



NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
2004 SECOND CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT
PRIMARY 4

CA

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 7, four options are given. Choose the word with the **same meaning** as the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1,2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

5. Anne's grandmother is unable to read and write because she has never been to school.

(1) inedible

(2) illegible

(3) illiterate

(4) incredible

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6. We could not make up our mind on what to get for her on her birthday.

(1) plan

(2) think

(3) decide

(4) remember

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7. The teenagers have been advised to quit smoking.

(1) keep up

(2) shut down

(3) give up

(4) cut down

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For each question from 8 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).

8. "Can you _____ the man who attacked you?" asked the police officer.

(1) recall

(2) remind

(3) recount

(4) recognise

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9. The boys were _____ by the time they reached the hill top.

(1) sighing

(2) panting

(3) yawning

(4) exhaling

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10. Food can be _____ using salt, sugar or vinegar.

- (1) contained (2) maintained
(3) reserved (4) preserved

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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. "You should do the work _____," Mrs Tan told her son.

- (1) himself (2) yourself
(3) yourselves (4) themselves

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12. _____ he is poor, he always helps his neighbours.

- (1) If (2) As
(3) Since (4) Although

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13. Neither my friends nor my cousin _____ at the party last night.

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

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14. You know the way to the shopping centre; _____?

- (1) do you (2) did you
(3) don't you (4) didn't you

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15. One of Jane's friends _____ the piano very well.

- (1) play (2) plays
(3) have played (4) is playing

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16. There is _____ sand in the bottle but there isn't _____ water in it.

(1) any.....much

(2) some.....any

(3) a few.....some

(4) many.....much

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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.

In ancient China; there was a filial son by the name of Jiang Ge. Jiang Ge was very young when his father died. The poor little boy and his mother had to depend on each other. At the end of the reign of King Wang Mang, the country was in a state of turmoil and life for the common people was hard. Robbers were everywhere, terrorizing the people.

Jiang Ge and his old mother decided to seek refuge in the south where they hoped life would be easier. Jiang Ge was only fifteen years old then. The journey was tough and dangerous. They fed on wild fruits and vegetables. At one encounter, they met some robbers and the robbers threatened to kill the boy if he did not join the gang. Jiang Ge knelt down and pleaded with the leader of the gang to spare him saying that if he joined them, there would be no one else to look after his aged mother. The robbers were touched by his filial piety and spared him. Jiang Ge and his mother soon reached the south safely. He worked hard to support his mother.

Three years later, Jiang Ge's mother fell ill and wished to die in her hometown, so Jiang Ge took his mother home.

(Adapted / An Extract from EPB Complete English Revision Course)

17. The phrase "The country was in a state of turmoil" means the country was _____.

- (1) very poor
- (2) attacked
- (3) in chaos
- (4) ruled by robbers

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18. The phrase "to seek refuge" in the second paragraph means to look for _____.

- (1) trouble
- (2) relatives
- (3) some work
- (4) protection from trouble

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19. The bandits wanted Jiang Ge to _____.

- (1) join them
- (2) beg for his life
- (3) leave his mother
- (4) give them money

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20. The robbers did not kill Jiang Ge because _____.

- (1) he was filial
- (2) his mother was old
- (3) he pleaded with them
- (4) the robbers were kind

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21. Jiang Ge was _____ years old when he brought his mother back to their hometown.

- (1) sixteen
- (2) seventeen
- (3) eighteen
- (4) nineteen

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END OF MCQ SECTIONS

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) long	(B) litter	(C) jetty
(D) winding	(E) scorching	(F) continued
(G) sumptuous	(H) Strolling	(J) downpour
(K) embarked	(L) destination	(M) Swimming

It was 21st November 2000. We finally ended our climbing trip at Phra Nang (Thailand). Under the (1)_____ sun, we took a long monotonous boat ride back to Krabi. After an hour of travel by sea, we finally arrived at the (2)_____ at about 3.30 pm. After that, we (3)_____ on another torturous van ride to our next (4)_____ Hatyai.

It was raining heavily along the way as the driver sped through the (5)_____ roads. However, under the hands of the experienced driver, we reached Hatyai safely at about 9 pm. There was also a (6)_____ at Hatyai as well. We checked into Sakol Hotel which was just opposite the travel agency, Davis Tours.

In the evening, we had a (7)_____ dinner at a seafood restaurant just a few streets away. We went straight back to the hotel for a warm bath as most of the stalls along the streets were closed for the day. (8)_____ down the streets filled with rainwater up to the ankle-level, none of us thought much about the flood as we were very tired.

(Adapted <http://www.umconline.net>)

Section F: Grammar (2 marks each)

For Q9 to Q12, read the passage carefully.

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

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY

(A) to	(B) at	(C) on	(D) of
(E) up	(F) by	(G) off	

A rumbling sound surprises you out of your sleep. Suddenly, the ground begins to shake - your cups rattle (9)_____ the table, your lights swing, books fall (10)_____ their shelves, and things fall to the floor. It's an earthquake! Earthquakes are vibrations of the ground caused (11)_____ the movement of the Earth's surface. In Singapore, we hardly feel the vibrations. But when Indonesia had an earthquake last year, some parts (12)_____ Singapore could feel the tremors, although the effects were mild compared to what we see on TV.

