



**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL  
SECOND SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2009**

**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.

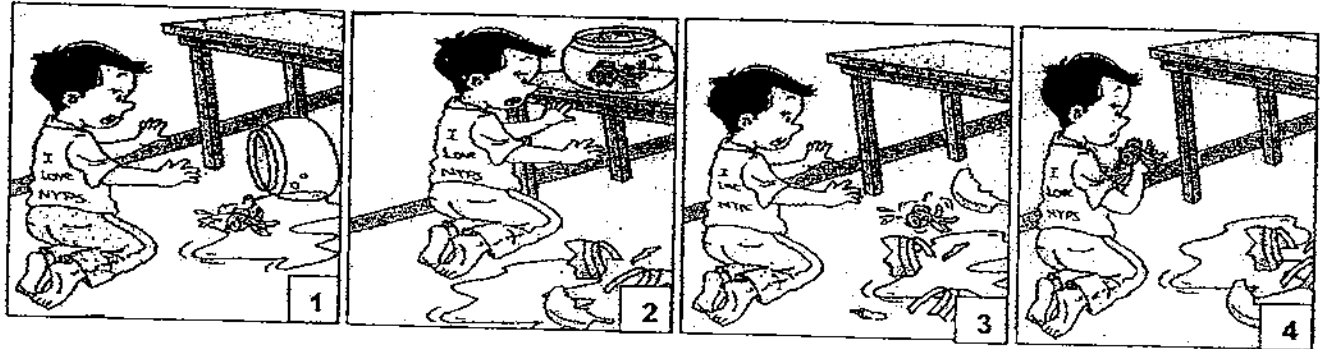
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (   )

Class: Pr 4 (   )

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

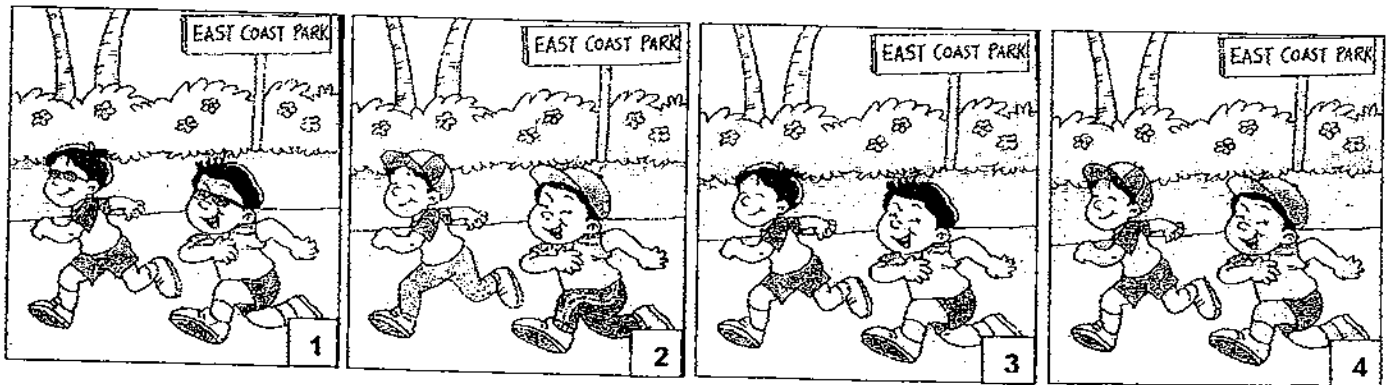
Listen carefully to your teacher and choose the picture which matches the statement(s) that he/she is going to read to you. **Shade the number of the correct answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the Optical Answer Sheet provided.**

