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NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL  
2004 FIRST CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT  
PRIMARY 4

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2: LANGUAGE USE  
TOTAL TIME: 1 hour 35 mins

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Pr 4 ( )

Parent's Signature : \_\_\_\_\_

MCQ	/38
OE	/62
TOTAL	/100

There are a total of 49 questions – 21 MCQ and 28 open-ended questions in the booklet.

Instructions:

DO NOT TURN OVER THIS PAGE UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO DO SO.

READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.

**Section B: Vocabulary (6 X 2 mark = 12 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. The unwilling child \_\_\_\_\_ when she was asked to leave the room.

(1) shivered

(2) fainted

(3) laughed

(4) grumbled

( )

6. The spectators \_\_\_\_\_ when their own team scored a goal.

(1) booed

(2) sighed

(3) cheered

(4) jeered

( )

7. A \_\_\_\_\_ of dancers from China will be performing at the Victoria Concert Hall tomorrow.

(1) troop

(2) troupe

(3) team

(4) band

( )

8. John was badly \_\_\_\_\_ when he knocked over the pot of boiling soup.

(1) scalded

(2) bruised

(3) burnt

(4) wounded

( )

9. At the end of this term, we shall go on a/an \_\_\_\_\_ to the zoo.

(1) voyage

(2) excursion

(3) journey

(4) expedition

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10. He injured his knee when he \_\_\_\_\_ and fell on the wet pavement.

(1) slipped

(2) skidded

(3) trampled

(4) glided

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**Section C: Grammar (6 X 2 marks = 12 marks)**

For each question from 11 to 16, 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. I \_\_\_\_\_ the house when it started to rain.

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| (1) am leaving  | (2) is leaving   |
| (3) was leaving | (4) were leaving |

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12. "May I have \_\_\_\_\_ sugar in my tea, please?" asked Jane.

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| (1) any  | (2) much |
| (3) many | (4) some |

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13. Mr Lee \_\_\_\_\_ softly as his students act out a comedy in front of him.

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| (1) laugh   | (2) laughs      |
| (3) laughed | (4) is laughing |

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14. Nobody \_\_\_\_\_ hungry right now.

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

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15. "\_\_\_\_\_ the word in your dictionary if you do not know the word," said Mrs Quek.

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| (1) Look up   | (2) Look out   |
| (3) Look over | (4) Look after |

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16. The boys have been playing soccer \_\_\_\_\_ two hours without any break.

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| (1) for  | (2) until |
| (3) from | (4) since |

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**Section D: Comprehension (5 X 2 marks = 10 marks)**

Read the passage below and answer the questions 17 to 21 that follow.

Andrew Fang is a legend in bowling. He was voted Sportsman of the Year in 2000.

Andrew is only 23. He started bowling when he was nine, picking up the sport from his parents. "When I was just starting out, my family supported me by paying for my training and equipment," says the Arts undergraduate whose major is Economics.

Competition or not, Andrew has no problem keeping fit. "I like biking. Rain or shine, you'll find me on my mountain bike cycling for at least two hours at Bukit Timah, four times a week. It takes my mind off problems and troubles," says Andrew.

Rest and recreation are as important as exercise. "I love sleeping," Andrew says. "When I'm preparing for tournaments, I usually sleep eight to nine hours a day." He also likes playing pool, reading a good novel or watching a show with his friends.

When it comes to food, Andrew says he takes everything in moderation and stays away from fried and fatty food. He takes in more protein than the average person and tries to drink as much water as he can to prevent dehydration since he cycles so much. Because of his discipline, Andrew's working relationship with his coach has been very smooth.

Andrew's priority, however, is education. "Getting my degree is my biggest wish now. After that, I can concentrate fully on professional bowling," Andrew states firmly.

Adapted from Health Today—September 2002

17. Andrew Fang is introduced to bowling by his \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) parents
- (2) friends
- (3) coach
- (4) teacher

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18. What does Andrew do when he is stressed ?

- (1) He goes bowling.
- (2) He climbs up Bukit Timah hill.
- (3) He eats fried and fatty food.
- (4) He goes cycling on his mountain bike.

