



NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL 2016 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1 PRIMARY 6

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- 1. Do not turn over the page until you are told to do so.
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- 4. For Booklet A, shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

Booklet A

Section A - Grammar (10 x 1 mark) For each question from 1 to 10, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. 1. My aunt is complaining that her luggage ______ too heavy. She needs the porter's help. is (1) (2)аге (3) was were 2. In accordance _____ building regulations, part of the ceiling had to be reconstructed for safety reasons. (1) to (2) of (3)with from The couple told us that a friend of _____ would be visiting Singapore at the end of this year. (1)their theirs (2)(3) them themselves the bus with difficulty, she When Mrs Khoo saw the old man went forward to help him immediately. (1) board (2)boards boarded (3)had boarded Joseph, together with his cousins, _____ board games when the 5.

doorbell rang.-

is playing (2) are playing (3) was playing (4) were playing

(1)

	6.	from work every evening as she often makes time to read to them.
		(1) see (2) sees (3) saw (4) seeing
esk.	7.	their captain's absence from the match, the boys managed to make it to the finals of the basketball tournament.
		(1) Despite(2) Without(3) Although(4) Regardless
	8.	My grandfather was advised by his doctor to refrainvigorous exercises because of his weak knees.
		(1) in (2) to (3) off (4) from
	9.	I felt very honoured to have hands with the guest-of-honour at the prize-giving ceremony.
		(1) shake(2) shakes(3) shook(4) shaken
	10.	"I to help at the nursing home if not for my busy schedule," Kim Seng said.
		 (1) must volunteer (2) am volunteering (3) have been volunteering (4) would have volunteered

For e	on B – Vocabulary (5 x 1 mark) ach question from 11 to 15, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical er Sheet.	
11.	The funds raised by the various charitable organisations would be donated to the earthquake survivors to their suffering after the disaster.	
	(1) dilute (2) mellow (3) subside (4) alleviate	
12.	My grandmother refuses to buy fish from that fishmonger as he charges prices. She often complains that the prices are unreasonably high.	
	 (1) exorbitant (2) expensive (3) extravagant (4) exaggerated 	
13.	At a presentation by our Prime Minister last evening, the plans to build a new community club in our estate were before the residents.	
	(1) unveiled(2) unleashed(3) uncovered(4) undisclosed	
14.	His plans to trek through South America when he was diagnosed with dengue fever.	
	 (1) blew up (2) burnt out (3) died down (4) fell through 	
15.	Mother has been longing to own that diamond ring. It has cost Fatherto get it for her on her birthday.	
	 (1) two left feet (2) an iron hand (3) an arm and a leg (4) all fingers and thumbs 	

Section C - Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

If there is one communication skill we should aim to master, it is listening. Listening is the ability to accurately receive and (16) decipher messages in the communication process. Listening is key to all (17) effective communication and without the ability to listen attentively, messages are easily misunderstood. As a result, communication (18) becomes incomprehensible and the sender of the message can easily become frustrated or irritated.

We should spend some time thinking about and developing our listening skills as they can lead to better customer (19) <u>satisfaction</u>, greater productivity with fewer mistakes and increased sharing of information that in turn can lead to more creative and innovative work. Listening is a skill that (20) <u>underpins</u> all positive human relationships. Good listening skills are the building blocks of success.

Adapted from http://www.skillsyouneed.com/ips/listening-skills.html

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- (1) peruse
- (2) interpret
- (3) scrutinise
- (4) recognise
- 17.
- (1) proper
- (2) successful
- (3) convincing
- (4) impressive
- 18.
- (1) breaks in
- (2) breaks out
- (3) breaks away
- (4) breaks down
- 19.
- (1) obligation
- (2) recognition
- (3) preservation
- (4) contentment
- 20.
- (1) shapes
- (2) supports
- (3) structures
- (4) substitutes

Section D - Visual Text Comprehension (8 x 1 mark)

Study this flyer carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28.



