CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

Primary 5

Continual Assessment 1

3 March 2014

English Language

Paper 2 Booklet A

Duration of Paper (Booklets A & B): 1 h 40 min

28 questions
28 marks

Instructions to Candidates:
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For each question from 1 to 10, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

1 Hearing that her pet dog had been injured in an accident, Suleen broke down _____ tears.

(1) with
(2) for
(3) in
(4) to

2 Mr Wong told his students that they _____ finish their work in school if they want to have more free time at home.

(1) could
(2) might
(3) would
(4) should

3 Adam does not spend time with his parents _____ they are at home every evening.

(1) although
(2) because
(3) however
(4) since

4 That is the lady _____ purse is missing.

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

5 Since our last meeting, Cui Ling _____ training hard for the badminton finals.

(1) is
(2) was
(3) has been
(4) had been

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6 Amy, as well as her students, _____ going to school every day.

(1) love
(2) loves
(3) loved
(4) has loved

7 The two friends get _____ well with everybody they meet.

(1) along
(2) by
(3) out
(4) together

8 When _____ older, they will understand the importance of saving for a rainy day.

(1) they've
(2) they're
(3) theirs
(4) their

9 The house _____ by Ann every Saturday.

(1) had been cleaned
(2) has been cleaned
(3) was cleaned
(4) is cleaned

10 We should not compare our grades _____ one another's.

(1) against
(2) for
(3) to
(4) with

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For each question from 11 to 15, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

11 James tried ways and means to _____ his opponent at the National Science Challenge.

(1) battle
(2) block
(3) outwit
(4) oppose

12 Don't _____ over your mistakes. You should focus on exploring ways to improve instead.

(1) concentrate
(2) brood
(3) loom
(4) nag

13 Everyone at the scene cringed as the screeching of the brakes was like _____.

(1) a graveyard
(2) snapping twigs
(3) a deer in headlights
(4) fingernails on a chalkboard

14 Shouting at an angry child _____, it will only make things worse.

(1) cracks me up
(2) is a slap on the wrist
(3) is all bark and no bite
(4) just adds fuel to the fire

15 The teacher _____ that I need a haircut as he says that I look very messy.

(1) reckons
(2) criticises
(3) analyses
(4) deliberates

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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.

(5 marks)

Progress was slow today as I headed north. I was heading up a muddy forest path shrouded (16) in mist. Everything was a blur and I could not really tell where I was going. Upon reaching the summit (17), I realised that I had been hiking up the outer wall of a giant volcano, millions of years old.

Eighteen hundred feet below me was the crater floor known to the Masai tribe as Ngorongoro. It was cloudy and bitterly (18) cold on the volcano's rim yet, far below, the dust whirled across parched (19) lakes, scattering flamingo flocks like seeds in the wind. There was little life on the waterless landscape.

Back down by the lakes, the flies bit my ears and crawled into my shirt. They tick you off (20) more than mosquitoes and their bite can make you very sick.

Tonight I will camp under the stars on the crater rim and listen for the rumble of the volcano's ancient heart...

Adapted from 'African Safari' by Jason Edwards

16
(1) veiled
(2) encircled
(3) disguised
(4) camouflaged

17
(1) trough
(2) peak
(3) edge
(4) base

18
(1) slightly
(2) drearily
(3) noticeably
(4) unpleasantly

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19 (1) burnt
(2) dried
(3) moist
(4) soggy

20 (1) prick
(2) irritate
(3) criticise
(4) reprimand

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

LOVE NATURE?

You can volunteer with us!

The Singapore Parks Board is always on the lookout for volunteers. Volunteers help Singapore Parks Board keep operation costs low. The money saved is then used for land conservation.

Are you interested in...

- conserving nature and the environment?
- meeting others who share your love of nature?
- broadening your life experiences?

If you answered 'Yes' to any of these questions, then we have some great volunteer opportunities for you!

Every Wednesday, Darren Mah leaves his day job, as a sports therapist, to spend the afternoon among the thousands of seabirds nesting and soaring around Chek Jawa - a tropical paradise surrounded by corals and greenery. As a wildlife volunteer, he gives 'live interpretations' of Chek Jawa's impressive populations of storm petrels, herons and other birds to visitors taking boat trips around the islands.

Mr Mah says his previous work in wildlife conservation inspired him to give time to helping out. While some projects require a level of expertise in a particular area, many offer training and there are lots of schemes where all that's needed is some enthusiasm.

I face four walls most days of the week... I'm happy when I can get out, into a boat, with the sea breeze in my hair and see these fantastic creatures. I'm so glad to be involved in this programme - yeah, most definitely. It's brilliant!

I just thought it would be great to give my time back freely. You don't need to be an expert. You just need to have a passion for nature or simply, a passion to try different things!

Why volunteer?

Volunteering can be a rewarding way of giving back to Singapore's wildlife.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

At Singapore Parks Board, we rely on volunteers to help us make Singapore our garden.

We have a range of volunteer activities that you can get involved in. Whether you enjoy working with others or prefer to work on your own, we may have one just right for you.

Name of Park	Volunteer Opportunities
Fort Canning Park	
HortPark & the Southern Ridges	
Pasir Ris Park	
Singapore Botanic Gardens	
Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve	

Legend

Gardening
Having green fingers is a bonus here. You will be involved in maintaining an area of a garden, from sowing the seeds and pruning to identifying the various plants and labelling them.

Visitor Services
You will be responsible for providing general information to park visitors, answering phone queries, gathering feedback and managing the notice boards and brochure stands.

Conservation Programmes
You will help improve the quality of various habitats through restoration programmes such as weed management and coastal cleanups. Join us if you are looking to make a change.

Guided Walks
As a guide, you are the face of the park. You will share interesting information about the parks with the groups you lead. This is an opportunity for you to share your wealth of knowledge with visitors.

Outreach Programmes
If you like meeting people and have a desire to share your knowledge and expertise, this may just be your cup of tea. You will help facilitate workshops and programmes for the parks.

Other Areas of Contribution
Other areas of volunteer help we require include building up the plant information database, photo-taking and repairing.

Adapted from 'BBC Nature – How to be a wildlife volunteer' and 'National Parks Board Singapore'

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For each question from 21 to 28, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

21 What is the **main** purpose of this webpage?

(1) promote nature and conservation
(2) educate the public about volunteerism
(3) encourage people to volunteer at Chek Jawa
(4) inform the public of the various volunteer options

22 What are storm petrels (on page 8)?

(1) boats
(2) corals
(3) islands
(4) seabirds

23 Why are some of the words on page 8 printed in italics?

(1) to add variety to the webpage
(2) to encourage the readers to volunteer
(3) to illustrate the quote taken from the interviewee
(4) to emphasise the importance and joys of volunteering

24 What does the word ***It's*** (*It's brilliant!*) on page 8 refer to?

(1) volunteering
(2) the sea breeze
(3) the fantastic creatures
(4) Chek Jawa's impressive populations

25 According to Mr Darren Mah, what is most important when volunteering for Singapore Parks Board?

(1) expertise
(2) passion
(3) skill
(4) time

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26 Joanne is outgoing and likes to share what she knows with others. Which two volunteer programmes are most suitable for her?

(1) Gardening and Visitor Services
(2) Conservation and Guided Walks
(3) Outreach Programmes and Gardening
(4) Guided Walks and Outreach Programmes

27 Based on the webpage, which one of the following is **true**?

(1) Volunteers help to pay for land conservation.
(2) Darren Mah has a full time job in Chek Jawa.
(3) Volunteering can help broaden one's life experiences.
(4) Volunteers must give 'live interpretations' of Chek Jawa's wildlife.

28 Some of the information on the webpage expresses opinions whilst others are facts. Which one of the following sentences is an **opinion**?

(1) Some volunteer projects require a skill in a particular area.
(2) Many organisations offer training when particular skills are required.
(3) Volunteering can be a rewarding way of giving back to Singapore's wildlife.
(4) Singapore Parks Board relies on volunteers to help make Singapore our garden.

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3 March 2014

English Language

Paper 2 Booklet B

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37 questions
42 marks

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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. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

(A)	a	(D)	did	(G)	however	(K)	since	(N)	was
(B)	at	(E)	does	(H)	it	(L)	some	(P)	who
(C)	away	(F)	down	(J)	most	(M)	their	(Q)	whom

Ng Siaw Meng was one of Singapore's most famous hawkers. For thirty years, diners would gather _____ (29) his stall for a taste of his satay beehoon. _____ (30), last year, Mr Ng found out he had cancer and had only a few months to live. Thus, he decided to sell his famous satay beehoon recipe for $200,000.

This might sound like a lot of money but it _____ (31) actually a very reasonable price. Some hawkers can make $80,000 every month just by selling cheap, delicious food from _____ (32) stalls.

Mr Ng had several offers for his recipe. He turned them all _____ (33). He explained that _____ (34) of them were from people who wanted to use his name to make a quick buck while others were going to 'destroy' his recipe by adding artificial flavouring.

There was one person, Allan Moo, _____ (35) was truly interested in making his satay beehoon the traditional way. However, when he met up with Mr Ng, he had a shock. The recipe was too complicated for him. _____ (36) required nine ingredients just to make the five-spice powder.

In November last year, Mr Ng passed _____ (37) Now, no one makes satay beehoon the way he _____ (38). A valuable part of Singapore's hawker heritage has been lost forever.

Adapted from 'Is Singapore's Hawker Food Dying?' by Ng Yi-Sheng

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Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (12 marks)

A phobia is an intense fear reaction to a particular thing or a situation. With a

(39) [ ]

phobia, the fear are out of proportion to the potential danger.

(40) [ ] **(41)** [ ]

Phobias cause people to drad and avoid the things and situations they fear.

As the physical sensations of fear can be so extreme, having a phobia may

(42) [ ]

innterfear with normal activities.

(43) [ ]

A girl with a phobia in thunderstorms may feel terrible distress and fear when

(44) [ ]

the sky turns cloudy. A person with social phobia has an intensity fear of public

(45) [ ]

speaking and may be afraid to answer questions from class or speak to classmates.

