



NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL  
END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION - 2007  
PRIMARY 4

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2

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Total Time for booklets A and B: 1 hour 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Write your name and register number in the space provided.
2. Do not turn over the page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions carefully.

**SECTION A: VOCABULARY** (10 X 1 mark)

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

1. Tom broke his leg and had to be looked after. He felt as helpless as a \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (1) baby (2) school boy  
 (3) patient (4) grandmother ( )
2. Jim lost his handphone and was like a \_\_\_\_\_ as he was afraid his father would scold him.  
 (1) fish out of water (2) dog with two tails  
 (3) cat on hot bricks (4) bull in a china shop ( )
3. "Please write more \_\_\_\_\_, Lili. It's really difficult to read your handwriting," said her teacher.  
 (1) visibly (2) correctly  
 (3) legibly (4) noticeably ( )
4. Being an \_\_\_\_\_ child, my brother asked many questions when we were at the museum.  
 (1) inactive (2) innocent  
 (3) inquisitive (4) inconsiderate ( )
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the stadium cheered loudly each time the team they were supporting scored a goal.  
 (1) audience (2) onlookers  
 (3) spectators (4) bystanders ( )
6. The bus was not crowded at all and there were many \_\_\_\_\_ seats.  
 (1) free (2) blank  
 (3) void (4) vacant ( )
7. The dog looked fierce \_\_\_\_\_ but after a while, it started to wag its tail.  
 (1) early (2) firstly  
 (3) initially (4) previously ( )
8. Mr Lee painted the \_\_\_\_\_ of the living room of his new flat bright yellow.  
 (1) top (2) roof  
 (3) cover (4) ceiling ( )
9. Mary's car almost crashed into a bicycle at the busy road \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (1) interaction (2) interruption  
 (3) interchange (4) intersection ( )
10. The bus driver stepped hard on the \_\_\_\_\_ to avoid hitting the dog which had run onto the road.  
 (1) feet (2) pedals  
 (3) brakes (4) handles ( )

**SECTION B: GRAMMAR** (10 X 1 mark)

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

11. If you visit your grandparents, they \_\_\_\_\_ very happy.  
 (1) are (2) will be  
 (3) are being (4) have been ( )
12. During our Science lesson, Miss Wu told us that hot air \_\_\_\_\_ when heated.  
 (1) rise (2) rises  
 (3) rose (4) has risen ( )
13. Lishan is \_\_\_\_\_ honest child. She never takes things that do not belong to her.  
 (1) a (2) an  
 (3) the (4) some ( )
- My neighbour told us that he \_\_\_\_\_ to go on a holiday to Japan.  
 (1) decides (2) decided  
 (3) has decided (4) had decided ( )
15. Our school choir \_\_\_\_\_ one of the best in the singing competition last month.  
 (1) is (2) are  
 (3) was (4) were ( )
16. Kim Seng has \_\_\_\_\_ the school proud by coming in first in the race.  
 (1) do (2) did  
 (3) does (4) done ( )
17. We looked through a powerful telescope and could see \_\_\_\_\_ planet Venus.  
 (1) a (2) an  
 (3) the (4) some ( )
18. \_\_\_\_\_ the crowd was shouting this and suggesting that, there was much noise and disorder.  
 (1) As (2) So  
 (3) For (4) Yet ( )
19. Before leaving the house, my mother gave my brother and \_\_\_\_\_ some money for lunch.  
 (1) I (2) us  
 (3) me (4) we ( )
20. "Do you mind \_\_\_\_\_ the book to me?" Ravi asked Ali.  
 (1) pass (2) passes  
 (3) passed (4) passing ( )

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

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Water serves us in many ways. Fish, prawns, crabs and other animals from the rivers, lakes and seas are eaten as food.

To travel from place to place across water bodies, man has designed boats and ships for his transport needs. Today, cargo and passenger ships crisscross the world. Without large bodies of water, it will be impossible to travel by boats and ships. 5

In drier parts of the world where there is not much rainfall, canals are dug so that water from rivers and lakes can reach crops which provide food for human beings.