Earth Day is an annual event celebrated on 22 April. Events worldwide are held to demonstrate support for environmental protection on this day, it aims to:

- · promote respect for life on the planet
- create awareness of the growing problems of air, water and soil pollution
- encourage appreciation for Earth's environment

The Man behind Earth Day

Senator Gaylord Nelson founded **Earth Day** in 1970. As a senator, he struggled for years to interest his colleagues in environmental protection. He turned instead to the people, proposing 22 April 1970 as a day for Americans to speak out about the environmental crises they faced. The massive public support forced politicians to see the severity of the problems and the extent of public concern. 22 April has since been marked as a significant day in the calendar to celebrate Earth Day.



What do people do on Earth Day?

Earth Day is usually celebrated with individuals or groups putting up outdoor performances on acts of service to Earth. Most people plant trees, pick up roadside trash, carry out various programmes on recycling and conservation and use recyclable containers for snacks and functions. Some people sign petitions to governments, calling for stronger or immediate action to stop global warming and to reverse environmental destruction. Television stations frequently air programmes dealing with environmental issues.



Earth Day Network (EDN) is an organisation that:

- coordinates Earth Day globally
- works with over 22,000 partners worldwide to broaden, diversify and mobilise the environmental movement

For more information on EDN:

write to EDN@earthday.com.us



Change our personal habits and exercise extreme caution to

SAVE THE EARTH!

Take these 3 simple steps to make this world a better place to live in...



Step 1: Conserve Water at Home

- fix any taps which are leaking
- wash and dry only full loads of laundry
- do not leave the tap running while brushing teeth
- · do not wash dishes with the water running continuously



Save Weter



Step 2: Use Less Electricity

- use LED (light-emitting diode) bulbs to save energy
- turn off the lights even if we have to leave the room for a short while
- turn off the computer or other electrical appliances when they are not in use



You can also play a part by joining the Earth Hour! It is held worldwide annually to encourage individuals, communities, households and businesses to turn off their non-essential lights for one hour. It takes place on the last Saturday in March. The Earth Hour for this year took place on 19 March.

Step 3: Reduce the Amount of Waste

- use reusable cutiery
- dispose of cans into recycling bins
- photocopy or print on both sides of paper
- use reusable containers to store food instead of aluminium foil or cling wrap

For general questions related to saving the Earth: Call 650-492-8008

	ach quer Sh	uestion from 21 to 28, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical eet.
21.	Acco	rding to the flyer, the main purpose of Earth Day is to
	(1) (2) (3) (4)	air programmes related to environmental issues promote the Reduce, Reuse and Recycle Campaign encourage people to turn off the lights for one hour every day create awareness in and appreciation for Earth's environment
22.		s not easy for Gaylord Nelson to push for environmental protection as nator. Which one of the following is the most likely reason?
	(1) (2) (3) (4)	His focus was to address other public concerns. He was not able to get any support from the public. He had difficulty making Earth Day a significant day. His colleagues were not interested in environmental issues.
23.		ording to the flyer, what is one activity which most people would do on Day?
	(1) (2) (3) (4)	watch outdoor performances carry out recycling programmes sign petitions against tree-planting call for actions to promote global warming
24.	Acco	ording to the flyer, how do we find out more about Earth Day Network?
	(1) (2) (3) (4)	call the organiser directly email our queries to the organiser submit our queries online via the organiser's website hand deliver our written queries to the organiser's office
25.		Chen would like to play a part in helping to save the Earth. She
	(1) (2) (3) (4)	wash her laundry even if it is not full load use aluminium foil to wrap the leftover food drop the soft drink cans into the recycling bin turn on all the air-conditioners throughout the day

- 26. 'It is held worldwide annually to encourage individuals, communities, households and businesses to turn off their non-essential lights for one hour.' This sentence is found under the subheading 'Step 2: Use Less Electricity'. What does the word 'non-essential' mean?
 - (1) extremely important
 - (2) totally indispensable
 - (3) completely necessary
 - (4) not completely necessary
- 27. Why do you think the organiser included the three simple steps on the second page of the flyer? The objective is to _____.
 - (1) encourage people to lead healthy lifestyles by exercising daily
 - (2) create an awareness on the Earth Hour event held in March 2016
 - (3) demonstrate the effort put into organising the events on Earth Day
 - (4) educate people on how everyone can play a part to save the Earth
- 28. According to the flyer, which one of the following statements is true?
 - (1) Earth Day Network solely organises Earth Day globally.
 - (2) The Earth Hour event takes place on 19 March every year.
 - (3) Only the Americans celebrate Earth Day on 22 April annually.
 - (4) Anybody can participate in the Earth Hour event held globally.



