



**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
FIRST SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2016**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY THREE

BOOKLET B

TOTAL TIME: 1 hour 35 minutes

Name: _____ () Class: Pr 3 ()

Parent's Signature: _____

Booklet A: Listening Comprehension	/14
Booklet B: Part 1 & Part 2 – Language Use & Comprehension	/50
Writing	/20
Total	/84

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PART 1

SECTION A: GRAMMAR (8 X 1 mark)

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).

1. Janice's kittens are playing among _____ in the garden.
 - (1) itself
 - (2) herself
 - (3) ourselves
 - (4) themselves

2. Xiaoming gave a goodie bag to _____ of his friends during his birthday party.
 - (1) few
 - (2) any
 - (3) each
 - (4) every

3. Perry and his classmate _____ participating in the race next week.
 - (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were

4. Grandpa Lee used to _____ every week when he was young.
 - (1) swim
 - (2) swam
 - (3) swum
 - (4) swims

5. "Can you please pass me _____ shirts over there?" Mother asked Peter.
 - (1) this
 - (2) that
 - (3) these
 - (4) those

6. Neither Marie nor Meiting _____ complete the project on time.
- (1) must
 - (2) might
 - (3) could
 - (4) should
7. The poor child cried in pain because he _____ a stomachache.
- (1) has
 - (2) had
 - (3) have
 - (4) is having
8. The teacher poured too _____ water into the flask for the experiment.
- (1) few
 - (2) much
 - (3) many
 - (4) some

SECTION B: VOCABULARY (6 X 1 mark)

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. Mr Tan bought a _____ of rice from the supermarket.
- (1) grain
 - (2) crate
 - (3) packet
 - (4) punnet
10. John has been giving me the _____ shoulder since the fight last week.
- (1) hot
 - (2) stiff
 - (3) cold
 - (4) weak

11. My parents _____ with pride as I collected my prize on the stage.
- (1) glared
 - (2) scoffed
 - (3) peeked
 - (4) beamed
12. Sam is looking for someone _____ enough to go mountain trekking with him.
- (1) cowardly
 - (2) remorseful
 - (3) considerate
 - (4) adventurous
13. Father made sure that the house was as _____ as a whistle before the guests arrived.
- (1) tidy
 - (2) neat
 - (3) bare
 - (4) clean
14. The pupils _____ how a caterpillar changed into a butterfly over a period of three weeks.
- (1) explored
 - (2) observed
 - (3) searched
 - (4) investigated

PART 2

SECTION C: GRAMMAR CLOZE (8 X 1 mark)

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

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| (A) in | (B) of | (C) on | (D) out |
| (E) to | (F) under | (G) with | |

Passage 1

One Saturday morning, Regina decided to take a stroll in the park. When she arrived there, it was packed (15) _____ many people. To avoid the crowd, she walked (16) _____ a nearby river instead. There, Regina saw many colourful fishes swimming (17) _____ the water. As she came to a bridge, she looked down and saw a frog sitting (18) _____ the lily pad. It was a beautiful sight.

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| (A) hers | (B) him | (C) it | (D) its |
| (E) their | (F) them | (G) they | |

Passage 2

Baby pandas are usually born between July to September. When a baby panda is born, (19) _____ is as tiny as a block of butter. (20) _____ mother, in comparison, is about 900 times larger. Caring for small creatures can be tough, as newborn pandas are unable to see or hear for the first few months of (21) _____ lives. Do you know that the cubs will not be named until (22) _____ are 100 days old? That is a tradition that many Chinese also follow.

SECTION D: EDITING FOR SPELLING (4 X 1 mark)

Correct each underlined word for Spelling. Write the correct word in the box provided.

Helen Keller was born in Alabama. When she was nineteen months old, she

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contracted a stränge illness that left her deaf and blind. For a long time, her

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parents did not know how to help her. When she was six, her mother finKally found

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her a teacher, Anne Sullivan. Under her guidence, Helen learnt how to read and

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and write Braille. When she grew up, she become an authêr. She was an inspiration

to those around her.

SECTION E: SENTENCE COMBINING (4 X 2 marks)

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

27. The coach blew the whistle. The boys started swimming.

When _____

28. Mrs Tan glared at the children. The children were rude.

As _____

29. John had ^{his} breakfast. Then he went to school.

Before _____

30. Ellen had to visit the doctor. She sprained her ankle.

_____ so

SECTION F: COMPREHENSION (8 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

The wolf was the greediest animal in the forest. He always gobbled down his food in two quick bites. The other animals would hide whenever they hear his growl. It was a deep and menacing cry. They knew that the wolf was looking for his next meal, and it might be them.