(46) [ ]

It can be disappointing to miss out on opotuneeties because fear is holding

(47) [ ]

you back. Furthermore, it can be confusing and emmbearesing to feel afraid of

things that others seem to have no problem with.

(48) [ ]

Having a phobia isn't a sign of weakness or immaturity. It is a responding the

(49) [ ]

brain has learned in its attempt to protect the person. It as if the brain's alert system

(50) [ ]

triggers a false alarm, generating fear who is out of proportion to the situation. Thus,

the person is convinced the danger is greater than it actually is.

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (10 marks)

Gratitude is one of many positive emotions. It is about focusing on what is good in our lives and being _____ (51) for the things we have. It is pausing to notice and appreciate the things that we often take for _____ (52), like having a place to live, food, clean water, friends, family or even computer access.

We can use _____ (53) of words to describe feelings of gratitude. We might say we feel thankful, lucky, fortunate, humbled, or blessed.

Cultivating a habit of gratitude can also be good for us. Like other positive emotions, feeling grateful on a regular _____ (54) can have a big effect on our lives. People who are _____ (55) appreciative are happier, less stressed, and less depressed. Gratitude is like a U-turn on complaining or thinking of what we do not have.

_____ (56) we feel grateful for someone's kindness toward us, we are likely to perform an act of kindness in return. Your gratitude can also have a positive _____ (57) on someone else's actions. Thanking someone can make it even _____ (58) likely that they will show kindness again. When we feel and express heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to people in our lives, it _____ (59) loving bonds, earns trust, and helps you feel closer.

You can cultivate the habit of counting blessings just by paying _____ (60) each day to things you have in your life. Slowing down and noticing the things you're grateful for is just the first step in building a gratitude habit.

Adapted from 'Gratitude' by D'Arcy Lyness

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Read this passage and answer questions 61 to 65. (10 marks)

When Ben discovered that Gully was under the bed, he jumped up in fright. Gully was pressed into the corner at the head of the bunk but Ben could still have stretched out his hand and touched him. Gully was so close that Ben could hear every whimpering breath he drew.

He would have to get out of there before Gully realised that he had company. Maybe he could make it to the closet. He started to wriggle forward.

Bam! Crash! Crrrackle-BOOM!

Ben backed up so fast that he hit his head against the bed. The storm sounded as though it was right in the room with them. Thunder was rattling the open window. A blinding pink glare of lightning flashed across everything Ben could see. He gasped and covered his face with his arm. He could not make himself go out there, Gully or no Gully.

Rumble-grumble-BAM!

Ben was shaking now and fighting not to cry. He did his best to keep still so that Gully would not notice him. He could not figure out why Gully had hidden under the bed too in the first place.

Then, all at once, he guessed. Wasn't Gully shivering even harder than he was? Hadn't he heard the big dog whimper? As the lightning flashed next time, he watched the dog. He was sure he saw Gully cover his eyes with one of his giant paws.

Gulliver Gallivant was as scared of thunderstorms as Ben Tucker.

He's too big to be afraid, Ben thought. Then he remembered Dad saying, You're too big to be such a crybaby, Ben." Being big did not help a bit.

The thunder roared again. Gully moaned.

"It's okay, Gully," Ben found himself saying. He did his best to sound like Dad but Gully stayed scrunched down. However, when Ben spoke to him, his tail gave a feeble thunk against the floorboards and, the next moment, he began to creep towards Ben. The boy hesitated, and then kept talking.

As he tried to pacify the timid creature, he was amazed at how he sounded just like a grown-up. He went on, not really sure whether he was talking to Gully or to himself. Gully was now almost touching him.

"This is only sheet lightning. My father says sheet lightning never hurt..."

This time the flash of lightning came right on top of the crack of thunder. Without stopping to think, Ben clutched at Gully. He buried his face in Gully's thick, warm fur. He did not remember that this was a dog nor that he was afraid of dogs. He just wrapped his arm around the dog's great neck.

Gully turned his head and gave Ben's ear a quick lick. Then they both waited. The next peal of thunder was not quite so loud. Ben raised his head a little and listened. Was the worst part over already? It was. The storm, which had blown up so fast, was leaving as quickly as it had come.

Gully was still shaking. He did not understand that the storm was going away. His brown eyes met Ben's. Then, the big Labrador dropped his head onto his paws and gave a long sigh that ended in a little whimper.

"Hey," said Ben softly, "you're not such a dragon after all. You're a big marshmallow!"

Adapted from 'Different Dragons' by Jean Little

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.

61 Who was Gully? [1m]

_____

62 Why was Ben, in line 14, fighting not to cry? [2m]

_____

_____

63 Choose words from **lines 25 – 31** which have similar meanings to the words below. [2m]

calm	
weak	

64 Based on the passage, 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 storm was right in the room with them.		
Gully was afraid of thunderstorms but Ben was not.		
Ben showed concern for Gully when he crept towards him.		

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65 The table below shows the character's actions and the causes of their actions. Fill in the blanks using information from the story. [2m]

Part of the Story	Cause	Action effect
In the beginning of the story		Ben tried to wriggle towards the closet.
At the end of the story		Gully dropped his head onto his paws and gave a long sigh of relief.

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1) 3	6) 2	11) 3	16) 1	21) 4	26) 4
2) 4	7) 1	12) 2	17) 2	22) 4	27) 3
3) 1	8) 2	13) 4	18) 4	23) 3	28) 3
4) 1	9) 4	14) 4	19) 2	24) 1	
5) 3	10) 4	15) 1	20) 2	25) 2	

29) B	31) N	33) F	35) P	37) C	
30) G	32) M	34) J	36) H	38) D	

39. be

40. dread

41. or

42. interfere

43. of

44. intense

45. during

46. opportunities

47. embarrassing

48. response

49. It's

50. that

51. grateful

52. granted

53. tons

54. basis

55. always

56. When

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57. impact

58. more

59. creates

60. attention

61. Gully was a dog.

62. He did not want to make any noise that would attract Gully's attention.

63. Calm – pacify
    Weak – feeble

64. False – The storm sounded like that was in the room with them.
    False – They were both afraid of thunderstorms.
    True – Ben tried to pacify Gully by assuring him that everything is okay.

65. Beginning – Ben was afraid of Gully and wanted to get away.
    End – Gully's eyes met Ben's and he felt comforted.

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(BOOKLET A)

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A) Mutliple-choice Questions Grammar (10 marks)

For each question from 1 to 10, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet

1 While Mr Leong was watching the news, someone _____ the door bell.

(1) rang
(2) will ring
(3) has rung
(4) is ringing

2 You will not be allowed to go for the excursion _____ you have handed in the consent form.

(1) if
(2) but
(3) since
(4) unless

3 Neither of the twins _____ as they prefer to play computer games.

(1) read
(2) reads
(3) have read
(4) are reading

4 Most of the children, except for Tammy, _____ given the injection by the School Health Team yesterday.

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

5 "We would like to know _____ the results of the Art competition will be announced. Will we know by this week?" enquired the participants.

(1) how
(2) why
(3) what
(4) when

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6 Due to popular demand, organisers have added a matinee and gave the assurance that tickets _____ be on sale at the counter starting tomorrow.

(1) can
(2) must
(3) could
(4) would

7 The girl _____ Mrs Ong spoke to a while ago is the new student.

(1) who
(2) which
(3) whom
(4) whose

8 Return your library book _____ time so that you will not get a fine.

(1) at
(2) by
(3) on
(4) about

9 "_____ anyone here ever flown in a helicopter before?" Mr Osman asked the class.

(1) Has
(2) Had
(3) Have
(4) Having

10 The teacher made the tardy student _____ his homework before allowing him to go for recess.

(1) complete
(2) completes
(3) completed
(4) completing

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B) Multiple-choice Questions Vocabulary (5 marks)

For each question from 11 to 15, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet .

11 Having been friends for years, you and Arul should _____ and forget about the misunderstanding.

(1) sit on the fence
(2) bury the hatchet
(3) have the last laugh
(4) be in the same boat

12 Father is referring to the _____ for instructions to install the newly-bought computer.

(1) manual
(2) glossary
(3) directory
(4) memorandum

13 The strong and burly school bully _____ forward, towered over me and demanded my pocket money.

(1) shuffled
(2) struggled
(3) staggered
(4) swaggered

14 The victims of the devastating typhoon are in _____ need of assistance in many areas.

(1) dire
(2) grim
(3) dismal
(4) disastrous

15 Movie goers waited with great anticipation for the third instalment of the _____ as the first two movies were well received worldwide.

(1) trio
(2) triad
(3) trilogy
(4) tribunal

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C) Vocabulary Cloze (5 marks)

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.

He arrived in Singapore at the age of 17, without a cent to his name. Yet, when he died, Tan Kah Kee had achieved (16) more in his lifetime than most people could ever hope to. Frequently (17) referred to as one of Singapore's pioneers, he made a great impact on education in Singapore.

Tan Kah Kee worked initially as an apprentice for his rice merchant father when he arrived in Singapore in 1890. He later went on to start his own business and made a fortune (18) selling rubber and making rubber products, which earned him the nickname "the Rubber King". At the age of 45, he was one of the richest men in Singapore but Tan Kah Kee was not satisfied with merely enjoying the trappings of his wealth. Instead, he made it his commitment and duty (19) to see that thousands of young people would benefit from the education he would help to provide.

Today, the legacy of Tan Kah Kee lives on (20) in many educational institutions he helped to establish here. This is quite an achievement for a man who had only eight years of formal education as a child.

16 (1) acquired

(2) actualised

(3) accumulated

(4) accomplished

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17 (1) Often

(2) Rarely

(3) Usually

(4) Generally

18 (1) flourished

(2) prospered

(3) blossomed

(4) progressed

19 (1) career

(2) interest

(3) mission

(4) profession

20 (1) lingers

(2) remains

(3) resumes

(4) continues

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D) Visual Text Comprehension (8 marks)
(Source: The Straits Times)

Study this advertisement carefully and answer questions 21 to 28.

NATIONAL Spelling CHAMPIONSHIP 2014

Can you spell "concentration"?

