(3) address (4) answer ( )
  
4. After the concert performance, the \_\_\_\_\_ clapped loudly.  
(1) audience (2) congregation  
(3) assembly (4) spectators ( )
  
5. In the deeper parts of the ocean, food is \_\_\_\_\_ so not many animals are found there.  
(1) few (2) minimum  
(3) scarce (4) bare ( )
  
6. Melanie gave all her pocket money for the week to the beggar. It was very \_\_\_\_\_ of her.  
(1) willing (2) charitable  
(3) trusting (4) hospitable ( )

**SECTION B: GRAMMAR** (6 X 1) marks

Choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

7. He was determined not to give up the race \_\_\_\_\_ he was tired.  
(1) since (2) though  
(3) as (4) so ( )
8. Oceans \_\_\_\_\_ up nearly three-quarters of the earth's surface.  
(1) make (2) makes  
(3) is making (4) are making ( )
9. Tom \_\_\_\_\_ the dishes when the telephone rang.  
(1) washes (2) washed  
(3) is washing (4) was washing ( )
10. I bought a can of cat food to feed \_\_\_\_\_ cats across the street.  
(1) this (2) that  
(3) these (4) those ( )
11. "I \_\_\_\_\_ up for the writing course tomorrow," said Benny.  
(1) pay (2) pays  
(3) will pay (4) have paid ( )
12. Mrs Li is \_\_\_\_\_ at cooking than Miss Lee.  
(1) good (2) better  
(3) best (4) well ( )

**SECTION C: COMPREHENSION** (5 X 2) marks

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Monday, April 17

Dear Gramps,

I was so upset last week when somebody stole my Super Racer from the park by your house. I called up the toy company but they said they have only red, blue and green racers. Dad called Cobb's Toy Store today and found out that they might have purple ones. Can we go there when I come to visit you next week?

You and I were only gone for a few minutes to the shop down the street to get ice-cream and cookies. May be the thief was watching us. Mum was surprised when I told her the racer was stolen. She said she used to leave things at that park all the time when she was young. Once she even left her bicycle for two days near the swimming pool.

Tell Grandma that I like the jelly she made previously. Ask Grandma if we can have pancakes with powdered sugar for breakfast when I come this time. I have packed in my towel, comb and shampoo. Tell her this time I won't forget to pack in my toothbrush.

Love,

Toby

Choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

13. According to information in the text, Toby lost a \_\_\_\_\_ Super Racer.  
1) red  
2) blue  
3) green  
4) purple ( X )
14. Toby left his racer \_\_\_\_\_.  
1) at the park  
2) at Cobb's Toy Store  
3) near the swimming pool  
4) near the shop down the street ( )
15. Grandma made \_\_\_\_\_ for Toby on his last visit.  
1) jelly  
2) cookies  
3) pancakes  
4) ice-cream ( )
16. The word "there" in line 6 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.  
1) the park  
2) Gramps's house  
3) the toy company  
4) Cobb's Toy store ( )
17. According to the information in the text, which of these statements is correct?  
1) Toby called Cobb's Toy Store.  
2) Toby's mother lost her bicycle near the swimming pool.  
3) Toby was certain that the thief had been watching them. 3  
4) Toby forgot his toothbrush when he last went to Grandma's house. ( )

**SECTION D: VOCABULARY CLOZE** (8 X 1) marks

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to L) in each blank.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) prefer	(B) relaxing	(C) world
(D) or	(E) likes	(F) air
(G) appear	(H) and	(I) water
(J) closed	(K) open	(L) extra

Fish live in water and use fins to move around. They live in oceans, lakes, rivers and streams around the (18)\_\_\_\_\_. There are many different types of fish but not all of them can be kept as pets.