5 One day, the wolf howled, "There's a bone stuck in my throat and I can't get it out. If any of you can help me, I'll give you anything you like!" All the animals scrambled away except the brave crane. After thinking about the wolf's offer for a long time, she swooped down from the tree branch.

10 "I'll help!" cried the crane who was tempted by the reward. The wolf broke into a cunning smile before opening his mouth. The crane boasted confidently, "I can reach down your throat with my long beak." Then, she inserted her beak into the wolf's throat and extracted the bone.

15 After that, the crane demanded for her reward. The wolf gave her a wide grin. "You have already gotten it. You placed your head in my mouth and lived to tell the tale," he growled deeply. Upon hearing that, the crane knew that she had been tricked. Fearing for her safety, she flapped her wings and flew up into a tree.

Adapted from The Wolf and the Crane from Usborne 365 Illustrated Stories and Rhymes

For questions 31 and 32, read the statements and tick (✓) "True" or "False". An example has been done for you. [2m]

	Statement	True	False
Example	The animals in the forest did not want to be eaten by the wolf.	✓	
31.	The crane agreed to help the wolf at once.		
32.	The crane was certain that she would be able to help the wolf.		

33. Why did the wolf cry out in pain? [2m]

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

<p>She <u>inserted</u> her beak in the wolf's throat and <u>extracted</u> the bone.</p> <p>(A) (B)</p>
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35. Indicate the order of events with the numbers 1 to 3 in the blanks provided, with 1 being the event which took place first. [1m]

- _____ The crane realised that she had been tricked.
- _____ The wolf needed help from one of the animals.
- _____ Most of the animals were not tempted by the wolf's reward.

36. "You have already gotten it. You placed your head in my mouth and lived to tell the tale," he growled deeply. What does the word 'it' in line 14 refer to? [1m]

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37. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

According to the passage, tick the adjective that best describes the wolf's character. [1m]

	sly
	brave
	boastful

SECTION G: COMPREHENSION (4 X 2 marks = 8 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

One morning, Ali stared out of the window. The sky was grey and water droplets flowed down the windowpanes rapidly. "Nothing is going to stop me from meeting the boys," he thought. Ali packed some sandwiches and walked towards the door. "You aren't going out in this weather!" Ali's mother yelled from the kitchen.

5 Ali sighed. His hopes of sneaking out unnoticed were dashed. He stomped upstairs and walked towards the attic to sulk. It was dark and no one would be able to see him there. However, it was occupied by his sister, Doreen, and her three dolls.

10 Frustrated that Doreen had taken his favourite spot, Ali ran downstairs and darted to the backyard instead. He headed to the shed where Father had kept his pigeons. Their cooing could be heard as he opened the door. Soon, the comforting cooing soothed his anger.

15 "Why don't I borrow one of them?" Ali wondered aloud. He kept his eyes peeled for the most well-behaved one. Ali thought his friends would like the pigeon too. Finally, he grabbed one of them.

20 Ali slipped out of the shed and closed the door carefully. He sprinted through the backyard and down the lane. Finally, he arrived at the house where his friends gathered weekly. He was glad that the door was left ajar. He peeped into the house, hoping to surprise them with the pigeon. To his disappointment, none of his friends was there. He turned around and made his way home.

Adapted from No Friend of Mine by Ann Turnbull

Write your answers in complete sentences. (4 x 2m = 8m)

38. Where was Ali's mother when he was about to leave the house?

39. In paragraph 3, what caused Ali to calm down?

40. Why was Ali watching the pigeons carefully?

41. Why was Ali unable to surprise his friends with the pigeon?

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Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8
4	3	2	1	4	4	2	2
Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16
3	3	4	4	4	2	G	E
Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24
A	C	C	D	F	G	strange	finally
Q25	Q26						
guidance	author						

27. When the coach blew the whistle , the boys started swimming.

28. As the children were rude , Mrs Tan glared at them.

29. Before John went to school , he had his breakfast.

30. Ellen sprained her ankle so she had to visit the doctors.

31. Tick(False)

32. Tick(True)

33. The wolf cried out in pain because there was a bone stuck in his throat.

34. Circle(Extracted)

35. 3,1,2

36. a reward

37. Tick(sly)

38. Ali's mother was in the kitchen when Ali was about to leave the house.

39. It was the cooing of the pigeons.

40. Ali kept his eyes peeled for the most well-behaved one to bring it to meet his friends.

41. None of his friends was in the house.