(Adapted from <http://creativeclassroom.starthub.com>)

For Q13 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) go over	(B) pick on	(C) go into	(D) pick up
(E) went off	(F) went down	(G) went in	

It was a quiet Monday afternoon when a loud sound pierced the silence in the house. "Ring...Ring!" The alarm clock (13)_____. Jason woke up, had his breakfast and left the house. Then, he (14)_____ to the river for a swim. After an hour, he remembered that his mother wanted him to (15)_____ to Aunty Gina's house to (16)_____ his sister, Kai Ling. Reluctantly, he got out of the river and made his way home.

Section G: Comprehension (2 marks each)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Write your answers in complete sentences

Once, a magic spring was discovered on an island called Pulau Brani near Singapore. Many pirates came from the surrounding islands to drink the clear water from that spring.

One day, the captain of a junk sailed by some islands near Singapore. He sailed with great caution as he had heard that pirates lived on Pulau Brani. He put his men on full alert at all times. One afternoon, after his ship was anchored, the captain was enjoying his usual nap when one of his men pounded on his door. When the man entered, he told the captain, "Captain, I saw a man running about on the beach of an island." The captain commanded, "Lead the way and show me. I want to see this man for myself." The captain saw the man running up and down the beach and waving both his hands. The captain thought he heard a faint shout for help.

The captain ordered a few men to lower a small wooden boat and row out to see who this man was and what he was doing on that island. When the man on the island saw the boat coming towards him, he rushed into the water and began to swim towards it. When the man drew alongside the boat, the sailors lifted him into the boat. He told the captain that his village on Pulau Brani was invaded by some pirates and how the pirates attacked the villagers to find out the secret of the magic spring. The captain, who was eager to punish the pirates, agreed to raid the island.

On reaching the shore, the man showed them the way to the spring. After an hour of discussion, they decided to drink the spring water. The captain and his men looked at one another in wonder as they felt a surge of energy and fearlessness filled their bodies. They sharpened their weapons and waited for the pirates. It was not long before they heard the oars of the pirates' sampans on the water. The captain of the junk watched them as they approached the spring. The captain gave the signal to his men and they attacked. The pirates were no match for the captain and sailors. Some of them tried to escape and begged for mercy. The captain and his men remembered the robbing and the killings the pirates had done at the village so they did not spare them. **Not a pirate was left.**

After the battle, the island with the spring was known as Pulau Brani - the Island of the Brave.

(Adapted from <http://www.dpa.org.sg>)

Q17. Why did the captain put his crew on full alert when he came to islands near Singapore?

Q18. Based on the passage, why do you think the man ran along the beach and waved his hands?

Q19. How did the captain and his crew prepare themselves to attack the pirates ?

Q20. What was the secret of the magic spring?

Q21. What does "Not a pirate was left" mean?

Section H: Note-taking (2 marks each)

Listen carefully now. Do not write anything.

Q22 to Q26 is a note-taking test.

Q27 is a dictation test.

Your classmate, Wei Han, is absent from school. Your form teacher, Miss Chan, has asked you to help Wei Han. You are to take down the instructions given by your Art teacher.

Each blank in Q22 to Q26 should be filled with one word. As you listen, fill in the blanks with the information given.

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| Q22. Name of Art teacher | : | _____ |
| Q23. Day of art lesson | : | _____ |
| Q24. What to bring | : | _____ and _____ |
| Q25. Deadline | : | _____ days later |
| Q26. Number of book jackets that will be selected | : | _____ |

Take down the summary for Q27 in full as you listen to it being read out.

Q27.

Art Competition

This competition is open to all upper primary students. _____

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| 1) 3 | } listening comprehension | 7) G | 17) The captain was afraid that his junk might be attached by pirates. |
| 2) 2 | | 8) H | |
| 3) 4 | | 9) C | 18) He wanted the crew of the ship to help him kill the pirates. |
| 4) 1 | | 10) G | 19) They drank the spring water and sharpened their weapons as they waited for the pirates. |
| 5) 3 | | 11) F | |
| 6) 3 | | 12) D | 20) Whoever drank the magic spring would feel a surge of energy and fearlessness filled the person's body. |
| 7) 3 | | 13) E | |
| 8) 4 | | 14) F | |
| 9) 2 | | 15) A | 21) It means that the captain killed all the pirates on the island leaving none alive. |
| 10) 4 | | 16) D | |
| 11) 2 | | | 22) Mrs Tan |
| 12) 4 | | | 23) Friday |
| 13) 3 | | | 24) paint and potatoes |
| 14) 3 | | | 25) 14 |
| 15) 2 | | | 26) 6 |
| 16) 2 | | | 27) The main aim of this competition is to provide a chance for young artists to showcase their talents. This competition will be held on the last Monday of August. The top three winners will win attractive prizes. Their entries will also be submitted for a National Competition. |
| 17) 3 | | | |
| 18) 4 | | | |
| 19) 1 | | | |
| 20) 1 | | | |
| 21) 3 | | | |

Section E

- 1) E
- 2) C
- 3) K
- 4) L
- 5) D
- 6) J