We can see that both animals and plants need water. Without water, there can be no life. However, too much water can result in **disasters**. Floods caused by too much rain are very common in many parts of the world. They bring about thousands of deaths and extensive damage. 10

21. From the information in paragraph 1, which of these is **true**?
- (1) Water is important to animals.
  - (2) The sea provides us with food.
  - (3) Water is useful in many different ways.
  - (4) Animals living in water can be food to us. ( )
22. In the dry areas in the world, water is transported to farms by \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) ships (2) boats
  - (3) rivers (4) canals ( )
23. The word "see" in line 10 means \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) believe (2) explain
  - (3) imagine (4) understand ( )
24. From the information in the text, the "disasters" (line 11) are due to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) too much rain
  - (2) extensive damage by man
  - (3) man crisscrossing the world
  - (4) man digging too many canals ( )
25. A suitable title for the above passage is "\_\_\_\_\_".
- (1) All living things need water.
  - (2) Water is very useful to man.
  - (3) Too much water will bring about disaster.
  - (4) Water is useful but can also cause harm. ( )

**SECTION D: VOCABULARY CLOZE** (10 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 R) in each blank. The letters "I" and "O" have been omitted to avoid confusion in marking.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

<del>(A)</del> abandon	<del>(B)</del> abundance	<del>(C)</del> build	<del>(D)</del> cold
<del>(E)</del> environment	<del>(F)</del> grows	<del>(G)</del> hands	<del>(H)</del> hunters
<del>(J)</del> ice	<del>(K)</del> land	<del>(L)</del> mind	<del>(M)</del> offers
<del>(N)</del> provides	<del>(P)</del> seen	<del>(Q)</del> supply	<del>(R)</del> waste

Eskimos live in a land which is covered with snow all year round. Nothing (26) \_\_\_\_\_ in the snow, and few animals can survive the (27) \_\_\_\_\_. So the Eskimos have to learn to live with their harsh (28) \_\_\_\_\_. They try to make the most of what they can get their (29) \_\_\_\_\_ on. For example, they (30) \_\_\_\_\_ their houses called igloos out of a material they have an (31) \_\_\_\_\_ of – snow.

Eskimos are basically (32) \_\_\_\_\_. They hunt walrus and seals. The meat (33) \_\_\_\_\_ the Eskimos with food and the skin is used for making clothes and shoes. The blubber or fat gives a constant (34) \_\_\_\_\_ of oil for making candles. No part of the hunted animals is allowed to go to (35) \_\_\_\_\_. Even the bones can be made into needles, combs and other decorative items.

**SECTION E: GRAMMAR CLOZE** (10 X 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter in each blank. The letter "I" has been omitted to avoid confusion in marking.

**Passage 1**

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

<del>(A)</del> around	<del>(B)</del> by	<del>(C)</del> down	<del>(D)</del> for	<del>(E)</del> from
<del>(F)</del> in	<del>(G)</del> into	<del>(H)</del> near	<del>(J)</del> on	<del>(K)</del> up

If you visit a pond or a stream on a warm, sunny day, you may find turtles that have come (36) \_\_\_\_\_ onto land. Turtles are cold-blooded animals, and their body temperature is strongly affected by temperatures (37) \_\_\_\_\_ them. If turtles stay in cold water (38) \_\_\_\_\_ too long, they become inactive. However, if turtles stay (39) \_\_\_\_\_ the sun for too long and get too warm, they will not feel well. Once they have had enough sun, the turtles must go back (40) \_\_\_\_\_ the water.

*Adapted from "Animals in Action" by Andrew Bullard (ed), 2001. Time Life Asia: Tokyo.*

**Passage 2**

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

<del>(A)</del> read	<del>(B)</del> reads	<del>(C)</del> reader	<del>(D)</del> reading
<del>(E)</del> has read	<del>(F)</del> will read	<del>(G)</del> is reading	<del>(H)</del> have been reading

Dear Diary,

Today, my brother failed his composition test. The reason is that he does not (41) \_\_\_\_\_. He really dislikes (42) \_\_\_\_\_. The only time he (43) \_\_\_\_\_ is when he needs to do a book review for his teacher. I guess I need to help him. I (44) \_\_\_\_\_ to him daily until he becomes an independent (45) \_\_\_\_\_.

*Shu Chong*

**SECTION F: EDITING FOR SPG (10 x 1 mark)**

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. A wrong or missing punctuation mark is indicated by a circle. Put the correct punctuation mark or word in each of the boxes.

