



**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL  
PRACTICE PAPER 1**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**PRIMARY THREE**

**LANGUAGE USE & COMPREHENSION**

Duration for Booklet B: 1 hour 15 minutes

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| Language Use & Comprehension | /50 |
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**(A) Grammar**

For each question from 1 to 8, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS). (8 marks)

1. "Don't play with the sharp knife. You might hurt \_\_\_\_\_ with it," Mother warned her two boys.

(1) itself  
(2) himself  
(3) yourselves  
(4) themselves

2. Jenny \_\_\_\_\_ late for school yesterday.

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

3. The children \_\_\_\_\_ six years old and they enjoy playing with toys.

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

4. "David \_\_\_\_\_ on stage now," Mrs Lee said.

(1) performs  
(2) performed  
(3) is performing  
(4) has performed

5. Last Sunday, Ming Hui \_\_\_\_\_ up early for a jog at the park.

(1) wake  
(2) woke  
(3) wakes  
(4) waking

6. When the boys \_\_\_\_\_ dinner, the door bell rang.

- (1) have
- (2) will have
- (3) have had
- (4) were having

7. \_\_\_\_\_ is my best friend waving at us over there.

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

8. She has not eaten \_\_\_\_\_ food since this morning.

- (1) any
- (2) a few
- (3) many
- (4) a little

**(B) Vocabulary**

For each question from 9 to 14, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS). (6 marks)

9. Ahmad is a \_\_\_\_\_ boy who never fails to look left and right before he crosses the road.

- (1) fearless
- (2) cautious
- (3) righteous
- (4) menacing

10. My mother \_\_\_\_\_ her ankle and immediately felt a sharp pain.

- (1) bent
- (2) turned
- (3) tripped
- (4) sprained

11. "Oh no, I think I'm having a stomachache after eating so much chilli," Tom \_\_\_\_\_ weakly in pain.
- (1) grinned
  - (2) chuckled
  - (3) screamed
  - (4) whimpered
12. The \_\_\_\_\_ publishes his comic strips in the newspaper weekly.
- (1) poet
  - (2) chief
  - (3) editor
  - (4) cartoonist
13. The \_\_\_\_\_ snake tried to trick the mouse into its home to eat it.
- (1) sly
  - (2) timid
  - (3) attentive
  - (4) hospitable
14. May I have the \_\_\_\_\_ of inviting you to my birthday party?
- (1) pleasure
  - (2) enjoyment
  - (3) compliment
  - (4) appreciation

**(C) Grammar Cloze**

There are 4 blanks, numbered 15 to 18 in the passage below. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank.

Use each word once only.

(4 marks)

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|----------|--------|---------|
| (A) he   | (B) I  | (C) it  |
| (D) they | (E) we | (F) you |

My brother, John, and I enjoy playing badminton. (15) \_\_\_\_\_ belong to the school team and play in school together twice weekly. As John is the stronger player, (16) \_\_\_\_\_ uses a better racket. The racket was a prize that he had won last year. (17) \_\_\_\_\_ do not mind using an older racket as (18) \_\_\_\_\_ is still working very well. I hope I can excel in this sport like John.

For each question from 19 to 22, two options are given. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets. (4 marks)

Pablo Picasso was born in Spain. As a child, Picasso had little interest in school, but he (19) [ was / were ] a very talented artist. He lost a close friend when he was twenty years old and became very sad. His paintings then (20) [ was / were ] mainly painted in blue to show his sadness. Some of his paintings from that period (21) [ include / includes ] *Poor People on the Seashore* and *The Old Guitarist*. His most expensive art piece (22) [ has / have ] been sold for millions of dollars. He remains a well-known artist till this day.

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(D) Editing for Spelling

Each of the underlined words contains a spelling error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes.  
(4 marks)

Ramli signed up for the Captain's Ball match in the annual Mini-

(23)

Olympic Games. He was woreed that he could not throw the ball far

(24)

enough, so he sought help from Bala. Bala demostreted the right way

(25)

to throw a ball. He ran a few steps, gripped the ball thightly and

threw the ball. The ball soared upward in a huge arc.

(26)

Ramli watched in excitmen. "Wow, that's amazing! Please teach

me how to do that!" he exclaimed.

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**(E) Sentence Synthesis**

For each of the questions 27 to 30, 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). (8 marks)

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27. It was getting dark. The people at the beach started going home.

\_\_\_\_\_ because  
\_\_\_\_\_

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28. Lee Ting was in pain. Lee Ting held back her tears.

\_\_\_\_\_, but  
\_\_\_\_\_

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29. Roy measured the present. Then he cut the ribbon.

Before \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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30. Linda squeaked in fright. Linda saw a lizard in her bag.

\_\_\_\_\_ when  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**(F) Comprehension 1**

Read this passage and answer questions 31 to 37.

(8 marks)

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Mae sprinted out of the left field and slammed into Jon before he could run away. Jon fell and Mae piled on top of him. It was a spectacular tackle for a rugby game. I cheered.

In the midst of the struggle for the rugby ball, another player attacked Mae and she fell. The cheer was stuck in my throat. After a few moments, Mae got up and continued the game. I heaved a sigh of relief.

When Mae, my 13-year-old daughter, first asked if she could play rugby, I was terrified. Personally, I did not like the sport because the game was violent and it had the highest injury rate of all school sports. That was why I told her she could not do it.

However, Mae wanted to play rugby so much that she kept asking for my permission whenever I said no. That needed a huge amount of courage. Mae was not fragile. She was athletic and tall for her age at 170 centimetres. She told me that her height was an advantage in the sport. If she were to wait till she turned fifteen, the boys would tower over her and be stronger than her. She argued that it might be the only chance for her to do well in this sport.

