



**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
2007 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

**PRIMARY FOUR
BOOKLET A: LISTENING**

TOTAL TIME: 1 hour 35 mins

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
Follow all instructions carefully.
Answer all questions.

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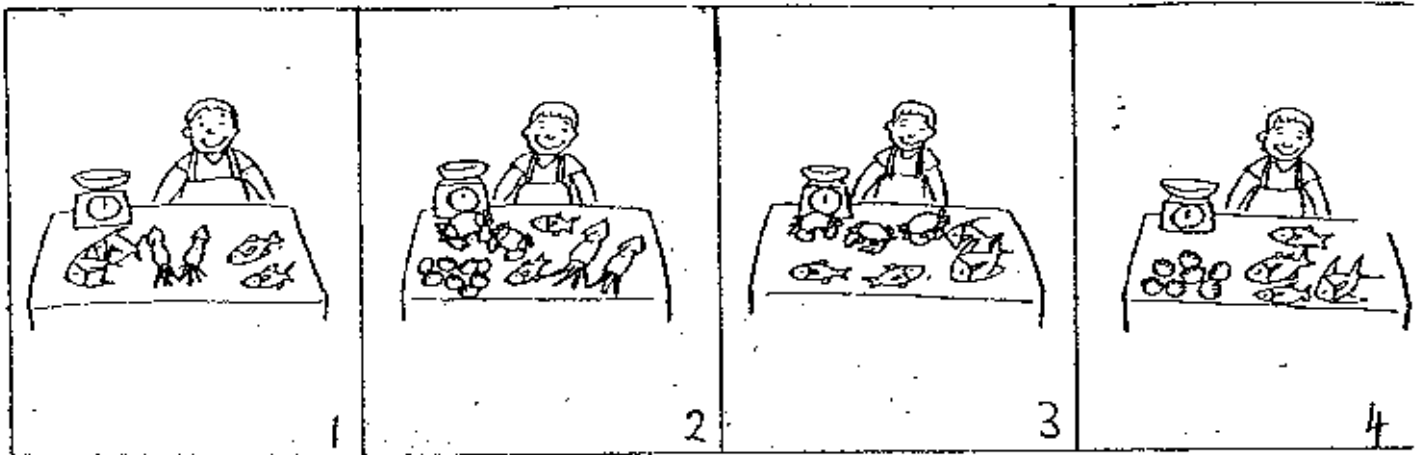
Class: Pr 4 ()

Parent's Signature : ..

SECTION A: PICTURE MATCHING (4 X 1 mark = 4 marks)

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.



