



**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
2006 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2**

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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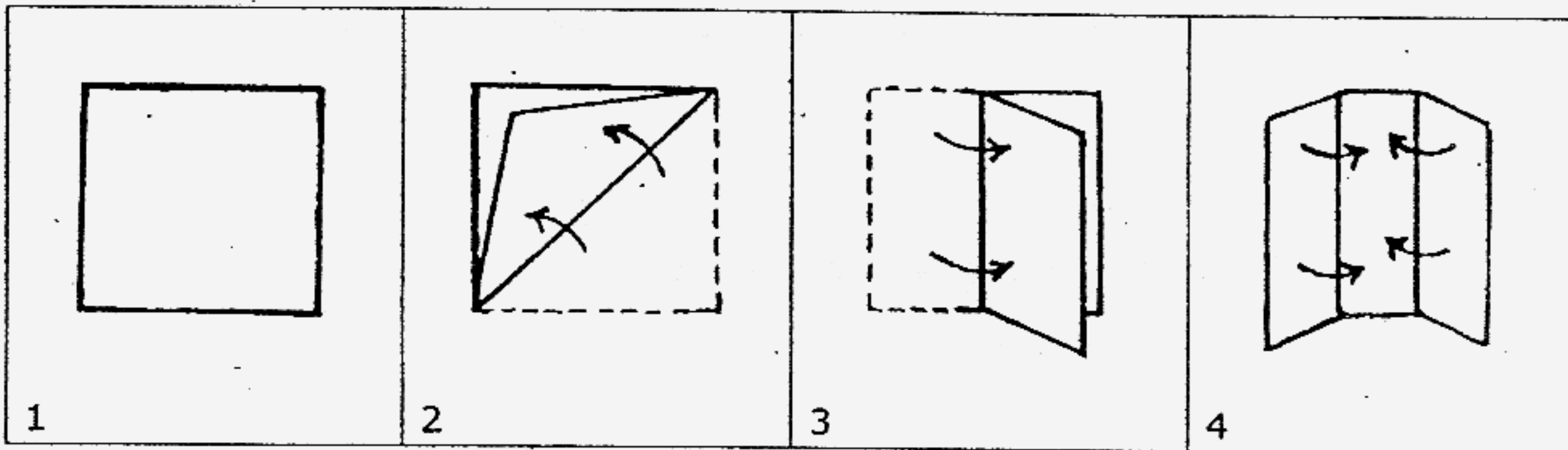
Class: Pr 4 ()