Singapore's favourite mind sport is back!

The Straits Times and RHB Banking Group are pleased to present the National Spelling Championship for the third consecutive year This competition aims to lift primary school pupils proficiency of the English language while injecting adrenaline-pumping fun

The competition is open to Primary 4, 5, 6 pupils or those in the primary section of a full school or equivalent under the Ministry of Education Singapore (MOE).

Interested participants must be nominated by their schools, which will register them directly with the MOE.

Look out for a special series on how to improve your spelling in Little Red Dot, The Straits Times' weekly publication for primary schools. The series began on Jan 28.

To obtain more information or follow the competition, log on to www.straitstimes.com/big-spell-2014

The 2014 Championship
Preliminary Round: March 1
Zonal Rounds: April 5
Grand Final: April 26

Prizes
Champion: $5,000 and a challenge trophy for the school
First runner-up: $3,000
Second runner-up: $1,000

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- Registration is now open for the pen-and-paper preliminary round on March 1, where competitors must spell 50 word that are read out to them Top scorers will then proceed to the zonal rounds.

For Teacherst

- Free workshop by The Straits Times and MOE for all teachers from MOE schools who have pupils taking part in the competition.
- MOE master teacher Soo Kim Bee and The Straits Times' Schools correspondent Debra Ann Francisco will share tips and classroom activities in a hands-on workshop to help teachers give their pupils life-long spelling skills.
- Teachers interested in the workshop can write to bigspell2014@punch.com.sg with their details.

Words from the organisers:

- "We're all thrilled that The Big Spell has become the mind sport to watch every year," said Ms Serene Goh, the editor of Little Red Dot.
- The Straits Times deputy editor Zuraidah Ibrahim said, "Besides making you seem smart, spelling is also critical in conveying exactly what you mean."
- Mr Kellee Kam, group managing director of RHB Banking Group, declared, "We are committed to the holistic development of young minds, and we want to build generations that are confident and highly motivated so that they can ultimately lead successful lives."
- "Also, the competition is a good platform for pupils to display values like resilience and sportsmanship," said Mrs Ruth Tai, assistant director of the MOE's Gifted Education Branch.

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For each question 21 to 28, choose the most appropriate option (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.

21 According to the advertisement, what is the **main** aim of the competition?

(1) to make children smart
(2) to help teachers give their pupils life-long spelling skills
(3) to promote spelling as Singapore's favourite mind sport
(4) to improve pupils' English language skills in an enjoyable way

22 The sponsor of the awards for this competition is most likely to be the _____.

(1) RHB Banking Group
(2) Ministry of Education
(3) National Library Board
(4) Institute of Technical Education

23 Which phrase in the advertisement suggests that the competition will be exciting?

(1) aims to lift
(2) a good platform
(3) highly motivated
(4) adrenaline-pumping

24 In the preliminary round, participants will _____ the 50 words that are being read out to them.

(1) key in
(2) explain
(3) write down
(4) spell aloud

25 Which of the following is **not** one of the qualities that the organisers can inculcate through the competition?

(1) Resilience
(2) Intelligence
(3) Confidence
(4) Sportsmanship

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26 How often is the National Spelling Championship held?

(1) every year
(2) every two years
(3) every three years
(4) every four years

27 Registration for the competition needs to be done_____.

(1) via the telephone
(2) through schools with MOE
(3) at RHB or The Straits Times
(4) by writing to bigspell2014@punch.com.sg

28 Which one of these statements is **true**?

(1) All winners will receive cash and a challenge trophy.
(2) Those who complete the preliminary round will proceed to the Grand Final.
(3) The competition is only open to upper primary students registered by their schools.
(4) Both teachers and students can attend the free workshop conducted by MOE and The Straits Times.

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CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT 2014
PRIMARY 5
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

(BOOKLET B)

Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 35 minutes

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Class: Primary 5._____

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There are 8 blanks, numbered 29 to 36 in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to M) in the blank. The letter (I) has been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (8 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) and	(D) can	(G) if	(K) of
(B) any	(E) every	(H) it	(L) soon
(C) at	(F) for	(J) not	(M) there

Jogging not only makes you feel wonderful, but it is also one of the most natural and effective ways of exercising the heart and lungs. Jogging is running 'free _____ (29) easy', at a comfortable trot. _____ (30) is no urgency, no strain, no competition.

The idea is to jog _____ (31) a pace that makes you no more than moderately breathless. _____ (32) you do it for long enough and often enough, in gradually increasing sessions, it will _____ (33) build up the stamina of your heart and lungs, and strengthen your leg muscles. The steady, easy rhythm _____ (34) jogging will help to ease mental and physical tension and lift depression. The joy of jogging is that virtually anyone _____ (35) do it, young or old. Also, you can do it anywhere or anytime. As with any other heart and lung exercise, you will benefit most if you jog as often as possible, preferably every day, but if you cannot manage that, _____ (36) other day is often enough. The training effect is lost if you jog less often.

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Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (8 marks)

Daniel
~~David~~ stepped out of the supermarket with a packet of drink in one hand and a chocolate bar in the other. He munched his favourite caramel chocolate bar, relishing

(37) [ ]

every bit of it. Okasionaly, he would sip green tea from the packet.

(38) [ ]

When Daniel finished the chocolate, he glanced around at a dustbin. Unable to

(39) [ ] (40) [ ]

find one, he konviniently threw the wrapper on the ground. A while later, he toss the drink packet onto the floor.

Daniel whistled happily to himself. His year-long school project had culminated in

(41) [ ]

a suckcesfull class presentation. Just then, he felt a tap on his shoulder. Turning around, Daniel came face-to-face with a stern-looking police officer. The officer towered

(42) [ ]

over Daniel and scolded him for littering. Daniel kawered in fear. Not daring to look the

(43) [ ] (44) [ ]

officer in the eye, Daniel quick picked up what he had throw. He apologised profusely to the officer and walked off as fast as he could.

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (10 marks)

The school children whom I saw in Jamaica were extremely tidy. Their uniforms, which they had to _____ (45), were always very neatly pressed, and their leather shoes had to be well _____ (46) Their hair was always neat and clean. The children looked _____ (47) tidy coming home from school as when they went.

Jamaican parents are also very strict towards their _____ (48) not all of them but most of them. When I was there, I wore lipstick and a bit more make-up _____ (49) usual. When one of my aunts noticed it, she told me _____ (50) and asked if I thought I was a grown-up. I _____ (51) this was a reflection of her strong religious beliefs. I told her that in Britain, it was actually quite _____ (52) for a girl of fifteen and upwards to wear make-up.

A very important aspect of the Jamaican's life is music. Everywhere I went in the country, reggae* music could be _____ (53) This music originates from Jamaica and it is one thing they can hold on to and nobody can _____ (54) this away from them. The music comes out of the town of Kingston and is a product of their culture.

**Reggae music is Jamaican popular music with a strong beat.*

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For each of the questions 55 to 57, 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). (6 marks)

55 It is a good idea to carry an umbrella to keep the sun off your head.

In order to _____

_____

56 My friend asked me, "What are you going to do today?"

My friend asked me _____

_____

57 Even though our team did not emerge as the winner, we tried our best.

_____ but

_____

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Read the passage below and answer questions 58 to 64. (15 marks)

The pond was very big, so people swam at one side while others fished at the other. I had always been able to swim and my friends used to say that was because fat floats-well, I did not mind. They called me Sausage.

I swam but I never dived – not from any diving board, thank you. I had to take my glasses off and I could not see without them, so I was not going to dive,and they stopped nagging about it long ago.

Then, one summer, my instructor made me learn duck-diving. I would be swimming on the surface of the water and suddenly I upended myself just like a duck and dived deep into the water. I had to swim to the bottom of the pond, and pick up a brick he had thrown in, and bring it up again. You practise that in case you have o rescue anyone from drowning. Of course they would be bigger and heavier than a brick,but you have to begin with bricks and work up gradually to people

The swimming instructor said, "Sausage, I'm going to throw the brick in –" it was brick with a piece of old white cloth wrapped round it to make it more visible underwater. "—Sausage, I'm going to throw it in, you go after it – go after it, Sausage, and get it before it reaches the bottom and settles in the mud or you'll never get it.

He had made everyone come out of the water to give me a chance to succeed, and they were standing and watching. **I could see them blurred along the bank** as I was treading the water, waiting. Then I saw the brick go over my head as he threw it, and there was a splash as it went into the water ahead of me. I took a deep breath and then my head went down and my legs went up into the air and I went right down into the water.

The water was like a thick greenish-brown lemonade. The brick went down a few seconds ahead of me but I could still see a whitish glimmer that must be the white cloth around it. It was fading into the lower water as I moved after it. It was dark underwater and I could hardly see anything at all, but I caught up with the brick. It looked different down there, and it had already settled in the mud – there was only one corner sticking up. I dug into the mud and got hold of the thing and then I let myself go up. I shot upwards as I was in a hurry. The colour of the water changed as I went up and then I could almost see the sun shining through the water.

Then suddenly, I was at the surface – I had exploded back from the water into the air. Pond water was trickling down inside my nose and into my mouth. I let out the breath I had been holding and took a couple of fresh, quick breaths and treaded water and held up the brick.

I noticed the instructor and my friends shouting from the bank. My friends were cheering and shouting and then I heard the instructor bellowing, "Sausage! Sausage! What on earth have you got there,Sausage?"

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58 Which seven-word phrase from paragraph 2 shows that people had given up trying to get Sausage to dive into the water? (1m)

ANSWERS QUESTIONS 59 TO 62 IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

59. What does the word "they" in line 11 refer to? (2 m)

60. Why was the brick wrapped with a piece of white cloth?

61 "I could see them blurred along the bank..." (lines 19 and 20) Why were the people standing along the bank "blurred"? (2m)

62. Why would Sausage need to find the brick before it reached the bottom of the pond? (2 m)

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63 Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. (3 m)

	True/False	Reason
Sausage did not take offence easily.		
The instructor made special concession to Sausage.		
Sausage managed to emerge from the water with the brick in his hand.		

