



**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL  
FIRST SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2014**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**BOOKLET B**

**TOTAL TIME: 1 hour 35 minutes**

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

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

Booklet A : Listening Comprehension	/14
Booklet B : Language Use & Comprehension (Part 1 and Part 2)	/50
Writing	/20
Oral	/16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>/100</b>

**Any query on marks awarded should be raised by 16 May 2014. We seek your understanding in this matter as any delay in the confirmation of marks will lead to delays in the generation of results.**

**PART 1**

**SECTION A: GRAMMAR (8 x 1 m = 8 marks)**

For each question from 1 to 8, 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) provided.

1. My brother and I managed to pitch the tent \_\_\_\_\_
  - (1) myself
  - (2) himself
  - (3) ourselves
  - (4) themselves
  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ you aware of the swimming competition that will be held this Saturday?
  - (1) Is
  - (2) Are
  - (3) Was
  - (4) Were
  
3. "Please wait for a moment. Doctor Wong \_\_\_\_\_ to her patient right now," the nurse told Mani.
  - (1) attends
  - (2) attended
  - (3) is attending
  - (4) are attending
  
4. Ben \_\_\_\_\_ his homework on the teacher's table and **went** home.
  - (1) left
  - (2) leaves
  - (3) is leaving
  - (4) was leaving

5. While I was reading in the library, my parents \_\_\_\_\_ for groceries in the supermarket.

- (1) shop
- (2) will shop
- (3) are shopping
- (4) were shopping

6. \_\_\_\_\_ pond in the far end of the garden needs to be cleaned up.

- (1) This
- (2) That
- (3) These
- (4) Those

7. There are \_\_\_\_\_ bags with interesting designs on sale at the fair.

- (1) less
- (2) little
- (3) many
- (4) much

8. We have found \_\_\_\_\_ information for our project.

- (1) few
- (2) little
- (3) many
- (4) several

SECTION B: VOCABULARY (6 x 1 m = 6 marks)

For each question from 9 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).

9. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the camp planned and made sure that it was a memorable one for its participants.

- (1) pioneers
- (2) sponsors
- (3) organisers
- (4) candidates

10. The \_\_\_\_\_ king distributed his wealth to his people when he saw how difficult their lives were.

- (1) curious
- (2) cautious
- (3) cooperative
- (4) compassionate

11. The palace we visited was \_\_\_\_\_ It took us two hours to finish the tour.

- (1) minute
- (2) ancient
- (3) colossal
- (4) significant

12. Father \_\_\_\_\_ whether or not to send Tim on the China immersion programme.

- (1) decided
- (2) requested
- (3) questioned
- (4) deliberated

13. The pupils were \_\_\_\_\_ by the teacher on what to bring for the camping trip.

- (1) briefed
- (2) lectured
- (3) summarised
- (4) communicated

14. Due to the bad weather, the teachers had no choice but to \_\_\_\_\_ the inter-class soccer competition.

- (1) put up
- (2) put off
- (3) put away
- (4) put down

**PART 2**

**SECTION C: GRAMMAR CLOZE (8 X 1m = 8 marks)**

**Passage 1**

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

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|-------|---------|---------|
| A) I  | B) us   | C) we   |
| D) he | E) they | F) them |

A few years ago, I witnessed an act of courage that is still etched in my mind today. (15) \_\_\_\_\_ had spoken at an assembly about how each of us has the ability to stand up for people instead of putting (16) \_\_\_\_\_ down. When I was done, one girl stood up, pointed at a boy and said, "Let's stop picking on that boy. (17) \_\_\_\_\_ might be different from us, but who are (18) \_\_\_\_\_ to bully and pick on him?" I turned and saw the boy smiling, thankful for someone who stood up for him.

**Passage 2**

Read the passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

Have you heard of the Istana Ceremonial Guards? They are involved in the Changing of Guards ceremony that (19) [ happens / happen ] on all the first Sunday of every month. It (20) [ takes / take ] a lot of work to ensure that all the steps in the ceremony (21) [ is / are ] carried out flawlessly during this military ceremony. The Guards are specially trained and they always (22) [ impresses / impress ] the crowds.

SECTION D: SENTENCE COMBINING (4 x 2m = 8m)

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

23. The pharmacist called Cindy's name. She went forward to collect her medicine.

\_\_\_\_\_ when

\_\_\_\_\_

24. Weimin broke the vase on display. The store owner made him pay for the vase.

\_\_\_\_\_ since

\_\_\_\_\_

25. You should not add too much sugar. The drink will not taste good.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

26. We submitted our entry forms before the deadline. We wanted to take part in the race.

In order to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION E: COMPREHENSION (10 marks)**

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

5 It was the fourth day of our India immersion trip. We had ridden on a bus for about an hour before we arrived at a village. Jolene kept very quiet but she still had other ways to be mean to me. She walked behind me and kept stepping on my sandals. I moved behind her and she smirked at me before she pranced ahead. I was tired of her bullying since the start of the trip.