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19. How does Andrew prepare himself for tournaments ?

How

- (1) He cycles for two hours every day.
- (2) He sleeps at least eight hours a day.
- (3) He plays pool and reads a good novel.
- (4) He takes in less protein and drinks more water.

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20. Which one of the following is most important to Andrew now ? It is to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) be a professional bowler
- (2) graduate from university
- (3) be voted as Sportsman of the Year
- (4) pay his parents for his training and the equipment

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21. "Andrew Fang is a legend in bowling" means that

- (1) He has written a book on bowling.
- (2) He is very disciplined and co-operates with his coach.
- (3) His achievements in sports must be remarkable.
- (4) His interest in bowling lasted for fourteen years.

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**Section E: Vocabulary ( 2 marks each )**

For Q1 to Q8 read the passage carefully. Choose the words given in the box. Each word is given a letter name **(A to M)**. The letter "I" has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking. Write the letter for the correct word in each blank.

**USE A WORD ONCE ONLY**

(A) customers	(B) manager	(C) fee
(D) passengers	(E) charge	(F) cost
(G) owned	(H) designs	(J) comfortable
(K) cosy	(L) plans	(M) choice

PREMIER TAXI, the third of Singapore's three new taxi companies, will take to the roads on March 1. (1)\_\_\_\_\_ will be offered wet towels to refresh themselves with and a (2)\_\_\_\_\_ of CDs to listen to during the ride. The taxis will also have air purifiers and ionisers in them. All these extras will come at no extra (3)\_\_\_\_\_. The company's general (4)\_\_\_\_\_, Mr David Chen said, "We want people who travel with us to be as (5)\_\_\_\_\_ as possible." The company (6)\_\_\_\_\_ to start with fifty taxis which it has nicknamed "Silvercabs". Its booking (7)\_\_\_\_\_ will be three dollars. The company is (8)\_\_\_\_\_ by two siblings of the Chua family. Its target is to have at least two hundred taxis by the end of this year.

( Adapted from a newspaper article : The Straits Times 17 Feb 2004 )

**Section F: Grammar ( 2 marks each )**

For Q9 to Q13, read the passage carefully.

Choose the correct word from the words given . In the box and write its letter (A to G) in each blank.

**USE A WORD ONCE ONLY**

(A) study	(B) studies	(C) studied	(D) studying
(E) were studying	(F) had studied	(G) have studied	

Aslinda is a hardworking girl. Her New Year resolution is to do well and to be the top pupil in her class. She (9) \_\_\_\_\_ diligently every day. She likes to (10) \_\_\_\_\_ by herself. Yesterday, she (11) \_\_\_\_\_ for a class test in the library. She told me she ~~had~~ finished (12) \_\_\_\_\_ the first two chapters of the Science textbook. She must (13) \_\_\_\_\_ very late into the night as I could see the tiredness in her eyes. I admire her determination but I hope she will find time to rest and relax too.

For Q14 to Q16, read the passage carefully.

Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to G) in each blank.

**USE A WORD ONCE ONLY**

(A) We	(B) it	(C) He	(D) She
(E) me	(F) you	(G) their	( <del>G</del> ) They (H)

"Go away! Leave (14) \_\_\_\_\_ alone!" cried Jill, using her body to cover the poor kitten.

"What's happening over here?" asked Mr Goh, looking at the boys, who were holding sticks in their hands.

"(15) \_\_\_\_\_ are bullying the poor kitten!" Jill told Mr Goh. (16) \_\_\_\_\_ scolded the boys and explained why it was not right to mistreat animals.

**Section G: Comprehension (5 X 2marks each = 10 marks)**

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Write your answers in complete sentences

Once upon a time, the people of Sylene, a town in Libya, lived in fear of a huge dragon. It hid in the desert near the town walls and sneaked up to the gates to catch passers-by unaware. It poisoned them with its breath before eating them up. Soon nobody dared enter or leave the town, the town's trade vanished and famine threatened. So the townsfolk decided to appease the monster with tribute. First, they offered a dozen white ewes. Satisfied and full, the dragon disappeared for three months..... but then it came back.