64 Choose words from lines 7 to 12 and lines 32 to 37 which have the same meanings as the words below. (4m)

overturned	
progressively	
dribbling	
shouting	

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1	4	2	4	4	4	3	3	1	1	2	1	4	1	3	4	1

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
2	3	4	4	1	4	3	2	1	2	3	A	M	C	G	L	K

Q35	Q36
D	E

37)Occasionally 38)for 39)conveniently 40)tossed

41)successful 42)cowered 43)quickly 44)thrown

45)wear 46)polished 47)as 48)children 49)than

50)off 51)thought 52)common 53)heard 54)take

55)In order to keep the sun off your head, it is a good idea to carry an umbrella.

56)My friend asked me what I was going to do that day.

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57)Our team tried our best but did not emerge as the winner.

58)they stopped nagging about it long ago.

59)The word "they" refers to people who were drowning.

60)The brick wrapped with white cloth would be more visible underwater.

61)The author had to take his glasses off and he could not see well without them.

62)He needed to do so because if it reached the bottom of the pond and settled in the mud, it would be hard for him to get it.

63)True = The author did not mind that his friends used to say it was because of fat float that he was able to swim and that they called him Sausage.
True = He made everyone come out of the water to give sausage a chance.
Flase= The instructor asked him what he was holding in his hand.

64)upended
gradually
trickling
bellowing

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PRIMARY 5

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER

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Section A – Grammar MCQ (10 x 1 mark)

For each question from 1 to 10, choose the most appropriate option (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

1. Each of the pupils _____ asked to give an account of the incident that had happened during recess yesterday.

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

2. The postman sent the parcel this morning, _____?

   (1) did he
   (2) does he
   (3) didn't he
   (4) doesn't he

3. Donny, _____ I often take the bus home with, will be moving to Japan after this semester.

   (1) who
   (2) which
   (3) whom
   (4) whose

4. "Will you be driving to Jurong all by _____?" asked James.

   (1) myself
   (2) herself
   (3) himself
   (4) yourself

5. "_____ country do you prefer to go to during the school holidays?" my mother asked me.

   (1) Who
   (2) What
   (3) Which
   (4) Where

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6. Mrs Tan made Lili _____ all her homework before allowing her to play computer games.

(1) complete
(2) completes
(3) completed
(4) completing ( )

7. The twins _____ the piano since two o'clock in the afternoon.

(1) is practising
(2) were practising
(3) has been practising
(4) have been practising ( )

8. Jimmy was playing a game of soccer _____ he slipped and injured his ankle.

(1) if
(2) when
(3) since
(4) unless ( )

9. Robert still _____ his grandmother on Saturday evenings even though he is very busy.

(1) visit
(2) visits
(3) visited
(4) visiting ( )

10. Alice _____ to the side of the road as directed by the traffic police.

(1) pulled on
(2) pulled over
(3) pulled back
(4) pulled down ( )

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Section B -- Vocabulary MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

For each question from 11 to 15, choose the most appropriate option (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

11. The children _____ inconsolably when they heard the news that their father was involved in a worksite accident.

    (1) wailed
    (2) whined
    (3) squealed
    (4) screamed ( )

12. Climbing to the top of Mount Everest was a difficult and _____ journey but Koo Swee Chiow persisted and became the first Singaporean to conquer it.

    (1) violent
    (2) delicate
    (3) arduous
    (4) sorrowful ( )

13. Kate's mother _____ planned every detail of her daughter's birthday party such that it was a huge success.

    (1) entirely
    (2) exclusively
    (3) meticulously
    (4) continuously ( )

14. Pamela and I are just _____. I do not know her very well.

    (1) strangers
    (2) confidants
    (3) companions
    (4) acquaintances ( )

15. "Yay! The examinations are over! It is time to _____!" the class cheered in exuberance.

    (1) be red-eyed
    (2) wave a red flag
    (3) get out of the red
    (4) paint the town red ( )

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Section C – Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word(s) and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

They had finally found the cave after hiking for close to two hours. John was the first to step into the cave with Sam following closely behind. Due to the recent rainy days, the cave was damp and dark. Sunlight was not able to enter it., Walking in the darkness was a first for the boys. John and Sam moved cautiously (16) as they ventured further into the cave. Although the boys had torches with them, they refrained from (17) turning it on as bats are known to shy away from bright lights. The boys took a long while before they adjusted to the darkness in the cave. As tiredness started to set in, (18) John and Sam made the most painful decision and decided to give up their search. They were disheartened as their trip had been unproductive. Before they left the cave, (19) the two boys still did not manage to spot any bats. (20)

16. (1) wearily
(2) carefully
(3) suddenly
(4) tirelessly ( )

17. (1) stopped
(2) avoided
(3) prohibited
(4) prevented ( )

18. (1) altered
(2) adapted
(3) amended
(4) accommodated ( )

19. (1) deterred
(2) dissuaded
(3) determined
(4) disappointed ( )

20. (1) futile
(2) empty
(3) barren
(4) hopeless ( )

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Section D – Visual Text Comprehension (8 x 1 mark)
Study this flyer carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28.

River Safari

Visit Asia's First and Only
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Newly Opened!

Embark on a journey of discovery into one of the world's largest repositories for river dwelling animals. Let your curiosity run wild across two zones in the park – Rivers Of The World and Wild Amazonia. Dive in to a whole new wildlife adventure to uncover over 5,000 amazing land and aquatic animals representing 300 species! The River is Calling...

RIVERS OF THE WORLD

Mississippi River

Begin your journey with nature's greatest architect, the beaver, and witness this busy builder in action! Venture on to discover the unusual spatula-snouted Mississippi paddlefish and the alligator gar, a prehistoric-looking river monster that's been around for 100 million years.

Murray River

Check out the wonders of Down Under, including the Murray cod, Australia's largest freshwater fish. It has a varied diet of other fish, spiny freshwater crayfish, shrimp, freshwater mussels, frogs, water fowl, tortoises and other reptiles.

Look out for the Australian lungfish. It is one of the oldest specimens found in the river. The Australian lungfish is a rare living fossil with ancestors that are older than the dinosaurs! It can survive during periods of low dissolved oxygen such as in stagnant pools during drought by breathing air from the surface every 30 to 60 minutes. When the lungfish rises to the surface to swallow air into its lung, it makes a sound like that of a small bellows. The Australian lungfish is a very long-lived, slow-growing fish.

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- First departure at 9am
- Last departure at 5.30pm
- Boat departs at 30 minutes interval
- Passengers must have a minimum height of 1.06m
- Passengers must be able to transfer to the boat unaided

Amazon River Quest

The Amazon rainforest comes alive in this boat ride! Look out for close to 30 animal species including the jaguar, Brazilian tapir, two-toed sloth, maned wolf and others lurking amidst the lush tropical foliage. All on board!

Amazon Flooded Forest

Be amazed by the world's largest freshwater aquarium which showcases the annual flooding of the Amazon rainforest. Witness over 18 majestic animal species like the graceful manatee, striking red-tailed catfish and the arapaima with colourful, armour-like scales.

You'll also find the giant manatee the first time in Asia, in the exhibit designed to resemble its natural riverbank habitat.

For an added bite, come face-to-face with the fearsome red-bellied piranhas!

Friends of River Safari

- Free admission to River Safari
- Free boat rides on Amazon River Quest
- 5% discount at participating shops and Mac Donald's Restaurant
- Free quarterly Wildlife Conservation magazine

- Approach us at the Visitor Services Counter (located at River Safari's entrance plaza) to apply to be Friends of River Safari today
- If you have any queries, you may call Ms Steffi at 65-62425411
- More information can be found at www.RTWP.com.sg

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For each question from 21 to 28, choose the most appropriate option (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

21 The main purpose of the River Safari flyer is to _____.

(1) attract visitors to River Safari
(2) raise funds for Wildlife Reserves
(3) generate publicity for *Friends of River Safari* membership
(4) increase sales at participating shops and Mac Donald's Restaurant at River Safari

( )

22 River Safari is under the charge of _____.

(1) National Parks
(2) Wildlife Reserves Singapore
(3) Singapore Tourism Promotion Board
(3) Singapore Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) ( )

23 Which word in the **first paragraph** of the flyer has a similar meaning to **storage places?**

(1) boats
(2) zones
(3) habitats
(4) repositories ( )

24 According to the flyer, the Australian lungfish is a rare living fossil because _____.

(1) it grows very slowly
(2) it is able to refill its lungs
(3) it is related to the dinosaurs
(4) its life is dated back to the days before the dinosaurs ( )

25 Which of the following statements is true about the Amazon boat ride?

(1) There is no height limit.
(2) Boat rides will only take place at 9am and 5.30pm.
(3) Passengers must be able to alight and board the boats on their own.
(4) As members of *Friends of River Safari*, there is a 5% discount for the ride, ( )

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26 Wildlife Conservation magazine is published _____times a year.

(1) six
(2) four
(3) three
(4) twelve ( )

27 What does the word '**its**' under the subheading **Amazon Flooded Forest** refer to?

(1) catfish
(2) piranha
(3) manatee
(4) arapaima ( )

28 To apply to be Friends of River Safari, James should _____.

(1) call Ms Steffi at 65-62425411
(2) visit the website at www.RTWP.com.sg
(3) approach the staff at the Visitor Services Counter
(4) wait for the staff at the River Safari's entrance plaza ( )

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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 blanks. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

(A)	also	(D)	besides	(G)	how	(K)	the	(N)	where
(B)	after	(E)	but	(H)	into	(L)	through	(P)	while
(C)	as	(F)	from	(J)	or	(M)	whenever	(Q)	who

A hobby can be almost any activity a person enjoys doing and does regularly during his or her leisure time for pleasure. It can be _____ (29) intensive and extreme as bungee jumping _____ (30) as relaxing and peaceful as reading. _____ (31) range of activities is very broad. Most hobbies can be categorised _____ (32) one of the following activities: learning, collecting, doing or making things. For example, people _____ (33) enjoy gardening may read books or articles on _____ (34) to make a plant grow faster and healthier.