Fish cannot get oxygen from the (19)\_\_\_\_\_ and so should not be taken out of water for more than a few seconds. Some people find it (20)\_\_\_\_\_ to see fish moving through the water. Many people add different types of plants to make the tank (21)\_\_\_\_\_ prettier. Fish do not make any noise. They do not have eyelids and sleep with their eyes (22)\_\_\_\_\_. Some fish can even sleep while they are moving! Some fish move around in a shoal but others (23)\_\_\_\_\_ to stay on their own.

Most fish eat both plants (24)\_\_\_\_\_ meat. The health of the fish depends on the (25)\_\_\_\_\_ they live in. To make sure that the water is clean, we must not feed them too much food or the extra food will dirty the water.

**SECTION E: GRAMMAR CLOZE** (8 X 1) marks

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

**Passage 1**

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) is	(B) are	(C) been	(D) was
(E) being	(F) were	(G) am	(H) be

*Wayang Kulit* puppets are made of leather. *Wayang* means 'shadow' and '*kulit*' means leather. Their shadows (26) \_\_\_\_\_ cast on a screen during the show.

I have always (27) \_\_\_\_\_ interested in *Wayang Kulit*. I watched a *Wayang Kulit* show when I (28) \_\_\_\_\_ in Indonesia. When night fell, the puppet show began. There (29) \_\_\_\_\_ many people watching the show. I watched the moving shadows of puppets on the screen and listened to the stories accompanied by music.

I really enjoyed the *Wayang Kulit* show.

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

**Passage 2**

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) an	(B) many	(C) a	(D) the
(E) much	(F) most	(G) any	(H) some

Everyone in the class was given a donation card. It was to raise funds for a home for (30) \_\_\_\_\_ aged. We were supposed to ask as (31) \_\_\_\_\_ people as we could to make donations. We were given (32) \_\_\_\_\_ whole month to complete the card. We had to return the cards to the teacher (33) \_\_\_\_\_ time next month.

**SECTION F: COMPREHENSION OE (5 x 2) marks**

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

One hot summer day as Alice sat idly on the river bank by her sister, she got very tired of having nothing to do. Once or twice she peeked into the open book in her sister's hands, but it had no pictures or conversation in it. "What is the use of a book," thought Alice, "without pictures or conversation?"

The hot day made her feel very sleepy. Just as she was trying to decide whether or not to get up and pick some daisies to make a daisy chain, a white rabbit with pink eyes dashed by. 5

There was nothing so remarkable in that. Nor did Alice think it so very unusual to hear the rabbit say to himself, "Oh dear! Oh dear! I shall be late for a very important date." 10

But when the rabbit actually took a watch out of his waistcoat pocket, looked at it, and then hurried on, Alice was **surprised**. She jumped to her feet. For she suddenly realised she had never before seen this – a rabbit with a waistcoat pocket and a watch to take out of it.

Burning with curiosity, she ran across the field after him, just in time to see him pop down a large rabbit hole under the hedge. 15

Alice did not hesitate. She jumped into the hole after him, never once considering how in the world she would get out again.

*Slightly adapted from "Alice in Wonderland"*

34. What was Alice's sister doing?

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35. Which **word** from the passage has the same meaning as "looked quickly"?

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36. Was Alice interested in her sister's book? Why?

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37. Why was Alice surprised (line 12)?

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38. Which **sentence** from the passage suggests that Alice acted without thinking?

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**Answer Sheets**  
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1) 3	2) 4	3) 1	4) 1	5) 3	6) 2	7) 2
8) 1	9) 4	10) 4	11) 3	12) 2	13) 4	14) 1
15) 1	16) 4	17) 4	18) C	19) F	20) B	21) G
22) K	23) A	24) H	25) I	26) B	27) C	28) D
29) F	30) D	31) B	32) C	33) H		

- Q34. Her sister was reading a book.  
Q35. The word is *“peeked”*.  
Q36. No, she was not. The book had neither pictures nor conversation.  
Q37. She never saw a rabbit with a waistcoat pocket and a watch.  
Q38. “She jumped into the hole after him, never once considering how in the world she would get out again”.