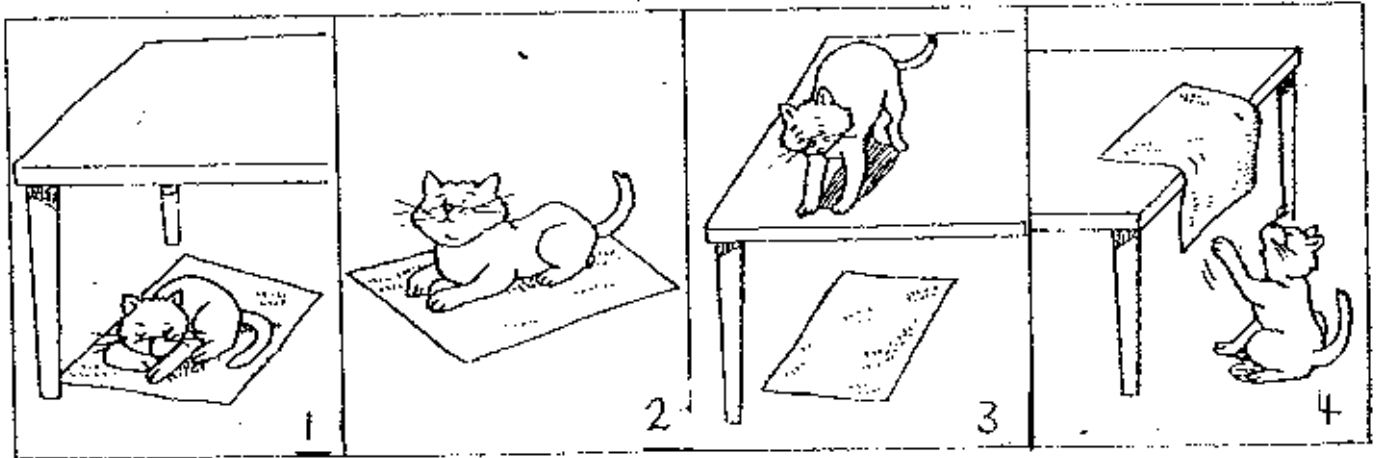
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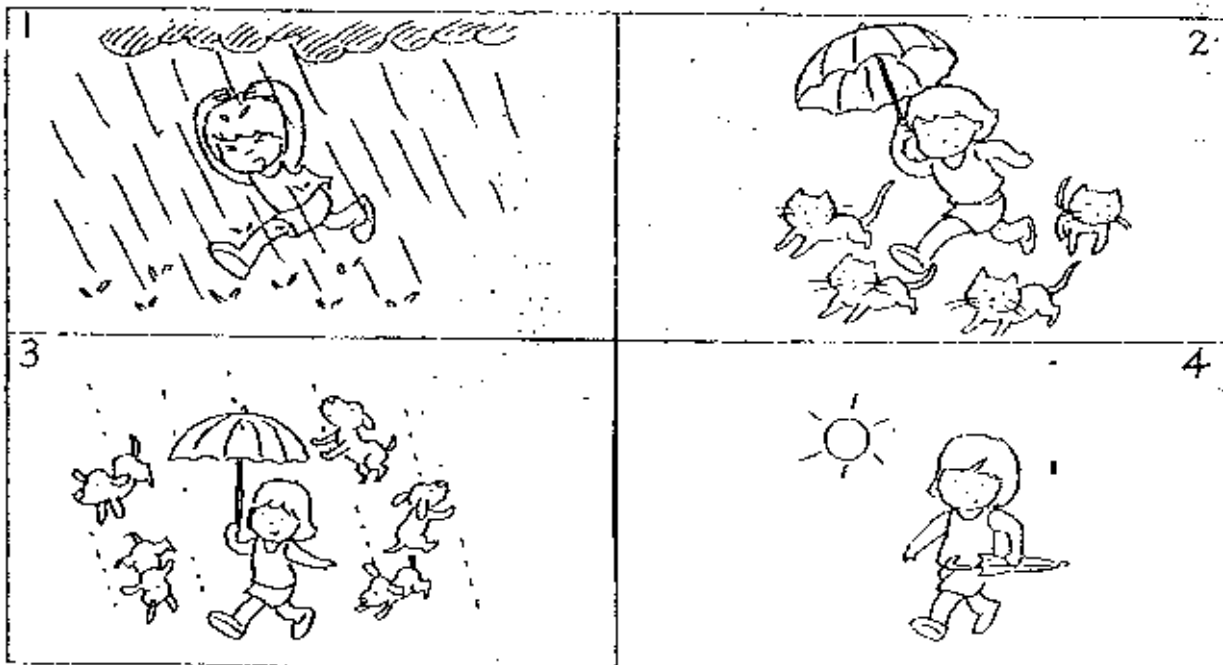
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For Sections B and C, please write the answers in this question booklet.

SECTION B: NOTE-TAKING (4 x 1 m = 4 marks)

Listen carefully now. Do not write anything. Q5 to Q8 is a note-taking test.
Q9 is a dictation test.

Peter was not at home when his friend, Adam, called. Peter's sister, Mary, took down the message to inform Peter of what Adam wanted.

Each blank in Q5 to Q8 should be filled with one word. As you listen, fill in the blanks with the information given.

<u>Telephone Message</u>	
Q5.	Type of sport : _____
Q6.	Meeting place : _____ Coffee Shop
Q7.	Time to meet : _____ p.m.
Q8.	Reminder : Wear _____ T-shirt



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**BOOKLET B: LANGUAGE USE AND
COMPREHENSION (MULTIPLE CHOICE
QUESTIONS)**

TOTAL TIME: 1 hour 35 minutes

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You would have completed questions 1 to 4 from Booklet A: Listening.
Continue with the next section, Section D.

SECTION D: GRAMMAR (5 x 1 m = 5 marks)

For each question from 5 to 9, 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. He has been here _____ six o'clock this morning.

- ① if
- ② since
- ③ unless
- ④ because

6. Jill did not try hard enough _____ she failed her test.

- ① so
- ② but
- ③ yet
- ④ though

7. One of the pupils _____ receiving a prize later.

- ① is
- ② are
- ③ was
- ④ were

8. Do you know the difference _____ a butterfly and a moth?

- (1) in
- (2) of
- (3) among
- (4) between

9. What _____ Alice usually _____ at home in the evening?

- (1) is do
- (2) will doing
- (3) does do
- (4) does does

SECTION E: VOCABULARY (5 x 1 m = 5 marks)

For each question from 10 to 14, 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).