_____ (35) providing enjoyment, hobbies also offer benefits such as opportunities to build and increase knowledge. Many hobbies are known to have a calming effect. This can be especially welcomed for people who feel overwhelmed by work or responsibilities and need to take a break _____ (36) their busy schedules. Some people have developed close friendships _____ (37) their hobbies while others have learnt to take it easy _____ (38) a hard day's work. Finding a hobby is not always easy but once you get started, you will not know when to stop!

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Section F – Grammar Cloze (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.

Anthropologists study people who are no longer living. Items those people left

(39) [ ]

behind when they died tells anthropologists a lot. Sometimes even their words survive.

(40) [ ] (41) [ ]

Experts beleave that a discovery in Mexico is the oldest exempel of writing ever found in

(42) [ ]

the Americas. The people who created it propabli lived 3,000 years ago.

(43) [ ]

Workers digging in a stone quarry happened to noticed a stone block with marks

(44) [ ]

carved onto it's surface. They found the large piece of serpentine stone in Cascajal in

(45) [ ]

Veracruz, Mexico, near the kapitel city of an ancient people called the Olmec

(46) [ ]

"There are signs on the block that seem to show relijious objects used by the

Olmec," says Dr. Stephen Houston, an anthropologist with Brown University in Rhode

(47) [ ]

Island. "There is a pointy sign that looks very seemeler to something they used for blood-

(48) [ ]

letting, and another that looks like a throne," he explained.

(49) [ ]

Houston, an expert at the writing systems from ancient cultures, says the discovery

(50) [ ]

is exciting because "it makes clear that the Olmec are literate, that they could read and

write. It's like hearing voices from the past," he says.

Adapted from: http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids/stories/peopleplaces/cascaja

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Section G – Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)
Fill in each black with a suitable word.

Eastern chipmunks belong to a chipmunk species that are reddish brown. They are mostly found _____ (51) Canada. These white-bellied _____ (52) can be identified _____ (53) the stripes that stretch across their backs. Being a small species, an eastern chipmunk reaches only about 30 centimetres in _____ (54) from its head to tail.

Chipmunks got their name from the "chip" _____ (55) that they make when they gather to sing or to make noise. _____ (56) this is not the most distinctive part about them. They also have special cheek pouches inside their mouths for the storage of food. When these pouches are _____ (57) they can be as large as the chipmunks' heads.

Chipmunks are good at burrowing and _____ (58) for food. They leave the safety of their burrows every day in the late mornings and afternoons to eat and collect food. The food they collected is _____ (59) in special tunnels in their burrows for winter. The food that chipmunks store in the tunnels is nits and cones which do not turn _____ (60) easily. Chipmunks do not hibernate the entire winter. They will _____ (61) sleep for two weeks before waking up to eat the stored food and continue to sleep for another two weeks before waking up again.

Chipmunks fall _____ (62) to most forest animals which include predators such as hawks, foxes and snakes. It is _____ (63) to find them as they spend _____ (64) of their time in the well-hidden dens, only coming out when they need to look for food. These dens are often located in rocky areas and shrubs for the

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chipmunks to _____ cover from their predators. Eastern chipmunks are a
(65)
small forest species which are fun to watch as they scamper around.

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Section H – Synthesis and Transformation (5 x 2 marks)

For each of the following questions, 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. You should raise your hand only if you want to answer the question.

Unless _____

_____

67. This is the school library. We often do our homework here.

_____ where

_____

68. The haze was very bad. We could not go to the playground.

_____ because

_____

69. Grandma will be very upset. You do not visit Grandma regularly.

If _____

_____

70. The pupils laughed loudly. It was the funniest joke they had ever heard.

_____ as if

_____

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Section I – Comprehension Open-ended (20 marks)
Read this passage and answer the questions that follow.

Dark clouds loomed as Henry sprinted out of the school gate and raced along the pavement. Thunder reverberated overhead and he knew that a downpour was imminent. He usually took the bus home from school, but today he decided to take an alternative route by using a short-cut through the sheltered areas.

Suddenly, Henry tripped over a bump and stretched out his arms to break his fall. As he fell, he heard a yelp. His right elbow hit the concrete pavement and the pain was so excruciating that he cried out loudly. Blood started to drip slowly down his arm from the wound. He lay on the ground, clutching his elbow in pain. He opened his eyes when he felt something soft and wet licking his cheeks. A pair of friendly brown eyes was staring at him.

Henry sat up, his throbbing pain forgotten as he gazed at the creature. It had shiny brown fur and it was wagging its bushy tail. Henry wanted to pat it but resisted as he recalled what his mother had said about humans catching fleas from stray animals. As much as Henry wanted to bring the creature home as a pet, he knew could not do so. His mother was allergic to animal fur. So, he got up, reluctantly took his eyes off from the creature and continued his journey home.

As Henry was about to unlock the front door of his house, he heard a familiar yelp. He turned around and caught sight of the creature looking at him, its tail wagging happily. "Perhaps it's hungry," Henry thought.

"I can't let you enter the house. Stay here and I will bring you some food," he instructed. The creature put its head on one side and thumped its tail. Henry thought the creature might have actually understood what he was saying. He opened the door and in the blink of an eye, the creature zoomed into the house Henry was caught off-guard and that instant, his mind went blank.

"Oh, no!" Henry exclaimed. "Mum's going to get mad when she sees the creature." He immediately kicked off his shoes, threw his bag on the couch and began searching for the mischievous creature. He knew he had to find it before his mother returned home. He searched the whole house frantically but the creature was nowhere to be seen. Minutes passed and Henry felt a chilly panic grow in him. He had to think of a way to entice the creature to come out from its hiding place. An idea struck him and he fetched a huge, tasty bone from the refrigerator.

Dangling the bait in front of him, Henry walked round the house calling out to the creature. He was still at it when he heard the dreaded sound – a key turning in the front door lock. Then his mother shouted, "Henry! I'm home!"

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71. In **paragraph 1**, why do you think Henry was running? (2m)

_____

_____

72. Which three-word phrase from **paragraph 3** tells you that Henry did not remember the pain he was experiencing? (1m)

73. Choose words from **paragraph 2 and 3** which have similar meanings to the words below. (3m)

looked	
unbearable	
unwillingly	

74. How did the creature find its way to Henry's house? (2m)

_____

_____

75. Why did Henry feel a chilly panic grow in him? (2m)

_____

_____

76. What does the word "it" in **line 33** refer to? (2m)

_____

_____

77. What animal do you think the creature was?
Support your answer with 1 evidence from the passage. (1m)

_____

_____

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78. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. (3m)

	True / False	Reason
Henry did not sustain any injuries from his fall		
Henry heard a yelp when he was outside his house.		
Henry instructed the creature to enter his house.		

79. Write **1**, **2** and **3** in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage. (1m)

_____ Henry had a fall and injured himself.

_____ Henry tried to lure the creature with a bone.

_____ The creature managed to enter the house.

80. Do you think Henry's mother would allow him to keep the creature as a pet? **Support your answer with 2 reasons from the passage.** (3m)

_____

_____

_____

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ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2014
SCHOOL : NAN HUA
PRIMARY : P5
SUBJECT : ENGLISH
TERM : CA1

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

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
2	4	1	1	2	4	4	3	2	3	3	C	J	K	H	Q	G

Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
D	F	L	B

39)tell **40)believe** **41)example** **42)probably** **43)notice**

44)its **45)capital** **46)religious** **47)similar** **48)explains**

49)of **50)were** **51)in** **52)chipmunks** **53)by**

54)length **55)sound** **56)Nevertheless** **57)full** **58)searching**

59)stored **60)bad** **61)just** **62)prey** **63)hard**

64)most **65)take**

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66)Unless you want to answer the question, you should not raise your hand.

67)This is the school library where we often do our homework.

68)We could not go to the playground because the haze was very bad.

69)If you do not visit Grandma regularly, she will be very upset.

70)The pupils laughed loudly as if it was the funniest joke they had ever heard.

71)He wanted to get back home before it rained.

72)throbbing pain forgotten

73)gazed
excruciating
reluctantly

74)The creature followed Henry.

75)He had to find the creature before his mother returned home.

76)It refers to Henry dangling the bait in front of him and calling out to the creature.

77)The creature was a dog. The sound it makes is a yelp.

78)False = Henry sustained a wound on his right elbow and blood dripped slowly down his wound.
True = Henry heard a yelp when he was unlocking the front door of his house.
False = The creature dashed into Henry's house when he opened the door without Henry allowing it to enter the house.

79)1 , 3, 2

80)No. His mother was allergic to animal fur and was worried about humans catching fleas from stray animals.

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ROSYTH SCHOOL
CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT 1, 2014
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
PRIMARY 5

Name: _____ Marks: 28

Class: Pr 5-_____

Register No. _____

Date: 26 February 2014 Parent's Signature: _____

TOTAL DURATION FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 min

BOOKLET A

Instructions to Pupils:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Read the questions and follow all the instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 28 questions (Questions 1 to 28).
4. **Answer ALL the questions and shade them in the correct ovals on the OAS provided.**

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For each question, from 1 to 10, shade your answer (1,2,3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

1. Tim's father _____ him how to cycle on his own when he was only five.

   (1) teach
   (2) taught
   (3) teaches
   (4) has taught

2. Either Mick or Josh _____ able to attend the soccer practice this afternoon.

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

3. The vibrations caused the vase to topple _____ the edge of the table.

   (1) on
   (2) into
   (3) over
   (4) under

4. My mother bought a pair of gloves and gave _____ to me.

   (1) it
   (2) its
   (3) they
   (4) them

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5. The trail _____ I have been walking on all morning has led me to a dead end.

(1) who
(2) where
(3) whom
(4) which

6. If I had attended the training session regularly, _____ the race.

(1) will win
(2) would win
(3) will have won
(4) would have won

7. She is willing to spend on buying new cars _____ is reluctant to pay her bills.

(1) but
(2) and
(3) since
(4) because

8. Jack _____ about his ability to balance well when he suddenly tripped and fell.

(1) boasted
(2) is boasting
(3) was boasting
(4) has been boasting

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9. _____ you are running an errand for Harry, can you do me a favour as well?