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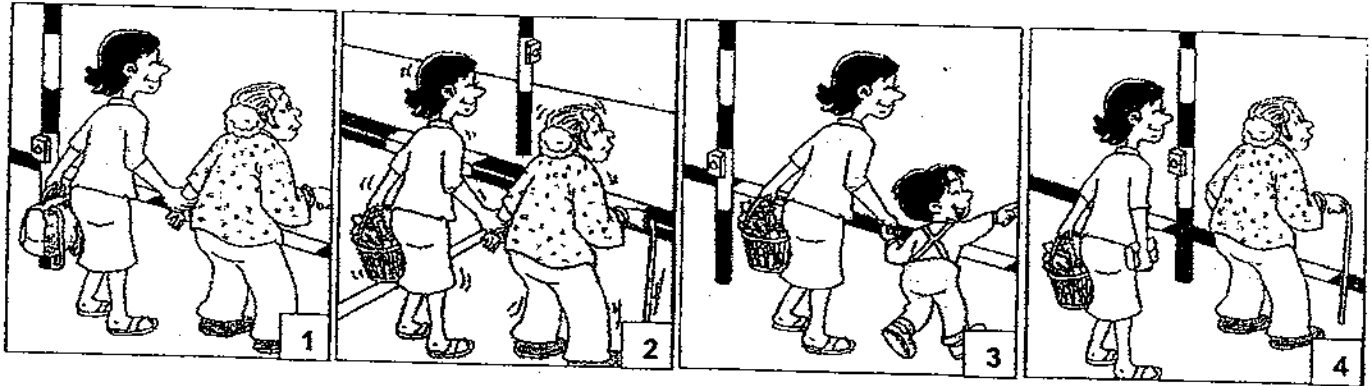
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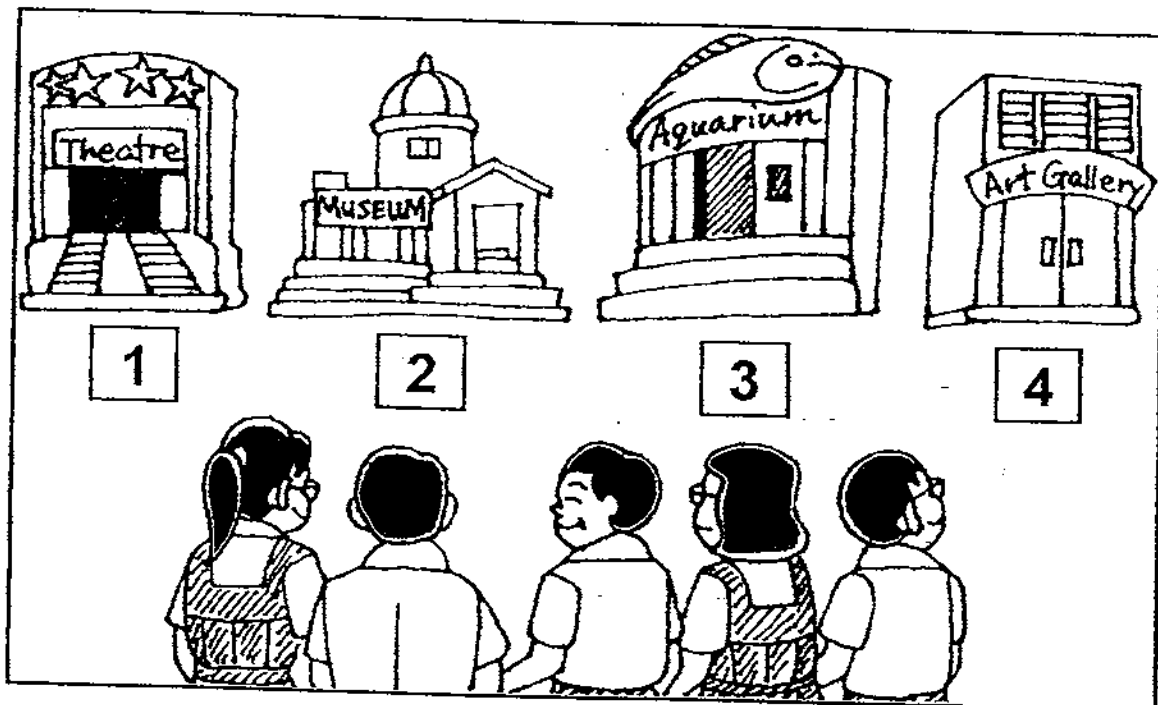
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**For Sections B and C, please write the answers in this question booklet.**

**SECTION B: NOTE-TAKING (5 x 1m = 5 marks)**

Q5 to Q9 is a note-taking test.