10. Pele faced many challenges, but he _____ them to become a great footballer.

- 1 overtook
- 2 defeated
- 3 mastered
- 4 overcame

11. The athlete received a _____ for winning the competition.

- 1 medal
- 2 coupon
- 3 voucher
- 4 donation

12. Alvin was _____ by the police for his bravery.

- 1 awarded
- 2 commended
- 3 reprimanded
- 4 recommended


13. We could feel the _____ of the earthquake which lasted for a few seconds.


- 1 tremor
- 2 eruption
- 3 twitching
- 4 explosion

14. You should report any strangers who look _____ to the principal.


- 1 anxious
- 2 doubtful
- 3 secretive
- 4 suspicious

SECTION F: PUNCTUATION (3 x 1 m = 3 marks)


For questions 15 to 17, each circle  indicates a missing punctuation mark. Choose the correct punctuation for each sentence and shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

15. "What a stupid thing to do  " exclaimed Anne.

- (1) [,] comma
- (2) [.] full stop
- (3) [?] question mark
- (4) [!] exclamation mark

16. Although Mr Lim is seventy years old  he still looks fit and healthy.

- (1) [:] colon
- (2) [,] comma
- (3) [.] full stop
- (4) [!] exclamation mark

17. "Where are my keys  asked Mrs Tan.

- (1) [, "] comma and close inverted commas
- (2) [. "] full stop and close inverted commas
- (3) [? "] question mark and close inverted commas
- (4) [! "] exclamation mark and close inverted commas

SECTION G: SYNONYMS (3 x 1m = 3 marks)

For questions 18 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Pupils from Mr. Lee's class are chosen to (Q18) showcase their projects at the school's (Q19) annual Science Fair. Their projects include models, drawings, and even a recipe for a new way to make ice cream. At the fair, they have to display their work and explain what they have done to a (Q20) panel of judges. The best project chosen will represent their school in the National Science Fair.

18. (1) expose
 (2) present
 (3) perform
 (4) advertise
19. (1) daily
 (2) yearly
 (3) monthly
 (4) half-yearly
20. (1) group
 (2) cluster
 (3) selection
 (4) category

SECTION H: COMPREHENSION (4 x 1 mark = 4 marks)

Read the passage below and answer the questions 21 to 24 that follow.

For questions 21 to 24, shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Uncle Alm went out early to see what kind of day it was going to be. There was a reddish gold light over the higher peaks. A light breeze was starting up and the branches of the fir trees were moving gently to and fro. The sun was on its way. The old man went in to call Heidi and Clara.

Peter came up from the valley at this moment, but the goats did not gather around him as trustingly as before. They seemed to avoid him. The angry and bitter boy had been using his stick more frequently and very unnecessarily lately. The blows, where they landed, would have been very painful.

For weeks now, Peter had not had Heidi all to himself. When he arrived in the mornings, Heidi was already fully occupied with Clara, her **invalid** friend, and it was the same thing when he came down in the evenings. Heidi had not joined him and the goats on the mountain once over the summer. She was always sticking by the other girl's side the whole time. This made Peter particularly cross.

Adapted from 'Heidi' by Johanna Spyri

21. When Uncle Alm went out to check on the weather, it was _____.

- (1) dawn
- (2) dusk
- (3) night
- (4) evening

22. The goats used to gather around Peter _____ when he came up.

- (1) hungrily
- (2) trustingly
- (3) hesitantly
- (4) cautiously

23. Another word for "invalid" in the third paragraph is _____.

- (1) sickly
- (2) lonely
- (3) happy
- (4) healthy

24. What made Peter particularly cross?

- (1) Clara was unhappy with him.
- (2) The goats had been avoiding him.
- (3) Uncle Alm had given him too much work.
- (4) Heidi had not spent time alone with him for a long time.



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**BOOKLET C: LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION
(OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS)**

TOTAL TIME: 1 hour 35 mins

Name: _____ () Parent's Signature: _____

Class: Pr 4 ()

Booklet A: Note-taking and Unseen Dictation	/10
Booklet B (Including Listening MCQ)	/24
Booklet C:	/30
Writing	/20
Oral	/16
Total	/100

SECTION I: GRAMMAR CLOZE (5 X 1m = 5 marks)

There are 6 blanks, numbered 25 to 29. From the words given in the box, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to H) on the blank. **Each word can be used once only.**

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|----------|----------|--------|----------|
| (A) then | (B) the | (C) of | (D) up |
| (E) for | (F) when | (G) to | (H) also |

After being separated for thirty-one years, a mother and her daughter met again on Friday morning in Kuala Lumpur on television.

Housewife Minah, 53, had pined for (25) _____ baby girl she was forced to give up (26) _____ adoption in 1963.

Being jobless (27) _____, she had no choice but to let Jamaliah be adopted by a Malaccan family. She then returned (28) _____ her hometown in Negri Sembilan.