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.**

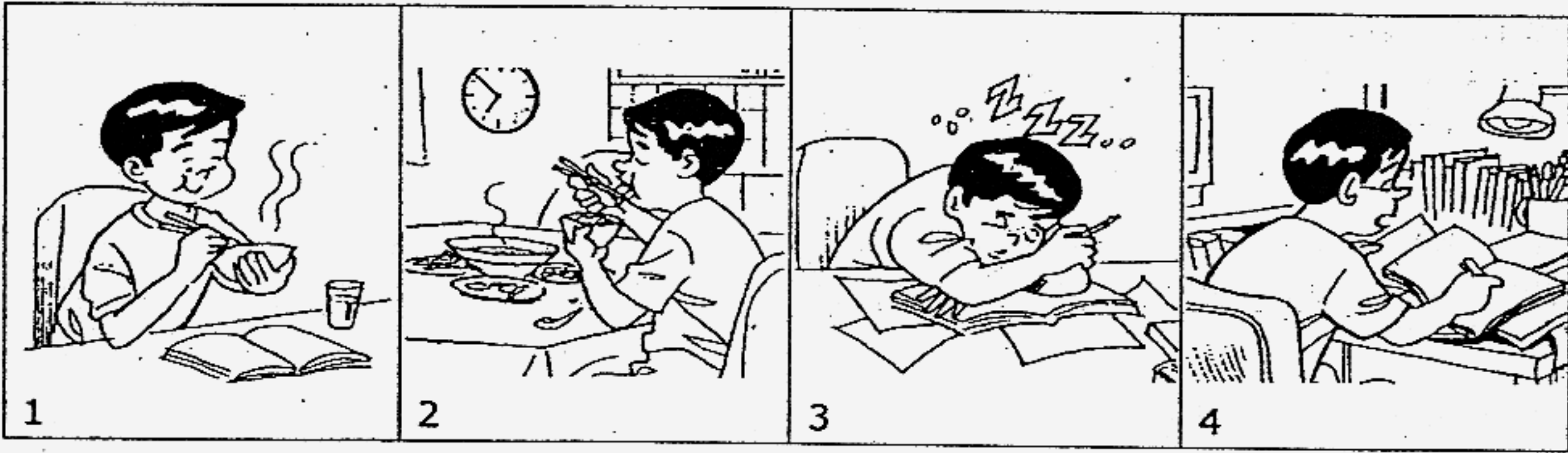
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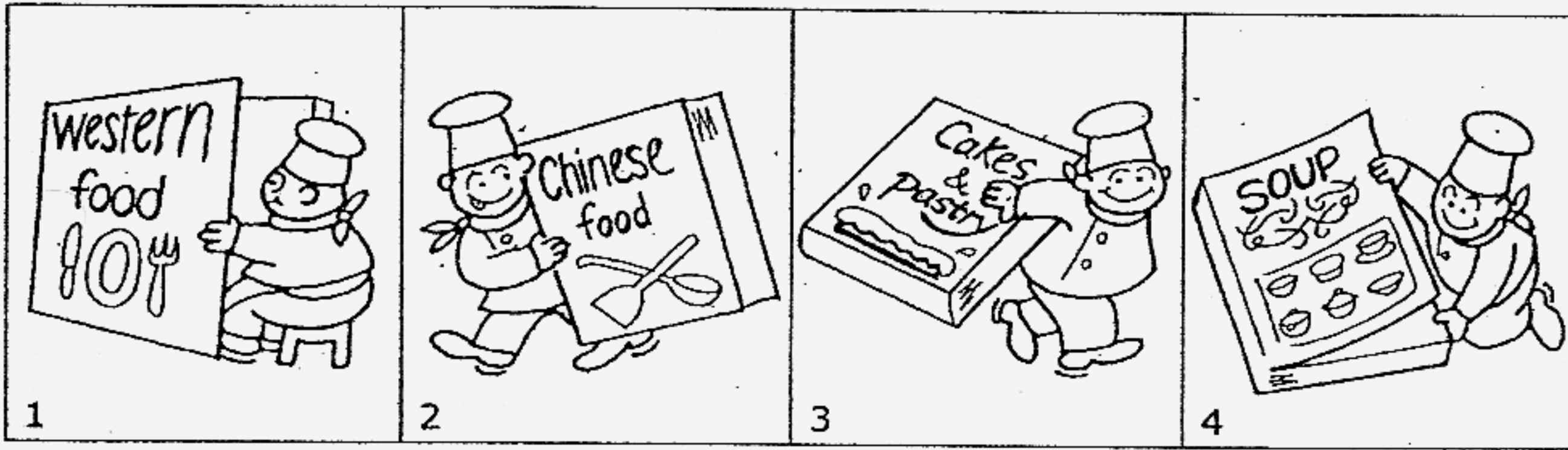
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For Sections B and C, please write the answers in this question booklet.

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.

Your friend, Serena has sprained her wrist and is unable to write. You are to help her fill up a book report with the information given. After which, you are to write a summary on it.

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

<u>Book Report</u>		
	Title of the book	: Charlotte's Web
	Author	: E.B.White
Q5.	Length of book	: 256 _____
Q6.	Where you found the book	: _____
Q7.	Whom it was written for	: _____
Q8.	Reason for recommending the book	: _____

SECTION C: UNSEEN DICTATION (6 marks)

Write out the summary in Q9 **in full** as you listen to it being read out.

Q9. A little girl named Fern saves the runt of a newly born pig litter from an unpleasant fate. _____

**CHECK YOUR ANSWERS CAREFULLY.
END OF PAPER**



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**BOOKLET B: LANGUAGE USE AND
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QUESTIONS)**

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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. Neither Li En nor Sammie _____ puppies. They prefer keeping fish.
- (1) love
 - (2) loves
 - (3) loved
 - (4) loving
6. " We shall not travel to that country _____ there is law and order," insisted Mr Govinsamy.
- (1) if
 - (2) since
 - (3) unless
 - (4) because
7. Any pupil who _____ well in his examination should be proud of himself.
- (1) do
 - (2) does
 - (3) is doing
 - (4) are doing
8. " Please behave _____ at the party," said Mrs Tan to the twins.
- (1) himself
 - (2) yourself
 - (3) yourselves
 - (4) themselves
9. If the tide is low, we _____ seashells on the beach.
- (1) collects
 - (2) collected
 - (3) is collecting
 - (4) shall collect