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ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2

Booklet B

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Section E - Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)
There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

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		My mot	her liv	ed a lifetime (of health	y habits,	yet she	suffered	f from h	eart disea	ase.
One d	ay, wi	nen she w	aded	into a swimm	ing pool	for a wa	ter-aero	bics cla	ss, she	did not k	NON
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weight	and	kept her t	lood (ressure unde	er contro	l. She lo	oked a	nd felt g	reat (34)	
was w	hy he	r heart at	tack s	shocked all o	f us. My	mother's	s exper	ience w	as not :	unique. H	eart
diseas	e is ti	ne/leading	caus	e of death (3	5)	Ar	nerican	women.	. It is al	so toughe	er to
diagno	se he	art diseas	e in w	omen (36)		in mer	1.				
		Thoug	h I lea	d a healthy	lifestyle,	i wonde	er if I (37)	·	inherited	her
predis	positi¢	on to the d	liseas	e. I still indulg	je (38)		chee	seburger	s at tim	es but no	nt as
often.	l want	to give m	y hear	t all the help I	can.						

Adapted from National Geographic, Feb 2007 - Chris Johns (Editor)

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Section F - Editing for Spelling and Grammar (12 x 1 mark)

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes.

Great taste never goes out of fashion. Let's take a step back into the past

(39)		
they have	grow up with through the	ir childhood years.
[40)	
<u>Re</u>	menising the old times,	they can clearly remember two soft drinks,
Kickapoo a	and Sinalco, which played	a huge role in their childhood. These two drinks
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	(46)	
7	rends come or	go but memories will stay with us forever. Kickapoo was
(47)		
launche	d <u>on</u> this region l	back in the 1960s and will be celebrating the company's 50th
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anivers	<u>ery</u> in Singapore.	 To mark this milestone, Pokka International has released a
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limited	edition packaging	
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compan	y has also re-la	unched Sinalco, one of an oldest beverage brands in the
world. 1	It is to offer loca	al consumers a chance to relive precious memories and bring
this fan	niliar taste back	into their lives.
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gue novembro o o	1997 1997 1997 1997	Adapted from the interview with the CEO of Pokka International The Sunday Times, November 29, 2015

Section G - Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

An old man, tall and stooped, was in a dimly-lit attic. With the help of a faint light,
he (51) his way to a stack of boxes that sat near one of the windows.
As the sun was shining brightly outside, he tilted the top box towards the
(52) coming through the window. He began to carefully take out one
old photograph album after (53) Eyes once bright but now dim
searched longingly for the source that had drawn him there.
It began with the fond recollection of (54) love of his life, long
gone, and somewhere in these albums (55) a photograph of his wife
that he hoped to rediscover. Setting aside one of the dusty albums, he pulled from the
box (56) appeared to be a journal from his grown-up son's
childhood. Flipping (57) the pages which had turned yellow, he
glanced over a short entry written by his son, and his (58) curved in
an unconscious smile. Entry after entry stirred a sentimental hunger in his heart
(59) the longing a gardener feels in the winter for the fragrance of
spring flowers.
Remembering that he had kept a daily journal of his business activities over the
years, he closed his son's journal and turned to leave, having (60) the
purpose of his visit to the attic. To (61) bumping his head on the
ceiling, the old man hunched over and walked down the wooden stairway towards his
room.
room. (62) a glass cabinet door gently, he reached in and pulled out

beside each other. (63) was leather-bound and engraved neatly with
his name in gold, while his son's was tattered and the name 'Jimmy' had been nearly
scuffed from its surface.
As he opened his journal, the old man's eyes fell upon an inscription that
(64) out because it was so brief in comparison to other days. In his
own neat handwriting were these words:
June 4: Wasted the whole day fishing with Jimmy. Didn't catch a thing.
With a deep sigh and a shaking hand, he took Jimmy's journal and found the
boy's entry for the (65) day, June 4. Large scrawling letters, pressed
deeply into the paper, read:
Went fishing with my dad. Best day of my life.
Tears welled up in the old man's eyes.

