

CAT



**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
2005 FIRST CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT
PRIMARY 4**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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

Name: _____ () Pr 4 ()

Parent's Signature : _____

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 A: Listening Comprehension (4 X 1 mark = 4 marks)

Part I: Picture Matching

Listen carefully to your teacher and choose the picture which matches the statement(s) that he/she is going to read to you. Shade the number of the correct answer (1, 2, 3 or 4.) in the *Optical Answer Sheet* provided.

1.



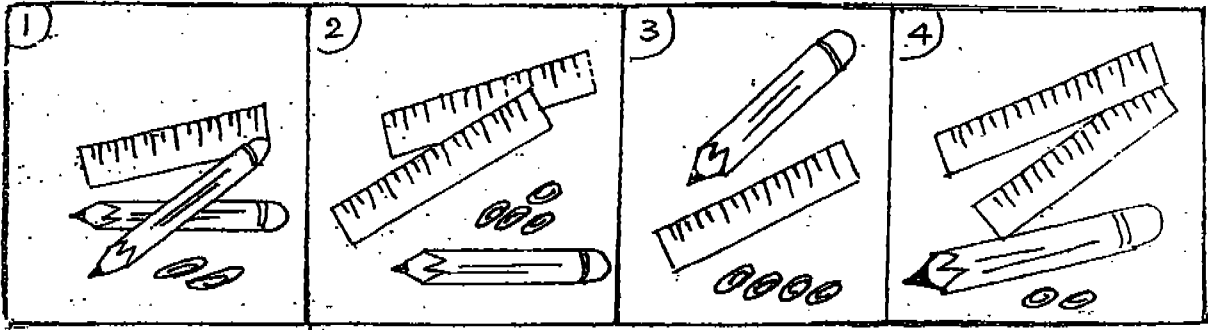
()

2.

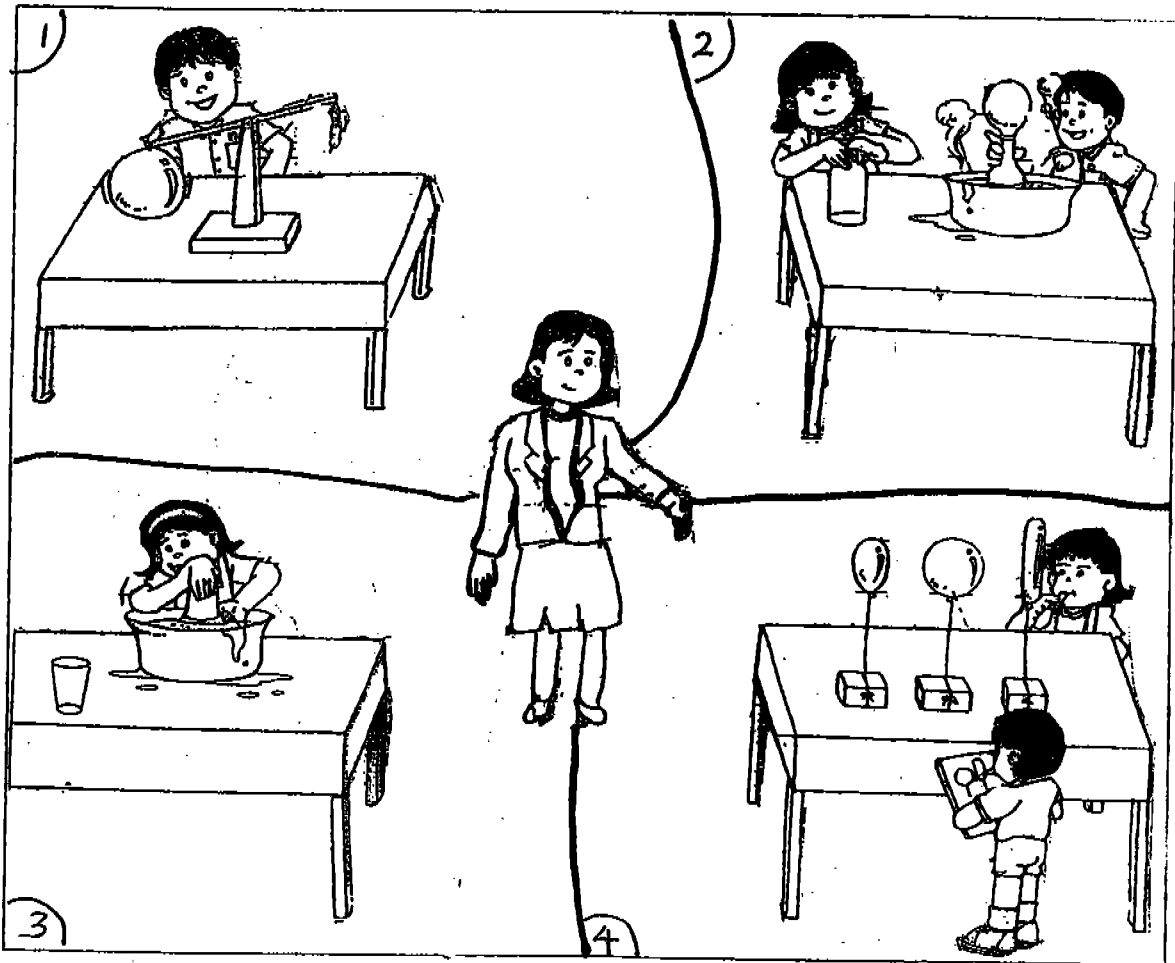


()

3.