Q10 is a dictation test.

Each blank in Q5 to Q9 should be filled with one word. As you listen, fill in the blanks with the information given.

Listen carefully to the teacher.

**Shopping Centre Advertisement**

Q5. Name of Shopping Centre: \_\_\_\_\_ Shopping Centre.

Q6. The shopping centre is celebrating its \_\_\_\_\_ anniversary.

Q7. Minimum sum to spend to qualify for the lucky draw: \_\_\_\_\_ dollars.

Q8. Number of cars that will be given away : \_\_\_\_\_.

Q9. Last day of the promotion : 30 \_\_\_\_\_.

**SECTION C: UNSEEN DICTATION (5 marks)**

Write out the passage in Q10 **in full** as you listen to it being read out.

Q10. My family and I went on a holiday to Bali last week.

[illegible]

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



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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 (6 x 1 m = 6 marks)**

For each question from 5 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).

5. "Please add \_\_\_\_\_ sugar to the tea. I like it sweet," said Mrs Wong.
- (1) any
  - (2) less
  - (3) some
  - (4) many
6. My brother and I like to \_\_\_\_\_ the zoo during the school holidays.
- (1) visit
  - (2) visits
  - (3) visited
  - (4) visiting
7. When I come across difficult words, I will look them \_\_\_\_\_ in the dictionary.
- (1) on
  - (2) up
  - (3) off
  - (4) out
8. Only one of the boxes \_\_\_\_\_ a prize for the contest.
- (1) contain
  - (2) contains
  - (3) is contained
  - (4) has contained
9. Mr Tan was taken to the place \_\_\_\_\_ the accident happened two weeks ago.
- (1) whom
  - (2) which
  - (3) where
  - (4) wherever

10. The two girls whispered to each other \_\_\_\_\_ no one else could hear them.

- (1) until
- (2) since
- (3) so that
- (4) because

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

For each question from 11 to 15, 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. Although Sumei was feeling \_\_\_\_\_, she stayed up to complete her work.

- (1) lively
- (2) sleepy
- (3) cheerful
- (4) energetic

12. Accidents can be \_\_\_\_\_ if people are careful on the road.

- (1) ignored
- (2) avoided
- (3) stopped
- (4) subtracted

13. When Christmas Day was approaching, the roads were \_\_\_\_\_ with colourful lights.

- (1) filled
- (2) tidied
- (3) covered
- (4) decorated

14. The police dogs helped to \_\_\_\_\_ the hidden drugs in the hut.


- (1) locate
- (2) identify
- (3) recognise
- (4) encounter




15. Several boats were \_\_\_\_\_ at sea in the big storm.


- (1) upset
- (2) inverted
- (3) capsized
- (4) collapsed

SECTION F: PUNCTUATION (2 x 1 m = 2 marks)

For questions 16 and 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.

16. Aunt Lily likes to eat beef, doesn't she 

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

17. " I will meet you at the bus stop opposite the school  Mingfa told Bala.

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

One morning, Mrs Ho, a hotel maid, was cleaning the carpet in one of the bedrooms when she (Q18) chanced upon a large envelope under the bed. She picked it up and was surprised to see a lot of money inside it. Mrs Ho quickly took the envelope and gave it to the hotel manager.

The envelope belonged to a Japanese visitor in the hotel. When the hotel manager returned the envelope to him, he was (Q19) over the moon. The visitor then asked to see Mrs Ho. When Mrs Ho came, he shook her hand and said, "I'm very (Q20) grateful to you. You're a very honest person. I shall tell my friends about your honesty when I return to Japan. People like you make visitors want to come back to Singapore."