Adapted from "Best Day of My Life" by Lance Wubbels (Co-author of the book, "To A Child Love is Spelled T-I-M-E," with Mac Anderson, Founder, Simple Truths)

Section H - Synthesis / Transformation (5 x 2 marks) For each of the questions 68 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) 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 sentence(s). 66. The two hospitals are linked by a bridge. Linking 67. The projects completed by the class were graded by Mr Ali. 68. All the children were given a badge each at the Awards Day. 69. "What is your favourite fruit?" Mandy asked her brother. Mandy asked her brother what _____

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Section I - Comprehension (10 x 2 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

Four years ago. Mr Khoo merrily agreed to help to distribute food to the needy residents of Leng Bahru in an initiative organised by the Boys' Brigade. Neither he nor his wife and young son were prepared for the poverty which greeted them in the one-room rental units of Block 55 in one of Singapore's poorest neighbourhoods. His wife was shocked to know that some of the residents had only tables and chairs and nothing else. When Mr Khoo discovered that the poor in the area were not getting regular help from charitable organisations, he decided to do something.

Mr Khoo started making deliveries of bread and fruit to more than 100 10 households every Saturday. Not long after, he began hosting tea parties on Saturdays too. The idea was not only to dish out warm meals but also to link up 15

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residents so that they could look out for one another. Although there are occasional donors. Mr Khoo has been funding these initiatives himself for the past four years. When the reporter asked him why he was helping the residents, he broke into a sheepish grin and said, "It is very fulfilling to see the loy on some of their faces on Saturday afternoons."

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Mr Khoo's late grandfather visited Changi Prison every year on his birthday to distribute wafer biscuits, sweets and cakes to the prisoners. Hanging out with his grandfather on those yearly forays and watching what he had done taught him not to be judgmental.

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"There were no halfway homes in Singapore then, so my grandfather's double-storey bungalow in King's Road was always filled with numerous notoriouslooking strangers who had just been released from the prison. Once my grandfather and I went to the market in Bukit Merah, one of the ex-offenders came running towards my grandfather and embraced him.

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Mr Khoo's father, who ran a bowling business, wanted Mr Khoo to continue with his studies in the university but Mr Khoo was not interested. He insisted on helping his father in the business. That was how Mr Khoo ended up in Malacca after completing his national service and working in the bowling alley his father operated. He started out selling bowling accessories but after a few years, he asked his father to let him work in the alley's café. Mr Khoo's father refused but Mr Khoo did not give up the idea. He learnt cooking from his mother who was a good cook. When it became clear he was a more accomplished cook than the one his father had hired, his father let him take over the running of the cafe.

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After three years of hard work, Mr Khoo used all his savings to start a restaurant with a friend. The joint venture was a total failure as business was bad. He returned to Singapore empty-handed and worked as a coordinator in the region for the high salary. With the earnings, he returned to Malaysia again to start an entertainment company with a Singaporean friend. The business was lucrative but Mr Khoo's