Touched by her determination to do something that was difficult, I gave in eventually. After watching all the matches she had played in, I had to admit that it was a good experience for her. I just hoped that my presence at her games would encourage her and let her feel supported. I was proud of her for not giving up the sport that she loved despite all the challenges.

Source: *The New York Times* 20 January 2020

31. Which sentence in paragraph 2 tells us that the writer was happy at first but became worried? [1m]

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For questions 32 to 33, read each statement and tick ✓ "True" or "False". Refer to paragraphs 3 and 4 to help you. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

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|         | Statement                                                                  | True                                | False                    |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Example | Mae was a thirteen-year-old teenager.                                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 32.     | The writer was excited when her daughter wanted to play rugby.             | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 33.     | Mae believed that she would be taller than many boys at fifteen years old. | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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

Mae was not fragile. She was athletic and tall for her age at 170 centimetres.

(A)

(B)

35. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks to show what happened first, next and last. [1m]

\_\_\_\_\_ Mae played in the rugby game.

\_\_\_\_\_ Mae persuaded the writer to let her play rugby.

\_\_\_\_\_ The writer realised that playing rugby was a good experience for Mae.

36. Tick ✓ one word that best describes Mae in the last paragraph. [1m]

|              |                          |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| resilient    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| stubborn     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| unreasonable | <input type="checkbox"/> |

37. State two reasons to explain why the writer attended her daughter's rugby games. [2m]

i. to \_\_\_\_\_

ii. to \_\_\_\_\_

## Comprehension 2

Read this passage and answer questions 38 to 43.

(8 marks)

There was once a kingdom inhabited only by birds. It was a peaceful kingdom ruled by a king and a queen, both nightingales, who were much loved for their kindness and compassion. They were happy but not perfectly so. Something was missing in their lives.

One spring morning, the queen laid a smooth and glossy egg. The couple were overjoyed and felt their lives were finally complete. The king hovered around as the queen tenderly cared for the egg and kept it warm. The egg hatched and a beautiful baby was born. She was named Sophia.

To the adoring parents, Sophia was perfect in every way. However, a wise old bird pulled them aside and told them, "Something is not right. Her left wing is withered. She could never fly. We must bind her withered left wing tightly to her body to protect it!"

The king and the queen were alarmed by the old bird's observation and decided to bind Sophia's wing. However, the binding pained the little bird. The queen witnessed it and could not bear to hear her cries, so she eventually unwrapped the wing.

As Princess Sophia grew, she became kind and loving, just like her parents. Sad and broken birds of all kinds came to her to be comforted by her sweet embrace. Although she had only one good wing, she never failed to wrap both – one frail, one strong – around her visiting friends to make them feel better.

Day by day, Princess Sophia noticed her left wing getting stronger. One day, she fluttered with all her might. She felt herself lift a few centimetres off the ground. Suddenly, she felt a surge of warmth flow through her left wing. She slowly opened both wings to their full expanse and soared away into the blue sky.

Source: True Heroes by Sharlee Glenn

38. What was the 'something' that was missing in the king's and queen's lives in paragraph 1? [1m]

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39. Which two-word phrase in paragraph 2 shows that the king waited nearby when the queen was hatching the egg? [1m]

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40. According to the wise old bird, what was wrong with Sophia? [2m]

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41. Tick the adjective that best describes how the king and the queen felt after they heard what the wise old bird said. [1m]

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| sad     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| nervous | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| shocked | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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42. Why did the queen decide not to bind Sophia's wing in the end? [2m]

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43. Sophia embraced her visiting friends because they \_\_\_\_\_. [1m]

- (a) were nightingales
- (b) were hurt
- (c) sang well

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**CONTACT :**

| Q1  | Q2  | Q3  | Q4  | Q5  | Q6  | Q7  | Q8  | Q9 | Q10 |
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| 3   | 3   | 2   | 3   | 2   | 4   | 2   | 1   | 2  | 4   |
| Q11 | Q12 | Q13 | Q14 | Q15 | Q16 | Q17 | Q18 |    |     |
| 4   | 4   | 1   | 1   | E   | A   | B   | C   |    |     |

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|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Q19   | Was                                                                     |
| Q20   | Were                                                                    |
| Q21   | Include                                                                 |
| Q22   | Has                                                                     |
| Q23   | Worried                                                                 |
| Q24   | Demonstrated                                                            |
| Q25   | Tightly                                                                 |
| Q26   | Excitement                                                              |
| Q27   | The people at the beach started going home because it was getting dark. |
| Q28   | Lee Ting was in pain, but she held back her tears.                      |
| Q29   | Before Roy cut the ribbon, he measured the present.                     |
| Q30   | Linda squeaked in fright when she saw a lizard in her bag.              |
| Q31   | The cheer was stuck in my throat.                                       |
| Q32   | False                                                                   |
| Q33   | False                                                                   |
| Q34   | A                                                                       |
| Q35   | 2, 1, 3                                                                 |
| Q36   | Resilient                                                               |
| Q37i  | To encourage her                                                        |
| Q37ii | To let her feel supported                                               |
| Q38   | It was a baby bird.                                                     |

|     |                                                                           |
|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Q39 | Hovered around                                                            |
| Q40 | Her left wing was withered and she could never fly.                       |
| Q41 | Shocked                                                                   |
| Q42 | The binding pained Sophia and the queen could not bear to hear her cries. |
| Q43 | B                                                                         |