



**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
FIRST SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2016**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY FOUR

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
TOTAL	/84

Any query on marks awarded should be raised by 18 May 2016. 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. The bell has just _____. The pupils are getting ready to leave.
- (1) ring
 - (2) rang
 - (3) rings
 - (4) rung
2. _____ to be ready for the competition, the team gathered early at the field.
- (1) Unless
 - (2) In order
 - (3) So that
 - (4) Because
3. The pupils _____ the magnificent view as the cable car moves up the mountain.
- (1) enjoy
 - (2) enjoys
 - (3) enjoyed
 - (4) were enjoying
4. This pair of jeans _____ too small for me. I will give it to my sister.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
5. "Wait patiently for _____ turn. It is rude to cut queue," Mother told him.
- (1) my
 - (2) her
 - (3) his
 - (4) your

6. The chef was careful not to add too _____ salt to the soup.

- (1) few
- (2) some
- (3) many
- (4) much

7. I wonder _____ turn it is to clean the classroom during recess.

- (1) who
- (2) who's
- (3) which
- (4) whose

8. "I _____ a book after I retire." Uncle Lee said.

- (1) write
- (2) wrote
- (3) will write
- (4) have written

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. These flowers _____ twice a year. Aren't they very pretty?

- (1) ripen
- (2) shed
- (3) burst
- (4) bloom

10. As the road was slippery after the rain, the speeding car _____ and hit a tree.

- (1) glided
- (2) shifted
- (3) cruised
- (4) skidded

11. Sungai Buloh is a nature reserve. It is the natural _____ of many species of birds and animals.

- (1) aviary
- (2) island
- (3) habitat
- (4) enclosure

12. The coach _____ the training session because of the heavy rain.

- (1) called on
- (2) called off
- (3) called up
- (4) called for

13. To save Mother Earth, we need to _____ energy and natural resources.

- (1) contain
- (2) reserve
- (3) convert
- (4) conserve

14. The team won first prize in the competition. All their hard work was _____.

- (1) in vain
- (2) fruitless
- (3) worthless
- (4) worthwhile

PART 2**SECTION C: GRAMMAR CLOZE (8 X 1m = 8 marks)**

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) at | B) beside | C) for |
| D) in | E) on | F) with |

Passage 1

The sunflower is a tall plant. But what can you do (15) _____ a thirty-foot flower? You cannot keep it (16) _____ home in a little flowerpot, that's for sure. However, scientists say that there are many uses (17) _____ the sunflower. The seeds of the sunflower are high (18) _____ protein, calcium and vitamin D. Native Americans have been using this plant as a source of nutrition for years.

Passage 2

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

It is early morning. Many people in Washington State are still asleep but not Mount St. Helens. The volcano (19) [is / are] slowly waking up from a deep sleep of 123 years. However, few people (20) [fear / fears] the power of this sleeping giant. Mount St. Helens is as pretty as a postcard. People (21) [has / have] lived for many years in towns near the volcano. The nearby forests and rivers (22) [is / are] rich with wildlife. The area is perfect for hiking and camping too.

SECTION D: SENTENCE-COMBINING (4 X 2m = 8 marks)

For each of the questions from 23 to 26, combine the sentences to make one sentence using the word (s) given. The meaning of the sentences must be the same as the sentences given.

23. Mr Lim's apartment was burgled. He was away on holiday when it happened.

While _____

24. The children finished their homework. Then they packed their schoolbags.

Having _____

25. One of the cakes had a cherry on the top. Jane ate it.

_____ that

26. You must close all the windows. The rain will not enter the house.

Unless _____

SECTION E: COMPREHENSION (10 x 1m = 10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

I was in Primary 2 when I saw something in the news that bothered me. It was about a group of homeless people sleeping outside in the cold. I felt sorry for them.

5 I decided to start a club. The goal was to raise money to help the homeless. I called it the Rock Club. We spent all our time at recess painting rocks. We worked on anything we felt like painting.

10 After which, we would go around school in search of teachers who would buy them as paperweights. We sold the rocks for twenty cents and even up to fifty cents each. By Christmas that year, we had raised a hundred dollars. We decided to give the money to the homeless shelter.