They offered more sheep and the dragon took them. Each time it became greedier, taking first dozens, then hundreds. The shepherds were ruined. When all the sheep had been eaten, the dragon ordered the townsfolk to send it their young people. Its appetite for fresh meat grew by the day, until nothing could satisfy the beast. The people sent the fairest young girls of the town to be eaten, sadly making this sacrifice to stop the dragon from attacking them. At last the dragon demanded the fairest maiden of all : the king's daughter, the princess Sabra.

One grey morning, the princess went to meet her fate. Growling with delight, the dragon led her off to its desert lair. It happened that day that a young knight called George was riding by. When he heard the sad news, George galloped off to the cave where the dragon took its innocent prey. At first he followed the dragon's tracks, but as he drew nearer, he could hear the princess' cries and the dragon's growls. He reached them just as the dragon opened its mouth to swallow Sabra.

The knight brandished his lance. With a loud war cry, George attacked. The dragon drew back in surprise --- who dared challenge it in its own land ? Who dared disturb it when such a feast was in sight ?



Q17. Why did the trade in Sylene suffer ?

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Q18. Where did the dragon live ?

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Q19. When did the dragon demand for human tribute ?

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Q20. Which sentence tells you that George did not waste time to rescue princess Sabra ?

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Q21. Why was the dragon surprised by George's attack ?

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**Section H: Note-taking (2 marks each)**

Listen carefully now. Do not write anything.

Q22 to Q27 is a note-taking test.  
Q28 is a dictation test.

You are listening to an announcement made by Miss Teo during the morning assembly. You are asked to write down the important details in your diary. As you listen, fill in the blank with the information given.

Each blank in Q22 to Q27 should be filled with **one word**. As you listen, fill in the blanks with the information given.

Field Trip Information

Q22. Place of visit: Jurong \_\_\_\_\_ Park

Q23. Day of visit: \_\_\_\_\_

Q24. Who to report to: \_\_\_\_\_ teacher

Q25. Meeting venue: \_\_\_\_\_

Q26. Remember to bring umbrella, \_\_\_\_\_ and snack box.

Q27. You cannot bring more than \_\_\_\_\_ dollars.

Take down in Q28 in full as you listen to it being read out.

Q28.

School Field Trip

Last week, we went for a field trip. \_\_\_\_\_

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| 1) 2  | } listening<br>comprehension | 6) L   | 28) It was an unforgettable one for me as it was my first time going out with my classmates. We were all very excited and looking forward to that day. But to my dismay, the sky turned dark when we reached and it started to rain! We all had to quickly run to look for shelter. It was a long wait. By the time the rain stopped, it was time to go back to school. |
| 2) 4  |                              | 7) C   |   |
| 3) 3  |                              | 8) G   |   |
| 4) 2  |                              | 9) B   |   |
| 5) 4  |                              | 10) A  |   |
| 6) 3  |                              | 11) C  |   |
| 7) 2  |                              | 12) D  |   |
| 8) 1  |                              | 13) G  |   |
| 9) 2  |                              | 14) B  |   |
| 10) 1 |                              | 15) H  |   |
| 11) 3 |                              | 16) C  |   |
| 12) 4 |                              | 17) A dragon was at the town gate waiting to eat anyone who went there.  |   |
| 13) 2 |                              | 18) It lives in a cave in the desert near the town walls.  |   |
| 14) 1 |                              | 19) The dragon demanded for the human tribute when all the sheep had been eaten.   |   |
| 15) 1 |                              | 20) The sentence is "When he heard the sad news, George galloped off to the cave where the dragon took its innocent prey." |   |
| 16) 1 |                              | 21) The dragon did not expect anyone to be brave enough to challenge it.   |   |
| 17) 1 |                              | 22) Bird   |   |
| 18) 4 |                              | 23) Tuesday  |   |
| 19) 2 |                              | 24) English  |   |
| 20) 2 |                              | 25) Canteen  |   |
| 21) 3 |                              | 26) cap  |   |
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| 1) D |
| 2) M |
| 3) E |
| 4) B |