Years passed and Jamaliah grew (29) _____. When she was seventeen, she learnt that she was an adopted child and started to search for her natural mother with the help of the mass media.

SECTION J: MODIFIED CLOZE (8 x 1m = 8 marks)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Ganesan was like an elder brother to us. As he took (30) _____ round his overgrown garden, he pointed out a jackfruit tree to us.

"You can tell a ripe jackfruit from the (31) _____ it makes," he said.

"What sound? (32) _____ a jackfruit make noise?" I asked.

He was patient with my childish (33) _____. "No, but if you hit it, and it is (34) _____, the sound is hollow. But if it is not (35) _____ to be eaten yet, there is no sound coming back to you."

On learning this fact, we (36) _____ a lot of time tapping jackfruits. Ganesan's garden was enormous. It was not only (37) _____ of fruit trees but also mosquitoes. We always wore long pants and long-sleeved shirts when we walked in the garden.

SECTION K: EDITING - SPELLING (3 X 1m = 3 marks)

There are 3 words that are underlined in the passage below. They are spelt wrongly. Write the correct spelling of each word in the boxes provided.

(38)

Last Thursday, Alice was doing an experement in the science

(39)

laporatory. She was trying to prepare a salt solution in a test tube. Her classmate,

(40)

Susan, bumped into her ascidental and the test tube broke into pieces.

SECTION L: SENTENCE COMBINING (2 x 2 m = 4 marks)

Rewrite the two sentences of each question below into a sentence by using the word given.

41. Rosma did not receive the parcel. You sent her the parcel last week.

_____ which

42. Jane is taking part in the contest. Alice is taking part in the contest.

Both _____

SECTION M: COMPREHENSION (5 x 2 m = 10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

"I'm not sure this is a good idea," Parvana said to Shauzia at her house the next morning. She had her blanket and her father's writing things with her. She had not dared to tell her mother about going bone-digging.

"I'm glad you brought the blanket. We can use it to drag away the bones," said Shauzia ignoring Parvana's objections. "Come on. We'd better hurry or we'll get left behind," she continued. Parvana obediently fell in behind Shauzia as they ran to catch up with the boys.

The sky was dark with clouds. They walked for almost an hour, down the streets Parvana did not recognize. Finally, they came to an area of Kabul most heavily destroyed by rockets. There was not a single building in the whole area, just piles of broken bricks and stones.

Bombs had fallen on the cemetery too. The explosions had shaken up the graves in the ground. Here and there, white bones of the dead stuck up out of the rusty-brown earth. Flocks of larger black grey crows cawed and pecked at the ground around the ruined graves of the newer section of the graveyard. The slight breeze carried a rotting stench to where Parvana and Shauzia were standing, on the edge of the cemetery's older section. They watched the boys spread out across the graveyard and start digging.

Parvana noticed a man setting up a large weighing scale next to the partially destroyed wall of a building. "Who's that?"

"That's the bone broker. He buys the bones from us."

"What does he do with them?"

"He sells them to someone else. What do we care, as long as we get paid." Shauzia handed Parvana one of the rough boards she had brought along to use as a shovel. "Come on, let's get busy."

Adapted from 'Parvana' by Deborah Ellis.

Answer these questions. Write your answers in complete sentences.

43. Why did the girls need a blanket?

44. How far was the cemetery from Parvana's house?

45. Which sentence in the passage tells you that the place was in ruins?

46. What do you think the crows were pecking at?

47. What did the girls plan to do with the bones they dug up?

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ANSWER SHEET

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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

- 5) 2
- 6) 1
- 7) 1
- 8) 4
- 9) 3
- 10) 4
- 11) 1
- 12) 2
- 13) 1
- 14) 4
- 15) 4
- 16) 2
- 17) 3
- 18) 2
- 19) 2
- 20) 1
- 21) 1
- 22) 2
- 23) 3
- 24) 4
- 25) E
- 26) E
- 27) A
- 28) G
- 29) D
- 30) us
- 31) sound
- 32) Does
- 33) question
- 34) ripe
- 35) ready
- 36) spent
- 37) full
- 38) experiment
- 39) laboratory
- 40) accidentally
- 41) Rosma did not receive the parcel which you sent her last week.
- 42) Both Jane and Alice were taking part in the contest.
- 43) They could not drag the bones away.
- 44) It is almost a one-hour's walk from Parvati's house to the cemetery.
- 45) The sentence there was not a single brick in the whole area just piles of broken bricks and stones.
- 46) They were pecking at decomposing bodies.
- 47) They decided to sell the bones to the bone broker and get paid.