46) \_\_\_\_\_

Xiuli was late for school. The traffic on the road was havey. She had to cross the

47) \_\_\_\_\_

48) \_\_\_\_\_

road but the perdestrain crossing was a distance away. "Shall I run across the road ○"

49) \_\_\_\_\_

she thought. She decided to make the dash.

50) \_\_\_\_\_

She was almost across to the other side while a lorry suddenly came upon her.

51) \_\_\_\_\_

52) \_\_\_\_\_

Xiuli was take aback. She leapt onto the pavement imediately. She was falling forward

53) \_\_\_\_\_

and she closed her eyes, ~~expected~~ <sup>expecting</sup> the worss to happen. When she opened her eyes,

54) \_\_\_\_\_

she realised that the lorry had missed her by centimetres. She heaved a sieh of relief.

55) \_\_\_\_\_

Apart from some cuts on Xiull(s) knees, she was otherwise unhurt.

**SECTION G: SYNTHESIS & TRANSFORMATION (5 X 2 marks)**

*For each of the items, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of each sentence must be the same as the given one(s).*

56. "Will you be going with the class to the beach tomorrow?" Alvin asked Joe.

**Alvin asked Joe** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

57. Jane has not seen the movie. Jack has not seen the movie.

**Neither** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

58. She was surprised to see Peter. She was not expecting him.

\_\_\_\_\_ **as**  
\_\_\_\_\_

59. Tommy had been appointed a prefect. He became very proud.

**Since** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

60. The policeman got into the house. The thief was caught.

**Getting** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



**SECTION H: COMPREHENSION OE (7 x 2 marks)**

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions 61 to 67.

I was born in 2005. The idea of making me probably started earlier; but there was much fine-tuning before I looked the way I did.

My body is made of nylon and rubber. Silver netting covers the areas around the toes as well as the heel, and there are large 'check' marks on my sides. The laces are white and pulled snugly over my spine. 5

I remember sitting in a display window and had a lot of attention from customers. I enjoyed that greatly. All my siblings had been sold before it was my turn. Finally, a boy named Harry bought me even though I was the display pair, because he wanted this model. Luckily, I was his size!

Harry wore me on weekdays – to school, to the library, for shopping and jogging. As he woke up at nine on weekends, I was on his feet for almost fifteen hours before he slept at midnight. Hence, I looked like I was ten years of age though I was only six months old. 10

However, I was happy. Harry was reluctant to wear anything else after he had bought me. Once, he was frantic when he could not find me. Actually, Harry's mother had given me a bath and was sunning me on the window ledge. Anyway, the bath was pointless because I would soon be dirty again. 15

All answers must be based on the given text. Answer in complete sentences.

61. What do you think was the writer?

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62. Which word from the passage tells you that the writer had been improved upon before he came to be what he was?

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63. What did the writer enjoy when he was in the display window?

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64. How can we tell that Harry wanted to own the writer very much?

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65. Why did the writer look older than he actually was?

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66. Which sentence tells you that Harry was afraid to lose the writer?

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67. What does the writer mean when he said that Harry's mother gave him a "bath" (line 16)?

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**End-of-Paper**

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Primary 4 English SA2 Exam (2007)*Answer Keys*

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
1	3	3	3	3	4	3	4	4	3
Q11	12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
2	2	2	4	3	4	3	1	3	4
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
4	4	4	1	4	F	D	E	G	C
Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
B	H	N	Q	R	K	A	D	F	G

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|-------|----------------|-----------------|
| 41. A | 46. Heavy      | 51. taken       |
| 42. D | 47. Pedestrian | 52. immediately |
| 43. B | 48. ?          | 53. worst       |
| 44. F | 49. a          | 54. sigh        |
| 45. C | 50. when       | 55. Xiuli's     |

56. Alvin asked Joe if he would be going with the class to the beach the next day.

57. Neither Jane nor Jack has seen the movie.

58. She was surprised to see Peter as she was not expecting him.

59. Since Tommy had been appointed a prefect, he became very proud.

60. Getting into the house, the policeman caught the thief.

61. I think the writer was a pair of shoes.

62. The word is 'fine-tuning.'

63. The writer enjoyed having a lot of attraction from customers.

64. Harry bought the writer even though he was the display pair.

65. The writer became dirty and was worn out.

66. The sentence is 'Once, he was frantic when he could not find me'

67. Harry's mother washed him.