(1) Since
(2) Despite
(3) However
(4) Although

10. The speed at which they recovered from their serious injuries _____ me.

(1) amaze
(2) amazes
(3) amazing
(4) have amazed

For each question from 11 to 15, shade your answer (1,2,3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

11. All the _____ stood up when Usain Bolt sprinted across the finishing line.

(1) audience
(2) witnesses
(3) spectators
(4) bystanders

12. Several countries have put up bids to _____ the Olympic Games.

(1) host
(2) anchor
(3) present
(4) compere

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13. Participants who do not follow the rules of the competition will be _____.

(1) dismissed
(2) discharged
(3) disqualified
(4) disregarded

14. Even though Mr Lee is a busy man, he will _____ to have dinner ~~will~~ with his family daily.

(1) kill time
(2) in no time
(3) make time
(4) take one's time

15. The young athlete was found guilty of drug abuse and was _____ of his gold medal.

(1) robbed
(2) stripped
(3) ransacked
(4) discriminated

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For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

Most people will view a button as a harmless object. However, thirty- year- old Louisa is terrified of (16) looking at them. She feels breathless (17) and will run away from the buttons if they are placed near her. It started at the age of seven after a bad childhood game involving buttons. Since then, she has been obsessed (18) with washing her hands if she accidentally touches a button. She even insists that all buttons should be removed from her daughter's clothes as she struggles (19) to wash or iron them. Currently, she is seeking professional help to deal with the condition (20) and is learning some self-control techniques.

16. (1) scorns
    (2) dreads
    (3) despises
    (4) trembles

17. (1) squashed
    (2) suffocated
    (3) smothered
    (4) suppressed

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18. (1) engaged
(2) infatuated
(3) fascinated
(4) preoccupied

19. (1) exerts
(2) strives
(3) battles
(4) ventures

20. (1) bug
(2) plight
(3) disorder
(4) syndrome

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Visual Text Comprehension

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

The Annual 25th Family Fiesta Is Back!

25th June 2014

Downtown East, 1 Pasir Ris Close

Families can get their adrenaline pumping through a host of sporting activities like: Zumba work-out, archery, rock climbing and many others! The event aims to forge family ties by getting families of all ages to play and bond together through sports.

The mega sports carnival promises an exhilarating experience for all at Downtown East. Get your tickets now at any NTUC outlets.

Purchase of tickets for NTUC members:

- Reserve tickets online at www.ticketbooth.com.sg
- Earn 150 link points when you reserve tickets online
- Closing date for online reservation: 25th May 2014
- For enquiries, call 6123 4667

Entrance to the Wild Wild Wet during the fiesta!

Special Price: $6 per entrance

- Splash around in a foam or take part in the dunking machine available
- Limited to the first 200 participants

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Highlights of Events:

Zumba Mass Combat
(For All Ages)

Location: Event Square
Time: 9.30 am - 10.30 am
Early Bird Special!

- Sign up at 9 am and get a Body Shop Tote bag and a Cathay Movie Voucher!
- For the first 200 participants who sign up.

Archery & Rock Climbing
(18 years and above)

Location: Courtyard
Time: 10.00 am - 7.00 pm

- Learn the A, B, C of climbing and archery.
- Make new friends as you are having fun!

Football (12 years and above)

Location: Field
Time: 11.00 am - 5.00 pm
Special Appearance by Tigers XII

- Photo-taking and autograph signing from 2.30 - 4.30 pm

Sports Crazy Challenge:
(5 years and above)

Location: Basketball Court
Time: 8- 10 am, 12- 2 pm, 4- 6 pm

- Take part in different sports with your family members.
- Collect a minimum of four stamps from different sports.
- Be awarded with a $50 NTUC voucher.

Lucky Draw

Drop in your lucky draw coupon at the main entrance! Winners will be notified by post. Prizes are strictly non-transferable and cannot be exchanged for cash.

Reminders: It is compulsory for all participants to put on a casual and comfortable attire with covered shoes. The organiser and its appointed agents will not be responsible for any injuries, loss of properties or other mishaps during the event or in relation to the event.

Jointly organised by:

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For each question from 21 to 28, choose the most appropriate option (1,2,3 and 4) and write your answer in the brackets provided. (8 marks)

21. The **main** purpose of the family fiesta is to _____.

(1) foster family bonding

(2) promote healthy living

(3) teach sports to all ages

(4) encourage family members to be competitive

22. NTUC members who are interested to buy the tickets can_____

(1) register online

(2) call 6123 4667

(3) get it from Downtown East

(4) reserve the tickets until 26th June

23. John arrives at 7 am for the fiesta. What is the first activity that he can take part in?

(1) Archery

(2) Football

(3) Zumba Mass Combat

(4) Sports Crazy Challenge

24. There will be an autograph signing session at the _____.

(1) field

(2) courtyard

(3) event square

(4) basketball court

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25. The sponsor of the lucky draw is _____.

(1) GMT

(2) Bread Talk

(3) OBBC bank

(4) NFC Family First

26. If you are one of the first 200 participants to register for the Zumba Combat, you will receive a _____.

(1) goody bag

(2) movie voucher

(3) $50 NTUC voucher

(4) earn 150 link points

27. Mr and Mrs Tan and their two sons, age 14 and 16, can participate in all the activities together except for _____.

(1) Archery

(2) Football

(3) Zumba Combat

(4) Sports Crazy Challenge

28. Which one of these statements is true?

(1) Entrance to the Wild Wild Wet is free.

(2) Winners of the lucky draw will be notified through email.

(3) All types of footwear are allowed for the sports activities.

(4) Lucky draw winners cannot exchange their prizes for cash.

End of Booklet A

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ROSYTH SCHOOL
CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT 1, 2014
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
PRIMARY 5

Name:_____

Class: Pr 5-_____

Register No._____

Date: 26 February 2014 Parent's Signature:_____

TOTAL DURATION FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 min

BOOKLET B

Instructions to Pupils:
1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Read the questions and follow all the instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 52 questions (Questions 29 to 80).
4. **Answer ALL the questions and write all the answers in this booklet.**

	Maximum	Marks Obtained
Booklet A	28	
Booklet B	67	
Total	95	

Component	Question Numbers	Marks Obtained
Comprehension Cloze	51 – 65	
Comprehension Open-ended	71 – 80	

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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. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) could	(D) should	(G) off	(K) these	(N) like
(B) this	(E) with	(H) from	(L) of	(P) pass
(C) but	(F) round	(J) under	(M) by	(Q) although

When I was 11, my teacher asked what I wanted to do when I grew up. I said I wanted to cycle (29)_____ the world. "Ahhh," she said doubtfully. Little did she know that 20 years later, I would be setting (30)_____ on a 14,000 km journey to India.

Just before I started on my trip, I thought that everything would run (31)_____ clockwork as I had planned my trip well. I was so wrong. A week after I had set off, I was chased (32)_____ wild dogs. The second week was worse. I was attacked by bandits!

The incident that happened on the last day was the worst. As I was cycling through a wildlife park in Southern India, my colourful bike startled a number (33)_____ elephants. They decided to charge at me.

I was told that (34)_____ an elephant charge at you, you need to stand still and bow your head to show respect. That was utter nonsense! I had 30 tonnes of muscles charging towards me, destroying small trees and shaking the ground (35)_____ my feet. I was not going to stand still. I pedalled (36)_____ all my might to safety.

Despite (37) _____ encounters, the greatest memories of all were not about the dangers I faced (38)_____ the wonderful people I met. They invited me into their homes to eat and share stories. I had never regretted going on this trip.

Adapted from Daniel Bent, Essex.

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Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (12 marks)

(39)

I trained hard for the 21km race. I was so happy when I cross the finish line.

(40)

I waited paytiontly for the results to be announced. The announcement came on

shortly. I was shocked - I was not first but second. I could not understand this as

(41)

there were no one ahead of me throughout the race.

(42)

I confronted the judges and ended up having a heated arguement with them. I

(43)

cried fowwl and left in a huff when they refused to allow me to watch the tape

(44)

recording of the winner which had crossed the finish line. After I left, a second

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(45)

announcement came on shortly. The first winner was desqualeefied. I felt vindicated.

I waited for my name to be announced as the winner but it never came. I became

(46) (47)

confewsed, again. I was a good runner all my life. I even koached a youth national

(48)

team in athletics. I was sure I was the winner. Then a third announcement was make.

(49)

I could not imagine it could get any messy than this. I waited with bated breath as they

(50)

read out a corrected results. I was eliminated!

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15 marks)

Yash had myopia and wore glasses for many years. One day, his glasses broke and he was not able to (51)_____ them to school. He struggled to see the board. He could not understand what was going on (52)_____ his classroom. At the end of the day, he had learned nothing!

Yash got his glasses fixed eventually but (53)_____ experience changed him. He became aware and empathetic (54)_____ those who needed glasses but could not afford to make them. He realised that there were (55)_____ many needy kids who needed proper glasses to (56)_____ them learn in school. He wondered what he could do for them.

He googled on the internet. He came (57)_____ a few research articles about children with myopia. Those who were not fitted with glasses scored lower in test scores as (58)_____ to those with glasses. He was very encouraged (59) _____ this report. He believed he could make a contribution and improve people's lives.

Yash decided to start a charity project to help find glasses for school-going children who (60)_____ glasses but could not afford them. He (61)_____ his project "Sight Learning". Its mission was to offer the gift of (62)_____ to students around the world. Eyeglasses and eye examinations (63)_____ provided to help them perform better in school.

Since it started in 2011 it has collected and donated over $500,000 worth of eyeglasses. This has helped over 15,000 children to (64)_____ better!

Yash shows that unless someone like him cares a lot, (65)_____ is going to get better. Yash is a great example of a young person who helps to improve the lives of others.

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For each of the questions 66 to 70, 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 sentence(s). (10 marks)

66. I do not take this route home at night. It is dark and dangerous.

_____ as

_____

67. Unless it rains, I will not bring an umbrella.

_____

_____

68. That man is my uncle. He is wearing a blue shirt.

_____ who

_____

69. Min likes chocolates. Leo likes chocolates too.

Both _____

_____

70. "I am not feeling well," Anna told her mother.