Suddenly, I noticed that she was no longer in front of me. She had fallen into a deep drain beside the road that we were on. As we were walking last, I was the only one who knew that she had fallen into the drain. It was filled with mud and Jolene began to sink down. She yelled, "Help! Preeya, please help me!"

10 Just then, a horrible thought struck me, "I could just run ahead. No one knows Jolene's here and by the time Mrs Lim realises that she has gone missing, she would have been buried alive and no one would tease me anymore!"

15 But then I remembered what my mother had taught me. "Do to others what you want others to do to you," she would often say. I reached out to grab Jolene's hand, and pulled with all my might.

*Adapted from Boo is for Bully.*



27. Write the numbers 1, 2 and 3 in the table to show the sequence of events. [2m]

Event	Sequence
Jolene walked in front of Preeya.	
Preeya and Jolene arrived at a village.	
Jolene walked behind Preeya and disturbed her.	

28. Which word has a similar meaning to "sneered"? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

<p>I moved behind her and she <u>smirked</u> at me before she <u>pranced</u> ahead.</p> <p>(A) (B)</p>
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For Q29-30, tick (✓) whether each statement is true or false. [2m]

Statement		True	False
<b>Example</b>	It was the fourth day of their immersion trip.		
29.	Preeya bullied Jolene.		
30.	Preeya tried to help Jolene out of the drain.		

31. List two characteristics of the drain that Jolene had fallen into.

- i. \_\_\_\_\_ [1m]
- ii. \_\_\_\_\_ [1m]

32. Tick (✓) the answer that completes the following statement.

When Preeya first realised that Jolene had fallen into the drain, \_\_\_\_\_ . [1m]

<input type="checkbox"/>	Preeya shouted for help
<input type="checkbox"/>	Preeya thought about ignoring Jolene
<input type="checkbox"/>	Preeya immediately went to help Jolene

33. Who was the one who taught Preeya the right thing to do?

\_\_\_\_\_ [1m]

34. Put a tick (✓) next to the most suitable title for this story. [1m]

<input type="checkbox"/>	Doing the Right Thing
<input type="checkbox"/>	My India Immersion Trip
<input type="checkbox"/>	An Indian Village

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

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

It was the school holidays. My cousin, Han, invited me to visit his home in Kedah, a northern state of Malaysia. Han and his family lived in a big, wooden house surrounded by nine acres of rubber trees. During my visit, I shared a room with Han. I slept well at night and did not feel particularly homesick.

5 Han's family owned two rubber plantations which were not too far away from where they lived. They also had a rubber factory where rubber was processed. Han worked with three other workers in the factory.

One evening, after dinner at home, Han had to cycle to the factory to pick up some tools. In the middle of the journey, he saw a shadow behind some trees. The shadow resembled a large creature. Han immediately recalled stories about the local folks' encounter with a big cat. He also remembered the advice given by the village elder, "If you come face-to-face with the big cat, you must not run."

10 Han stayed absolutely still on his bicycle with one leg on the ground. He stared firmly at the large shadowy figure. After what seemed to be a very long while, the big cat lost interest, turned and went away. Quietly, Han turned his bicycle around and quickly cycled back home instead. Upon arriving, he told us about his encounter.

15 Early the next morning, we visited the site where Han had encountered the big cat with some villagers. There were large paw prints around it. The news of Han encountering the big cat spread like wild fire around the village. Everybody praised him for his calmness and bravery. I told my cousin that he was very lucky that the big cat had not harmed him.

*Adapted from Life on the Farm.*

Answer these questions. Write your answers in complete sentences.

35. Where is Kedah?

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36. Which sentence tells you that the writer did not miss his family?

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37. Apart from their house, what other properties did Han's family own in the village?

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38. Why were the villagers convinced that Han had encountered a big cat?

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39. How did Han demonstrate calmness and bravery?

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## **EXAM PAPER 2014**

**SCHOOL : NANYANG**

**PRIMARY : P4**

**SUBJECT : ENGLISH**

**TERM : SA1**

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
3	2	3	1	4	2	3	2	3	4	4	4	1	2	A	F	D

Q18
C

19)happens      20)takes      21)are      22)impress

23)Cindy went to collect her medicine when the pharmacist called her name.

24)The store owner made Weimin pay for the vase on display since he broke it.

25)If you add too much sugar, the drink will not taste good.

26)In order to take part in the race, we submitted our entry forms before the deadline.

27)3, 1, 2      28)A      29)False      30)True

31)i)It was a deep drain.  
ii)It was a muddy drain.

32)Preeya thought about ignoring Jolene.

**33)Preeya's mother**

**34)Doing the Right Thing.**

**35)Kedah is in Malaysia.**

**36)The sentence is " I slept well at night and did not feel particularly homesick".**

**37)Han's family owned two rubber plantations and a rubber factory.**

**38)There were large paw prints around the site where Han had encountered the big cat.**

**39)Han did not turn when he encountered the big cat and he stared family at the figure.**