4.



Go to the last page

Section B: Vocabulary (6 X 2 mark = 12 marks)

For each question from 5 to 8, 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. Cigarettes are harmful to our body, we must _____ from smoking.
(1) abstain (2) withhold
(3) flee (4) hide

()

6. It is very expensive eating in the restaurant, so we only go there _____.
(1) occasionally (2) often
(3) frequently (4) always

()

7. Although Goldilocks was not that hungry, she scooped all the three bowls of porridge because they were so _____.
(1) breathtaking (2) appetising
(3) exciting (4) interesting

()

8. When the king died, the young prince _____ the throne.
(1) attained (2) accepted
(3) attributed (4) ascended

()

For each question from 9 to 10, four options are given. Choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1,2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

9. Pinocchio spun a/an tall tale to impress Geppetto and his nose grew longer and longer.
(1) unbelievable story (2) long story
(3) impressive story (4) interesting account

()

10. With a wave of his magic wand, the evil wizard went out of sight.
(1) dissolved (2) vanished
(3) perished (4) evaporated

()

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. Jia En is more trim and fit than his sister as he _____ regularly.
(1) exercise (2) exercises
(3) is exercising (4) exercised
()
12. Cinderella's stepmother said she would share the food equally among the three sisters, but as usual Cinderella got the _____.
(1) less (2) little
(3) least (4) fewest
()
13. Hansel and Gretel like going for walks in the woods, _____ they?
(1) isn't (2) aren't
(3) doesn't (4) don't
()
14. _____ of the bears was home so Goldilocks broke into their cottage.
(1) All (2) Many
(3) None (4) Some
()
15. "If I were rich and powerful, I _____ not have to rob the rich to help the poor," lamented Robin Hood.
(1) shall (2) could
(3) should (4) would
()
16. Donald and Daisy bought just enough food for _____ so they could not share their food with others.
(1) themselves (2) himself
(3) ourselves (4) herself
()

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

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

When people go fishing, they enjoy boasting about the size of *their catch*.

Well, it will be hard to beat the story of two Russian fishermen which hit the headlines of the morning's newspapers. They did not just catch a big fish. They caught a pair of hippopotami.

The two men had gone fishing in a river and had fallen asleep after casting their lines. They woke up with a start when they felt something pull at their lines.

Instead of the really big fish they were expecting, they found two huge hippos staring curiously at them. Russian rivers are not supposed to have these gentle giants, so you can imagine what a shock the two men got. They panicked, abandoned their lines and headed for the police station.

Later, the hippos were captured and sent to the nearby zoo where they had escaped from.

(Extract from What's Up - Issue No.13)

17. The phrase "**their catch**" in line 1 refers to the _____.

- (1) fishing
- (2) pair of hippopotami
- (3) two Russian fishermen
- (4) fish the people have caught

()

18. The two Russian fishermen's 'catch' hit the headlines because _____.

- (1) they caught a lot of fish
- (2) their catch was extraordinary
- (3) they caught an enormous fish
- (4) they fell asleep after casting their lines

()

19. When the two Russian fishermen felt something heavy pull at their lines, they must have _____ at first.

- (1) felt very pleased
- (2) felt very curious
- (3) felt very excited
- (4) panicked

()

20. According to the passage, what did the two Russian fishermen do when they fished out the two hippopotami? They _____.

- (1) scurried home
- (2) went into hiding
- (3) continued fishing
- (4) reported the matter to the police

()

21. The hippos were captured and sent to the nearby zoo because they _____.

- (1) lived there
- (2) were gigantic
- (3) were dangerous
- (4) were endangered species

() 7

Section E: Vocabulary (8 x 2 marks)

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) qualified	(B) suitable	(C) joins
(D) identified	(E) available	(F) requires
(G) advertise	(H) applicable	(J) promote
(K) participate	(L) accessible	(M) programme

Good morning Boys and Girls,

All of us know the importance of sports and games. We know that people who do not (Q1) _____ in such activities cannot stay healthy for very long. This morning, I am here to (Q2) _____ swimming - one of the best forms of sports.

Swimming (Q3) _____ us to exercise every part of our body - from head to toe. It is (Q4) _____ for people of all ages. Swimming pools are easily (Q5) _____ and it costs little or nothing at all to go swimming.

The school is starting a swimming (Q6) _____ for beginners next month and those of you who cannot swim are strongly advised to sign up. You pay only \$25 for 20 lessons under (Q7) _____ coaches. From there, you can go on to the intermediate and advanced levels. Application forms are now (Q8) _____ and you can get one from your class teacher.