18. (1) found  
(2) exposed  
(3) observed  
(4) retrieved

19. (1) vexed  
(2) bashful  
(3) panicky  
(4) delighted

20. (1) loyal  
(2) sincere  
(3) truthful  
(4) thankful

**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 afternoon, Osman had a bad toothache. His mother wanted to take him to see a dentist but he refused. He was afraid that the dentist might extract his tooth. Osman's mother was annoyed with him. She told him that tooth extraction was not painful at all. After some time, as the pain became unbearable, Osman finally agreed to see the dentist.

There were a few people at the dentist. Very soon, it was Osman's turn. Osman walked into the consultation room and sat nervously on the chair. To his delight, the dentist appeared to be very friendly. After examining his teeth, the dentist told Osman that he would extract the bad tooth. The dentist then gave him an injection on the gum and assured him that he would not feel any pain after that. Then he used a pair of pliers and gently pulled the tooth out.

To Osman's astonishment, he did not feel any pain. The dentist then told him to rinse his mouth. He also advised him to brush his teeth regularly and not to eat too much sweet food. Osman nodded his head and said 'Goodbye' to the dentist.

21. Osman refused to see a dentist because he \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) was in too much pain
- (2) did not like the dentist
- (3) did not want his tooth removed
- (4) had never been to the dentist before

22. When Osman refused to see the dentist, his mother told him that there would be \_\_\_\_\_ pain when his tooth was extracted.
- (1) no
  - (2) some
  - (3) a little
  - (4) a lot of
23. Which statement is true?
- (1) Osman had a decaying tooth.
  - (2) The injection helped to loosen the tooth.
  - (3) Osman had to wait a long time at the dentist.
  - (4) Osman felt at ease while in the consultation room.
24. "To Osman's astonishment, he did not feel any pain." This sentence tells us that \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) Osman expected some pain during the tooth extraction.
  - (2) Osman did not expect any pain during the tooth extraction.
  - (3) Osman was surprised that there was pain in the tooth extraction.
  - (4) Osman was not surprised that there was pain in the tooth extraction.



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

TOTAL TIME: 1 hour 35 minutes

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (      Class : Pr 4 (      )

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Booklet A : Listening Comprehension (Note-taking & Unseen Dictation)	/10
Booklet B : Multiple-choice Questions (including Listening MCQ)	/24
Booklet C : Language Use & Comprehension	/30
Writing	/20
Oral	/16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>/100</b>

## SECTION I : GRAMMAR CLOZE (4 X 1m = 4 marks)

There are 4 blanks, numbered 25 to 28. From the words given in the box, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter ( A to G ) on the blank. **Each word can be used once only.**

<del>(A)</del> over	<del>(B)</del> about	<del>(C)</del> in	<del>(D)</del> to
<del>(E)</del> and	<del>(F)</del> on	<del>(G)</del> of	

Each month, the SPCA receives between 70 and 80 complaints of animal abuse. A significant number involve the mistreatment (25) \_\_\_\_\_ dogs. The types of complaints range from dogs being tied up or caged up for most of the day (26) \_\_\_\_\_ physical abuses.

Sometimes, neighbours would complain about the continuous barking or whining. The SPCA does not usually look into such complaints, unless there is reason to believe the animal is (27) \_\_\_\_\_ distress. This is where they depend (28) \_\_\_\_\_ the caller to provide details about the case. If the animal is not hurt and its barking is disturbing the neighbours, it may be better for the neighbours to speak to the owners. The SPCA will not handle such cases.

## SECTION J : COMPREHENSION CLOZE ( 8 X 1m = 8 marks )

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

An eight-man team led by Houston was attempting to be the first group to reach the snow-covered summit of K2 in the Himalayas. K2 is the second highest (29)\_\_\_\_\_ in the world. Houston had first visited K2 fourteen years (30)\_\_\_\_\_ and had been waiting for a chance to return ever since.

The expedition had started well. The men were in good spirits as they (31)\_\_\_\_\_ K2's lower slopes. But as they got (32)\_\_\_\_\_ up the mountain, things started to go wrong.

The weather slowed their progress and their supplies were running (33)\_\_\_\_\_. As the team reached a (34)\_\_\_\_\_ of 27 170 feet, a terrible blizzard hit the mountain. The men set up camp and quickly crawled inside their tents for (35)\_\_\_\_\_.