business partner absconded with their earnings. Left with no other choices, Mr Khoo returned to Singapore in the late 1990s and found a job as a food and beverage director. Shortly after two years, he decided to make a comeback in running his own business. Mr Khoo is now the boss of Solutions 17 which provides consultancy services for food and beverage outlets.	40
Like his father and grandfather, Mr Khoo has a soft spot for the underprivileged. "My father sponsored the studies of several of his staff," he said. "I guess it has rubbed off on me. For five years, my father went to Changi Prison every week to counsel inmates. He taught a former convict the ropes of the food and beverage business and also offered jobs to several former offenders in the hospitality industry."	45 50
For the past four years, Mr Khoo has been helping the residents at Leng Bahru because most of them in that area are elderly folks, some of whom have been abandoned by their children. Majority of them are also on social assistance. Right from the start, Mr Khoo was determined that help for the needy residents has to be regular and it should not be on an ad-hoc basis. "The residents there are actually very lonely, that was why two weeks after I began distributing food to them, I decided to organise tea parties at the void deck for them to mingle. For those who cannot attend the party, we do home deliveries," said Mr Khoo, who has a team of full-time volunteers to assist him.	55
Besides Saturdays, Mr Khoo also dropped by two to three times on weekdays to check on the residents who were physically weak. His son, Justin, went along with him on most Saturdays to help to distribute food as well as entertain the residents. "It is indeed fulfilling to see that my son is also playing a part to help in his small ways!" said Mr Khoo.	60
Mr Khoo hoped to find a shop house in the area which could be turned into a food kitcherr. He said with a smile, "Then I can cook and feed the needy residents here every day."	65

Adapted from The Sunday Times, November 22, 2015 - Wong Kim Hoh (Senior Writer)

71. Choose words from the first and second paragraphs which have similar meanings to the words below. [4m]

appalled	
found out	
infrequent	
shy	

72. Did Mr Khoo's father allow him to help with the bowling business at first? VVhy? [2m]

73. How did Mr Khoo manage to convince his father to let him run the cafe at the bowling alley? [1m]

74. Write 1,2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story. [1m]

_____ Mr Khoo ran a restaurant with a friend in Malaysia.

Mr Khoo's Singaporean business partner ran away with the earnings made from the company.

_____ Mr Khoo worked in the bowling alley operated by his father in Malacca.

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Bahn shoul	rding to the passage, some of the elderly residents living a have been abandoned by their children. Why do you to not do that to our parents when they are old (lines 51 ort your answer with a reason from the passage. [1m]
	
Base	d on the passage, list two instances which made Mr Kho e of fulfilment when he and his family helped the needy re
sense	
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79. Based on information from the passage, fill in the blanks in the following table. [4m]

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		father	grandfather
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	to the needy residents		
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80. Based on the story, state whether each statement in the table below is True or False, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	True/False	Reason	
The house which Mr Khoo's late grandfather lived in was able to accommodate many people.			
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For those residents who were not able to attend the Saturday tea parties, Mr Khoo and his volunteers did not bother about them.			
Mr Khoo went to Leng Bahru only on Saturdays to help the needy families.			

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ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2016

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SUBJECT: P6 ENGLISH

TERM: SA1

ORDER CALL:

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47)in 48)anniversary 49)depicting 50)the

51)made 52)sunlight 53)another 54)the

55)was 56)what 57)through 58)lips 59)like

60)forgotten 61)avoid 62)Opening 63)one

64)stood 65)same

- 66)Linking the two hospitals is a bridge.
- 67)Mr Ali graded the projects completed by the class.
- 68) Every child was given a badge at the Awards Day.
- 69) Mandy asked her brother what his favourite fruit was.
- 70)Everyone was filled with admiration because Uncle Ben could perform many magic tricks.

71)shocked

discovered

occasional

sheepish

- 72)No, he did not. His father wanted Mr Khoo to continue with his studies in the university.
- 73)When the dishes Mr Khoo cooked were better than those prepared by the cook his father hired his father let him run the café.

74)2, 3, 1

75)rubbed off

- 76) They may feel very lonely.
- 77) The word 'it' refers to helping the needy residents.
- 78) to see the joy on some of the residents.

Seeing his son helping the residents.

79)Mr Khoo father----offered jobs to former offer enders in the hospitality industry.

Mr Khoo grandfather---distribute food to prisoners.

Mr Khoo----hosted tea parties for the needy residents.

Sponsored the studies of several of his staff.

80)True --- Mr Khoo's late grandfather lived in a double storey bungalow.

False --- Mr Khoo and his volunteers delivered food to those residents' homes.

False --- Mr Khoo went to Leng Bahru two to three times on weekdays to check on those who were physically weak.

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