Anna told her mother _____

_____

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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

Mr Lim, an elderly man, was having his breakfast at a coffeeshop one morning when he lost his money and handphone to a trickster. It was the second time he had been duped.

The first time, Mr Lim was tricked in his own house. His nephew, Dan, had visited him one afternoon when everyone was at work. Dan had gone to Mr Lim's house on the pretext of checking on his health. After making some casual enquiries about his high blood pressure, Dan whipped out a handphone to show Mr Lim how he could use it to help monitor his blood pressure.

He convinced his uncle to buy the handphone by saying, "Uncle, it is cheaper for you to buy this phone for $1000 and applications or apps for short to monitor your blood pressure than to see a doctor every month." It sounded logical to Mr Lim as he was not well-informed about the market value of handphones and knew nothing about apps. As such, he was not aware that such a new handphone could be bought at only $400. As for the apps that Dan had mentioned, they were actually free apps.

When Mr Lim's daughter found out about her father's new handphone, she asked why he had handed over his money so easily to Dan. He explained resignedly, "He is my relative so I have no reason to doubt him." His daughter thought of making a police report but Mr Lim stopped her, saying it would hurt family ties. In the end, she confronted Dan and asked for a refund. However, Dan claimed he had spent all the money. She was furious and complained to Dan's father who had apologised but did not pay up for his son.

A few months later, Mr Lim was tricked again. This time it was by a woman named Nina who had chatted with him at a coffeeshop. She showed Mr Lim how she could check for lucky draw and lottery updates on her handphone. She claimed that her handphone had an application that allowed her to study the pattern of the lottery numbers. This would make it easier to predict the winning numbers and that was why she could make a fortune by betting on the right numbers. When Mr Lim found out she had won $13 000 using that app, he asked if she could help him install it on his handphone.

She replied, "Uncle, as you are a nice man, I will do this for you for free." Mr Lim was so grateful that he attempted to tip her with $20. Feeling a little guilty, she pushed the money back to him and said, "No trouble, no need."

Nina assured him that she would return next week with his handphone. Then she scribbled her handphone number on a piece of paper and handed it to Mr Lim when he requested for it. When she did not show up a week later, Mr Lim rang the given number unsuccessfully every few days. A month later, he made a police report. He was saddened he had been tricked again.

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71. Where was Mr Lim when he was tricked the first time? (1m)

_____

_____

72. Why do you think Dan chose to visit Mr Lim at home in the afternoon? (2m)

_____

_____

73. Why was Mr Lim not suspicious about Dan's intention to sell him the handphone? Give 3 reasons. (3m)

i) _____

ii) _____

iii) _____

74. What did Mr Lim's daughter do after she found out about the incident with Dan? Write 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the blank below to indicate the order in which the actions occurred in the passage. (2m)

Order	Actions
	She complained to Dan's father.
	She questioned Mr Lim.
	She demanded payment from Dan.
	She wanted to make a police report.

75. Why didn't Mr Lim's daughter make a police report against Dan? (1m)

_____

_____

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76. What did Mr Lim lose when he was tricked on two separate occasions? Tick the correct answer/s. You may tick more than one box. (2m)

First Time	Tick	Second Time	Tick
Money		Money	
Handphone		Handphone	

77. How did Nina convince Mr Lim that her apps was good? Give two descriptions. (2m)

i)_____

ii)_____

78. Why did Nina feel "a little guilty" in line ~~30~~ 32? (2m)

_____

_____

79. Why did Mr Lim want to tip Nina? Give two possible reasons. (2m)

i) _____

ii) _____

80. Find words from paragraphs 1 and 2 which have similar meanings to the words below. (3m)

Words to replace	Answer
• Con artist	
• excuse	
• check	

End of Paper

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ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2014
SCHOOL : ROSYTH
PRIMARY : P5
SUBJECT : ENGLISH
TERM : CA1

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

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
4	2	3	2	1	4	1	1	2	1	4	F	G	N	M	L	D

Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
J	E	K	C

39)crossed 40)patiently 41)was 42)argument 43)foul

44)who 45)disqualified 46)confused 47)coached 48)made

49)messier 50)the 51)wear 52)in 53)this/the/that

54)towards 55)help 56)help 57)across 58)compared

59)by 60)needed 61)named 62)sight 63)were

64)see 65)nothing

66)I do not take this route home at night as it is dark and dangerous.

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67)If it rains, I will bring an umbrella.

68)That man who is wearing a blue shirt is my uncle.

69)Both Min and Leo like chocolates.

70)Anna told her mother that she was not feeling well.

71)Mr Lim was tricked in his own house.

72)Mr Lim would be an easy target as he was alone.

73)i)He was not tech-savvy.
ii)Dan was Mr Lim's relative.
iii)Mr Lim's was not well informed about the market value of handphone.

74)4, 1,3, 2

75)Mr Lim stopped his daughter from making a police report against Dan as Mr Lim did not want to break his family ties.

76)First time Second time
Money Handphone

77)i)Nina could check the patten of lottery numbers.
ii)Wina had won $13000 with her app.

78)Mr Lim wanted to tip her although she was going to trick him.

79)i)He was grateful.
ii)reward her for the effort.

80)trickster
pretext
monitor

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CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT 2 - 2014

PRIMARY 5

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2

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Name:_____ ( )

Class: Pr. 5 _____

Date: 25 August 2014

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Parent's Signature & Date

Total Time for booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

1. Do not turn over the page until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. Answer all questions carefully.
4. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

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Section A – Grammar (10 x 1 mark)

For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

1. Everyone _____ invited to Jack's birthday party yesterday.

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

2. Mrs Ang saw her son _____ from the swing.

   (1) fall
   (2) fell
   (3) falls
   (4) fallen ( )

3. You went to watch a movie, _____?

   (1) did you
   (2) had you
   (3) didn't you
   (4) hadn't you ( )

4. Farah _____ an apple before she left for the airport.

   (1) eat
   (2) eats
   (3) has eaten
   (4) had eaten ( )

5. Our teacher often reminds us that determination _____ us to achieve our goals.

   (1) enable
   (2) enables
   (3) enabled
   (4) enabling ( )

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6. Sally was late for the meeting because she was held _____ by the traffic jam.

(1) on
(2) up
(3) back
(4) down ( )

7. The coach chose the newcomer _____ the experienced soccer player for the upcoming match.

(1) to
(2) for
(3) over
(4) against ( )

8. Father is taking us to the park for a picnic _____ the gloomy weather.

(1) unless
(2) even if
(3) despite
(4) although ( )

9. Neither George nor his teammates _____ to watch the match tonight.

(1) go
(2) goes
(3) is going
(4) are going ( )

10. Do you recall _____ the chef is? I would like to learn a few cooking tips from him.

(1) who
(2) which
(3) whom
(4) whose ( )

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Section B – Vocabulary (5 x 1 mark)

For each question from 11 to 15, one of the four options is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

11. "Do not be shy and feel free to _____ if you want to ask a question," the professor told his students before he began his lesson.

(1) intrude
(2) interrupt
(3) intercept
(4) intercede ( )

12. Grace insisted on paying for the food and refused to let us _____ the bill at the restaurant.

(1) foot
(2) pick
(3) give
(4) bear ( )

13. The anti-gambling campaign is launched to _____ people from gambling by warning them about the consequences of such addiction.

(1) ban
(2) withdraw
(3) dissuade
(4) persuade ( )

14. The man was _____ of theft and released as there was a lack of evidence after much investigation.

(1) acquired
(2) acquitted
(3) reiterated
(4) differentiated ( )

15. Spreading _____ is a form of verbal bullying and we should never do that to hurt anyone.

(1) buzz
(2) news
(3) noise
(4) rumours ( )

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Section C – Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

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

Sometimes, our pets can be accidental heroes. Pam, a dog from a rural community north of Bangkok, spends most of his time (16) rummaging around the piles of rubbish for tasty scraps. However, when he (17) came across a newborn baby inside a white plastic bag in a rubbish tip, he gently picked it up in his jaws and (18) gingerly carried it home to his owner, Thongmak. Pam barked loudly to raise attention until Thongmak's 12-year-old niece came to see what the (19) racket was about. She and her mother (20) scurried immediately to a nearby hospital with the tiny baby. The 2.2 kg baby girl was believed to have been born prematurely, at about seven months and needed immediate care.

Source: http://www.rdasia.com/hero-pets?icm=home_feedblock

16. (1) spying
(2) picking
(3) searching
(4) discovering ( )

17. (1) revealed
(2) explored
(3) identified
(4) discovered ( )

18. (1) faithfully
(2) carefully
(3) anxiously
(4) thoroughly ( )

19. (1) outcry
(2) clatter
(3) agitation
(4) commotion ( )

20. (1) ripped
(2) hustled
(3) scuttled
(4) skimmed ( )

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Section D – Visual Text Comprehension (8 x 1mark)
Study the brochure below carefully and answer questions 21 to 28.

A Dream Vacation

The Seabottom Hotel is just the spot for you to relax. This wonderful hotel rests on the bottom of the blue sea, 1 000 metres below sea level.

Don't miss the sights! See colourful fish, plant life and rare undersea animals from every window of the hotel.

There's so much to do at the Seabottom Hotel. That's why it's called 'The Most Fun City Anywhere – Land, Sea or Sky.'

Look out for our fantastic Seabottom Hotel Activities:

- Ride on the back of a manta ray at the Arena
- Tee off at the Swordfish Golf Course
- Learn to swim with the tuna
- Prawn fishing at Beaufort Jetty
- Rock pool adventure near Beaufort Beach
- Join in the Fishy-Watering Hole Competition

To book a room for a stay in our hotel:

- Children under 12 stay for free
- Cost per night for one room is $300
- A deposit of $1 500 is necessary for booking of rooms for a maximum of 30 persons per group

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Fishy-Watering Hole Competition
This fishing activity is held on every last Sunday of the month
You can look forward to

- One night free stay at the hotel for the **1st runner-up**
- Tee off at the golf course for free for the **2nd runner-up**
- A manta ray ride at the Arena at no cost for **Consolation**

Review from Tom, a fishing enthusiast, from Singapore

"I caught two fish an hour in the Fishy-Watering Hole Competition. It is indeed a thrilling experience as a token is given for every two fish caught. I received 12 tokens for catching 24 fish. What's more? You will definitely enjoy two nights complimentary stay at the hotel if you are the champion."