Adapted from Longman - Improve Your Listening Comprehension Skills

Section F: Grammar (8 x 2 marks)

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) near	(B) at	(C) in	(D) on
(E) for	(F) through	(G) against	

"GROWING up in Paris, football was everywhere, and everywhere was football," said Henry.

"We played (Q9) _____ the streets, in alleys, parking lots and even in our classrooms (Q10) _____ school. My brother, Willy, and I would play (Q11) _____ our cousins. We played "The World Cup Final" at the supermarket (Q12) _____ my home," Henry continued excitedly.

"We used ~~over~~turned shopping carts as goals. We would run (Q13) _____ the parking lots, in and out of cars, like in a maze. When we scored, imagine the noise of the ball hitting those metal carts," laughed Henry.

(Adapted from The New Paper-Jan 17, 2005)

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 F) in each blank.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY

- | | | |
|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| (A) cooperating | (B) cooperate ✓ | (C) cooperated |
| (D) cooperation ✓ | (E) cooperates ✓ | (F) cooperative |

I like Captain's Ball because it is thrilling and full of teamwork. If your team does not (Q14) _____, your team will lose. The game starts in the middle of the court. When a player gets the ball, he or she passes it to his or her teammate. If everyone (Q15) _____, the ball will be thrown in the goalkeeper's direction. If the goalkeeper catches it, a point is scored. The rules are fair, (Q16) _____ is the key, and helps you to gain friends.

(Adapted from What's Up-Issue No.11,2004)

Section G: Comprehension (5 x 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.
Write your answers in complete sentences.

Dear Randall,

A hearty 'Kia Ora' or 'Hello' in Maori greeted us when we arrived at Auckland Airport. It was Keisha, my pen friend from New Zealand. Keisha was going to show us around New Zealand and teach us about her unique Maori heritage.

Maoris were the first inhabitants of New Zealand, arriving nearly 1000 years ago. Today, Maori culture is apparent all over New Zealand with streets and towns bearing Maori names such as Rotorua, Whitianga and Hokitika.

Keisha invited us to visit the 'Marae' or meeting place. We were greeted with a 'nongi', a traditional Maori greeting. They believe that by touching each other's nose, the breath of life is exchanged. With gentle presses, peace, friendship and hospitality are shared.

That morning Auntie Lei taught the girls the traditional poi dance. 'Poi' are small balls, sometimes made of flax, twirled around on the ends of a string. It was not as easy as it looked and took a lot of practice just to keep the strings from getting tangled while we danced.

While we were practising our dance steps, the boys put up a ferocious 'haka' performance, a traditional Maori war dance that kicks off nearly every rugby match in New Zealand. Uncle Jimmy who was leading the boys had an intricate 'Moko' or tattoo on his face.

After this, we all gathered around Keisha's grandfather who told us a fascinating Maori legend about Mount Cook in the Southern Alps.

I have to go now as they are calling me. I promise to tell you more about the Maori legend when I return.
Bye!

Your friend,
Andi

(Adapted from *What's Up* - Issue No.8, 2004)

Q17. What does the phrase 'Kia Ora' in Maori mean?

Q18. Who were the people Andi met when he was in New Zealand?

Q19. Why do New Zealand streets and towns bear Maori names?

Q20. Explain how the Maori people greet each other.

Q21. Why is the traditional 'poi' dance difficult to perform?

Section H: Note-taking

Listen carefully now. Do not write anything.

Q22 to Q27 is a note-taking test. (6 x 2 marks)

Q28 is a dictation test. (8 marks)

You are listening to a telephone message. You are to take down the details as you listen.

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

A TELEPHONE MESSAGE

- Q22. The telephone call is for : _____
- Q23. Main Event : _____ Day Party
- Q24. Date of Event : _____ September 2005
- Q25. Number of participants : _____
- Q26. First game : _____ chairs
- Q27. Second game : _____ stepping

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

CHILDREN'S DAY PARTY

'Showtime' with Ali the Snake-charmer and Magician was the most fascinating.

Setter: Miss Eileen Lim

END OF PAPER

Nanyang Primary School
Primary 4 English CA1 Exam (2005)

Exam Sample

Answer Sheets

Section B

Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13
1	1	2	4	1	2	2	3	4
Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	
3	4	1	4	2	3	4	1	

Section E

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8
K	J	F	B	H	M	A	E

Section F

Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16
C	B	G	A	F	B	E	D

Section H

22. Mr Johnson 23. children's 24. 30th 25. 33
26. musical 27. balloon
17. It means "Hello".
18. He met Keisha, Auntie Lei, Uncle Jimmy, Keisha's grandfather and the boys.
19. The Maoris were the first inhabitants of New Zealand.
20. They touch each other's nose.
21. They must keep the strings of the poi from getting tangle as they dance
28. Squeals of fear and excitement filled the air.... brave children reached out to stroke the python. However it was Ali's magic show that stole the day. The children tried in vain to see thought his magic ticks but always ended up with open mouths. When Ali produced eggs and apples right at of the air.