15 My mother offered to take me there to deliver the money. When we pulled up, we noticed that there were families sitting on the pavement. We met the lady at the front desk and gave her the money that the club earned. She was very grateful. In the shelter, the helpers were making what seemed like endless rows of gingerbread man. It was amazing to me that for every gingerbread man, the shelter was expecting a person in need of food and shelter.

A few days later, a newspaper reporter came to school to meet our Rock Club members. We felt proud that we did something to raise awareness about the homeless.

For Q27-28, read each statement and tick (✓) "True" or "False". The first example has been done for you. [2m]

	Statement	True	False
Example	The writer started the Rock Club when he was in Primary 3.		✓
27.	The homeless people that the writer saw in the news bothered him.		
28.	All the pupils in the school helped to paint the rocks.		

29. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

What was the main goal of the Rock Club?

[1m]

	to find enough volunteers to help at the homeless shelter
	to raise money to help the homeless
	to collect various rocks and decorate them

30. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

When do the Rock Club members paint the rocks?

[1m]

	before school
	after school
	during school

For Q31, write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story. [1m]

31.

_____ The Rock Club members were interviewed by the reporters.

_____ The rocks were sold to teachers as paperweights.

_____ The Rock Club members collected rocks of different shapes and sizes.

32. Which word has the same meaning as 'arrived'? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

When we pulled up, we noticed that there were families sitting on the pavement.

(A)

(B)

33. What were the helpers making when the writer visited the shelter?

[1m]

34. What two things did the families that were sitting on the pavement expect to receive?

i. _____

[1m]

ii. _____

[1m]

35. Put a tick for the most suitable title for the passage.

[1m]

Title	Tick
Volunteering at the Shelter	
Christmas Day	
The Rock Club	

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

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Tree-ear had been hurrying along the road on his early morning inspection of the village rubbish heaps. Ahead of him a farmer carried a heavy load on an open-framed backpack made of branches. On the open-framed backpack was a large woven-straw container, the kind used to carry rice.

5 Tree-ear knew that the rice must be from last year's crop. This season's rice had only just begun to grow in the fields surrounding the village. It would be many months before the rice was harvested and the poor were allowed to gather the fallen grain from the bare fields. Just looking at the straw container made water rush into Tree-ear's mouth.

10 The man had lifted the backpack higher on his back, shifting the cumbersome weight. As Tree-ear stared, rice began to trickle out of a hole. The trickle soon became a stream, as the oblivious farmer continued on his way. For a few short moments, Tree-ear's thoughts wrestled with one another. Should he tell the man or keep all the fallen rice for himself?

15 Tree-ear had made his decision. "Honorable sir," Tree-ear said, bowing. "As I walked behind you, I noticed that you are marking your path with rice!" "Impatience," said the farmer. "I should have had this container woven with a double wall."

20 The farmer got Tree-ear to fetch him a few leaves. Tree-ear complied, and the farmer stuffed them into the container as a temporary patch and stood up to continue with his journey. As he walked, he called over his shoulder, "Good deserves good. The rice on the ground is yours." Tree-ear bowed in return.

Adapted from the novel, A Single Shard by Linda Sue Park

Answer these questions. Write your answers in complete sentences.

36. How did Tree-ear know that the rice the man was carrying was from last year's harvest?

37. In paragraph 2, why did water rush into Tree-ear's mouth when he looked at the container?

38. What happened to the hole in the container as the farmer continued his way?

39. How could the farmer have prevented the rice from falling out of the container?

40. How did the farmer reward Tree-ear for doing a good deed?

END OF PAPER

ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2016

SCHOOL :NANYANG

SUBJECT :P4 ENGLISH

TERM : SA1

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
4	2	1	1	4	4	4	3	4	4
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
3	2	4	4	F	A	C	D	is	fear
Q21	Q22								
have	are								

23)While Mr Lim was away on holiday, his apartment was burgled.

24)Having finished their homework, they packed their schoolbags.

25)Jane ate one of the cakes that had a cherry on the top.

26)Unless you close all the windows, the rain will enter the house.

27)True

28)False

29)to raise money to help the homeless

30)during school

31)3, 2, 1

32)A

33)Gingerbread man

34)i)shelter ii)food

35)The Rock Club

36)This season's rice had just begun to grow and would take many months before it could be harvested.

37)He was hungry.

38)The hole in the container got bigger.

39)He could have woven it with a double wall.

40)He told Tree-ear to pick up the rice on the ground for himself for doing a good deed.