"When this storm passes," Houston told his team mates, shouting against the terrible noise of the wind, "we should still be able to reach the top of the mountain and get (36)\_\_\_\_\_ safely. All we have to do is wait for the storm to pass!"

SECTION K : EDITING - SPELLING ( 4 X 1m = 4 marks )

There are 4 words that are underlined in the passage below. They are spelt wrongly. Write the correct spelling of each word in the boxes provided.

Physical activity is an important part of healthy living. It is

(37)

recommended that children and adolescents excerize regularly. Finding

(38)

oportunities for physical activities is easy. You can help with the household

(39)

choers, use the stairs instead of taking the lift or alight one bus-stop

(40)

earlyer and walk the rest of the way to your destination. While it is important to be active, it is just as important to ensure your safety when you participate in various physical activities.



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

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

41. You do not seem to have much to do. You might as well go home.

\_\_\_\_\_

since \_\_\_\_\_

42. This is my new dictionary. I bought it with my savings.

\_\_\_\_\_ which \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

It was a bright sunny morning. Old Pak was on a cart loaded with carrots. A bull was pulling the cart and moving slowly down the path. Soon they came to a creaky old bridge.

"Careful," said Old Pak to his bull. "Remember, Gopal's bull had made a hole in that bridge last week. We have to cross that bridge slowly. Go gently, now." Cautiously, as though the bull understood every word, it pulled the cart across the bridge. "Thank goodness, we could cross that bridge safely. Otherwise, we could not get to the market to sell these carrots," remarked Old Pak.

As Old Pak continued his journey, he saw Gopal's cart ahead. Soon, Old Pak overtook Gopal. Gopal's cart was loaded three times its height with wood. "Some day your bull will drop dead carrying a load like that!" shouted Old Pak to Gopal. "Not only that. The old bridge won't hold you."

"My bull is fine! Yours will eat up all your carrots! Wait till you see what I can trade my wood with. Rocks! I will have rock walls for my house," Gopal retorted.

Old Pak chuckled at Gopal's reply. He felt sorry for Gopal's bull. It was all skin and bone.

By noon, Old Pak had not sold all his carrots. With the money he had earned that day, he bought some wheat and sugar. He then made his way home. Old Pak fell asleep while his bull faithfully pulled his cart. When Old Pak woke up, he discovered that his bull had stood still before a huge hole on the floor of the old bridge. Old Pak looked through the hole to the stream below. He saw the back of a half-submerged bull in the stream and a badly damaged cart next to it. Suddenly, Old Pak felt a tap on his shoulder. Behind him was Gopal!

"That's my cart loaded with rocks and my poor bull," sighed Gopal. Gopal would have been dead if he had not jumped off his cart in time. Old Pak comforted Gopal and they made their way home together.

(Adapted from *The Bullock* by Constance M. McCullough)

Answer these questions. Write your answers in complete sentences.

43. Why did the old man tell his bull to be careful when they were about to cross the bridge?

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44. What did Gopal intend to do with all the wood on his cart?

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45. What caused further damage to the old bridge?

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46. Which sentence from the passage tells us that Gopal's bull looked unhealthy?

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47. How did Gopal narrowly manage to escape from death?

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**SCHOOL : NANYANG PRIMARY**  
**SUBJECT : PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH**

**TERM : SA2**

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				3	1	2	2	3	3	2	2	4	1	3	3	3

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28
1	4	4	3	1	1	1	G	D	C	F

29)mountain      30)before      31)climbed      32)higher      33)out

34)height      35)safety      36)down      37)exercise      38)opportunities

39)chores      40)earlier

41)You might as well go home since you do not seem to have much to do.

42)This is my new dictionary which I brought with my saving.

43)The bridge had a hole in it so the old man told his bull to be careful.

44)He intended to trade the wood for rocks at the market to build rock walls for his house.

45)The load of rocks and the bull caused further damage to the bridge.

46)The sentence is "It was all skin and bone."

47)He had jumped out of the curt just in time to escape from death.