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. Duncan took a look at the _____ sky and realised that it was going to rain.
- (1) overall
 - (2) overcast
 - (3) overhead
 - (4) overturned
11. During the famine, many people were _____ to death.
- (1) frozen
 - (2) stuffed
 - (3) starved
 - (4) drowned
12. It is a _____ of time talking to Carol. She never listens.
- (1) lot
 - (2) loss
 - (3) waste
 - (4) plenty
13. " You'll have to use the stairs. I'm afraid the lift is out of _____, " the man said.
- (1) form
 - (2) work
 - (3) order
 - (4) function
14. Cyclists are _____ to wear reflectors on their clothings when cycling along a road in the dark.
- (1) implied
 - (2) advised
 - (3) warned
 - (4) reprimanded

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. " I can't believe it I won the contest, " said Anne.

- (1) [,] comma
- (2) [.] full stop
- (3) [, "] comma and close inverted commas
- (4) [. "] full stop and close inverted commas

16. When I went home, I told my sister, Devi about it.

- (1) [:] colon
- (2) [,] comma
- (3) [.] full stop
- (4) [;] semi-colon

17. " Has Norman been to the Esplanade asked Kok Meng.

- (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.

The Vikings were the greatest seafarers of their age. They came from what is now Norway, Sweden and Denmark. In the (Q18) early times, they cruised the seas from Scandinavia to North America. Wherever they went, they traded with the people and (Q19) established trading settlements. Sometimes they were (Q20) ferocious pirates who attacked villages without warning. They travelled the seas in their wooden longboats, either catching the wind in their great sails or rowing.

18. (1) olden
(2) modern
(3) advanced
(4) backwards
19. (1) set in
(2) set up
(3) set off
(4) set aside
20. (1) fierce
(2) arrogant
(3) indignant
(4) passionate

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.

One quiet afternoon in May 2003, the people in a small rural town in Victoria, Australia, went about their various tasks. Suddenly, some of the people saw a large black cloud moving quickly towards them. Some of those who saw the long tail coming from the cloud knew that it was a tornado. They had seen one in the movie 'Twister'.

This storm was one of the worst experienced in Victoria. It appeared to strike first near Watson Avenue. The caravan of Mr Ashwell was picked up and flung some 150 metres into a neighbour's yard. A local college principal, Mr Britton, heard a 'strange noise' approaching. He looked out the window and saw it coming straight for the house. It came in a grey swirling mass with a roar like a locomotive, and with all kinds of objects whirling in it. In less than a second, furniture was picked up and hurled over the road, smashing his window. All at once, bits of broken glass went flying around. The roof was torn off and all the insulation in the ceiling fell down like snow in a snowstorm. A resident recounted, "It was like a huge, dark whirlpool with things being tossed around as if they were in a washing machine."

In the next few minutes, the tornado whipped through the township, destroying ten homes and extensively damaging at least fifty others. It was not systematic in its destruction. It seemed almost playful, slashing through some **dwelling**s while leaving neighbouring houses almost untouched. The next day, the townspeople tried to come to terms with the cost of the damage, estimated at many millions of dollars.

Adapted from New Wave Literacy Book G- A Tornado Strikes (R.I.C Publications)

21. Just before the tornado struck the town in Victoria, the people were _____.
- (1) watching the movie, Twister
 - (2) observing the clouds in the sky
 - (3) going about doing their usual chores
 - (4) predicting the following day's weather
22. Why was this storm 'one of the worst experienced in Victoria'?
- (1) It was a huge whirlpool.
 - (2) Millions of lives were lost.
 - (3) Sixty homes were destroyed.
 - (4) The cost of the damage was estimated at millions of dollars.
23. Mr Britton, a local college principal, 'looked out of the window and saw **it** coming straight for the house.' The 'it' refers to the _____.
- (1) roof
 - (2) caravan
 - (3) tornado
 - (4) washing machine
24. 'It seemed almost playful, slashing through some dwellings ...' The word 'dwellings' refers to the _____.
- (1) houses
 - (2) neighbours
 - (3) town in Victoria
 - (4) trees and roads



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**BOOKLET C: LANGUAGE USE AND
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Booklet A: Note-taking and Unseen Dictation:	/ 10
Booklet B: Including Listening MCQ	/ 24
Booklet C:	/ 30
Total:	/ 64

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.**

- | | | | |
|-----------|--------|-------------|-------------|
| (A) to | (B) if | (C) through | (D) despite |
| (E) while | (F) as | (G) which | (H) often |

If you look around your house carefully, you will find that it is home to many insects. Ants come crawling in (25) _____ open windows searching for food, (26) _____ other insects fly in. As a matter of fact, flies and mosquitoes prefer dark rooms (27) _____ the bright outdoor light.

Many house insects such as cockroaches and fleas are seen as pests. (28) _____ a flea bites us, it leaves a red spot on our skin that will itch for a few days.

Silverfish are silvery insects (29) _____ have a flattened, fish-like body. They often cause extensive damage to books.

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

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Here is the secret of making invisible ink. Get a lemon and squeeze out some of the juice. This will be your (30) _____ ink. You will need paper that allows the 'ink' to (31) _____ quickly. A small paint brush is the best object to use as a 'pen'. Write the message on the paper. Make (32) _____ you think carefully about the message before writing it because you can only do this (33) _____. Perhaps you could write the message on another piece of paper then destroy it. When the message is ready, it will look as though the paper is (34) _____. To (35) _____ the message, get an adult to iron the paper with a hot iron. This (36) _____ the lemon juice turn brown and the message can be read. Perhaps you can try using orange or grapefruit juice (37) _____ of lemon juice. They say that onion juice works just as well - if you can stand the smell!

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.

The silence of the night was shattered by the crackling and sizzling of a

(38)

fire that was rageing wildly. The twins were sleeping soundly when they were

(39)

(40)

aweakened by the fumes of smoke. They were terrified to see flames leaping towards them.

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. The weather was humid. We were perspiring profusely.

As _____

42. It takes time to nurture good friendship. This is important to me.

_____ which

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

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

The whole class had been talking excitedly about the upcoming school camp for days. Damian, in particular, was looking forward to it. He was hoping for a chance to show his classmates that he was not the fat and clumsy boy they supposed him to be.

The big day finally arrived. Soon after breakfast, the children assembled in the field to prepare for the Obstacle Race. They had to crawl under a tight net, jump into a sack and hop to the next station where they had to skip fifty times before running back. The teacher soon blew the whistle and off they went! The first boy from Damian's group ran, crawled under the net and slid on his stomach. When he emerged, he was covered with mud. Damian was worried as he waited for his turn. What if he could not run fast enough and what if he got stuck in the net? Damian was standing last in line and before he knew it, it was his turn.

Damian dashed off to the net and crawled under the wet field, without bothering about the mud streaking his arms and legs. He soon emerged courageously from the net. He raced towards the sack, shoved his feet into it and pulled it up. He started hopping furiously when suddenly, he tripped over his own leg and ended up flat on his face.

Determined not to give up, Damian picked himself up immediately to the loud cheers from everyone. He swung the skipping rope but realised that he had injured his right ankle. He had to go on one foot if he wanted to continue the race and he did. He felt like giving up but the crowd cheered him on. Damian pushed on to the last swing. Silence soon followed as everyone wondered if he could make it back. Thunderous applause broke the silence as the crowd clapped when Damian finally ran past the finishing line.

Adapted from Raising Your Family EQ (Student Care Service)

Answer these questions. Write your answers in complete sentences.

43. What event was the whole class looking forward to?

44. What did Damian's classmates think of him?

45. What was Damian worried about?

46. What encouraged Damian to continue the race?

47. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'loud'?

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**CHECK YOUR ANSWERS CAREFULLY.
END OF PAPER**

- 5) 1
6) 3
7) 2
8) 3
9) 4
10) 3
11) 3
12) 3
13) 3
14) 2
15) 1
16) 2
17) 3
18) 1
19) 2
20) 1
21) 3
22) 4
23) 3
24) 1
25) C
26) E
27) A
28) B
29) G
30) invisible
31) dry
32) sure
33) once
34) blank
35) read
36) makes
37) instead
38) raging
39) awakened
40) terrified
- 41) As the weather was humid, we were perspiring profusely.
- 42) It takes time to nurture good friendship which is important to me.
- 43) They were looking forward to the upcoming school camp.
- 44) They thought that he was fat and clumsy.
- 45) He was worried that he might get stuck in the net.
- 46) The crowd cheered him on and he continued the race.
- 47) The word is "thunderous".