Review from Jane, a tourist, from Malaysia

"Splendid landscapes on either side of the road unfolded before me on the bus ride from the airport. The refreshing morning breeze caressed my skin. Feeling high-spirited, I hummed a tune merrily. The MRT ride to Beaufort Station was very relaxing. It was indeed a fascinating experience taking the submarine. I was welcomed heartily by the hotel staff at the lobby.

Getting To Seabottom Hotel

Submarine ride, every Tuesday at 9 a.m. from Beaufort jetty to the doorstep of the hotel

Nearest MRT station to the jetty is Beaufort Station

Come Join Us
For An Enjoyable Holiday!
For Enquiries,
Call
1-000-765-4321

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For each question from 21 to 28, choose the most appropriate option (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

21 Why do you think the hotel is named the Seabottom Hotel?

(1) It is found near the sea.
(2) It is found on the seabed.
(3) Its theme for activities is based on the sea.
(4) It is a hotel filled with pictures of sea creatures. ( )

22 What can be seen from every hotel window?

(1) underwater caves
(2) gigantic sinkholes
(3) rare undersea animals
(4) strange and unusual rocks ( )

23 Which of the following activities can you do at Seabottom Hotel?

(1) swim with the tuna
(2) compete with the manta ray
(3) fish for prawns at the Arena
(4) play golf at Beaufort Golf Course ( )

24 Why are the reviews included by the hotel management?

(1) To learn more about the prawn fishing activity.
(2) To hire people for work at the hotel's restaurants.
(3) To attract people to observe the activities at the hotel.
(4) To gain credibility so that more people will patronise the hotel. ( )

25 Which one of the following is true?

(1) A deposit of $1 500 is required for a group of 40 persons.
(2) One can book a room for a night if he has five hundred dollars.
(3) We will be able to visit Seabottom Hotel every day with the transport provided.
(4) Mrs Lim has to pay for her eleven-year-old son if she stays in Seabottom Hotel. ( )

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26 What does the word **'It'** under the subheading **Review from Jane, a tourist, from Malaysia,** refer to?

(1) bus ride
(2) MRT ride
(3) plane ride
(4) submarine ride ( )

27 The second prize for the Fishy-Watering Hole Competition is a _____.

(1) free manta ray ride at the Arena
(2) two-night free stay at the Seabottom Hotel
(3) one-night free stay at the Seabottom Hotel
(4) tee off at the Swordfish Golf Course at no cost ( )

28 Which word in the brochure has a similar meaning to **extremely interesting**?

(1) thrilling
(2) relaxing
(3) fascinating
(4) high-spirited ( )

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY 5

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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.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

A) a	D) but	G) much	K) some	N) what
B) an	E) if	H) on	L) this	P) who
C) as	F) may	J) or	M) those	Q) whom

Do you have memories of that great vacation you took last year? (29)_____ do you remember about it? When you think back (30)_____ it, you might see flashes of the day you spent swimming (31)_____ the night spent watching fireworks explode in the sky.

Where do you store (32)_____ images so you can retrieve them later? It is your memory, a part of your complex and multi-talented brain.

When (33)_____ event happens, when you learn something or when you meet someone, your brain determines whether that information needs to be saved. (34)_____ your brain deems the information important, it places this important information in your memory "files". You probably know your brain has different parts and (35)_____ of them are important for memory.

As wonderful as memory is, it is not always perfect. It is normal to occasionally forget the name of somebody (36)_____ you have just met. It is also typical for people to forget more things (37)_____ they grow older. Your

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parents or grandparents (38)_____ joke about having a "senior moment". That is when they forget something.

Adapted from http://kidshealth.org/kid/health_problems/brain/memory.html

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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.

Bukit Brown Cemetery was the first Chinese public cemetery in colonial

(39) [ ]

Singapore. As early as 1904, the Chinese community in Singapore persuade the

(40) [ ]

colonial government to set apart a cemetery for them. At that time, such burial needs

(41) [ ] (42) [ ]

were took care of through private family cemeteries or clan asociation cemeteries.

(43) [ ]

However, changes in the law then was limiting the amount of space available for

(44) [ ]

such burial grounds. This was why the Chinese clamered for a public cemetery to

(45) [ ]

take care of their burial needs. There was reluctence in starting a public cemetery for

(46) [ ]

the Chinese at first due to their cultural beleaves. The government was worried that

the Chinese could not be willing to accept the grid-like standard plots of a public

(47) [ ]

cemetery as they had individualised preferences at size and direction of tombs.

However, the colonial government was eventually convinced that such a cemetery

(48) [ ]

was feesible.

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In 1922, Bukit Brown Cemetery was the first Chinese public cemetery that did

(49) [ ]

not needed relationships with a family or clan before one could be buried. It was the

(50) [ ]

first Chinese cemetery that allowed Chinese of diverce communal origins, such as Hokkien, Teochew and Hainanese, to be buried next to each other. This is why ancestors of many Chinese Singaporeans are buried in Bukit Brown today.

Adapted from http://www.bukitbrown.info/whatisbbc.php

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Section G – Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)
Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Giant pandas are famous for their love of bamboo, a diet so nutritionally poor that the pandas have to consume up to 20kg of it each day. A typical panda eats for half the day and can defecate (51)_____ to forty times a day. There is an extra thumb on the panda's hand to (52)_____ them to tear the bamboo. Surprisingly, pandas do not (53)_____ eat bamboo. They will sometimes eat birds or rodents as well.

Giant pandas are solitary (54) _____ . A panda can often be seen on its own, eating in a relaxed sitting posture. They may appear inactive (55)_____ they are actually skilled tree-climbers and efficient swimmers. With a highly developed (56)_____ of smell, the males use it to avoid each other and to find females for mating in the spring. (57) _____ a five-month pregnancy, females give birth to a cub or two, though they cannot care for (58)_____ twins. The blind infants weigh only about a hundred grams at birth and cannot crawl (59) _____ they reach three months of age. They are born white and develop their much loved colours later.

Giant pandas are (60)_____ of the more endangered animals in the world, with only about 1,600 pandas (61)_____ in the wild. Much of what we have learnt about pandas comes from numerous (62)_____ done on pandas found in the zoo because their wild cousins are so rare and elusive.

Land loss is the greatest (63) _____ that is causing the number of giant pandas to (64) _____ . A large population of pandas used to be found in many types of habitats. Many once lived in lowland areas but urbanisation now restricts giant pandas to the (65)_____ Today, their range is limited to a

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Section H - Synthesis / Transformation (5 x 2 marks)

For each of the questions 66 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. Paul could have chicken rice for dinner. He could also have duck rice for dinner.

_____ either _____

_____

67. The team of volunteers cleaned up the dirty apartment yesterday.

The dirty apartment _____

_____

68. Aunt Sally wrote a shopping list. She did not want to miss out on any item.

In order not to _____

_____

69. Teddy has won many swimming competitions. He received a scholarship to further his studies.

_____ who _____

_____

70. As a child, Lynn was an amazing singer. She is still an amazing singer.

_____ since _____

_____

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It was a huge act that touched me. Tears filled my eyes and I thought in disbelief about how much Mother must love me to give up her Christmas gift so that I could have one more present. 35

That Christmas had such an impact on me that I fondly remember it till today. As I have my own children now, seeing the happiness on their faces when they receive gifts, I can understand Mother's action then. I see how she was not giving up her Christmas gift as I had thought.

Instead, she was finding an even greater joy in her Christmas because giving truly is better than receiving. 40

Adapted from Chicken Soup for the Soul "It's Christmas!"

71. What would the author do when she was alone during Christmas? (2m)

_____

_____

72. Why did the author feel that she should keep her cool about getting Christmas presents? (2m)

_____

_____

73. Choose words from **paragraphs 1 ~~and~~ 2** which have similar meanings to the words below. (3m)

seize	
studied	
pamper	

74. Which four-word phrase from **lines 5 - 10** tells us that the author's family had to watch their spending? (1m)

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75. Why did Mother warn the children to **not to be disappointed** in **paragraph 2**? (2m)

_____

_____

76. Based on the passage, 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 author could open presents whenever she liked.		
Father kept his promise to Mother		
The author accepted the hair dryer immediately.		

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77. Write **1, 2** and **3** in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage. (1m)

_____ The presents were placed under the Christmas tree.

_____ Mother prepared another present for the author.

_____ The author remembered the recipients for each present.

78. Why did the author not understand the joyful look on Mother's face in line 26? (2m)

_____

_____

79. Why did the author cry when she received the hair dryer from Mother? (2m)

_____

_____

80. In lines 38 & 39, the author states that she understood how her mother was "not giving up her Christmas gift". What did the author mean by this? (2m)

_____

_____

End of Paper

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ANSWER SHEET

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Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
2	4	3	2	3	1	4	2	4	3	3	N	H	J	M	B	E

Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
K	Q	C	F

39)persuaded 40)aside 41)taken 42)association 43)were

44)clamoured 45)reluctance 46)beliefs 47)for 48)feasible

49)need 50)diverse 51)up 52)help 53)only

54)animals 55)but 56)sense 57)After 58)the

59)until 60)one 61)left 62)researches 63)reason

64)decrease 65)mountains

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66)Paul could have either chicken rice or duck rice for dinner.

67)The dirty apartment was cleaned up by the team of volunteers yesterday.

68)In order not to miss out on any item, Aunt Sally wrote a shopping list.

69)Teddy who has won many swimming competitions, received a scholarship to further his studies.

70)Lynn has been an amazing singer since she was a child.

71)The author would grab the chance to check each present under the Christmas tree and read every tag and feel every package. Then, she would make guesses of the contents in the present.

72)The author felt that she should keep her cool because she was too old to be excited and she was the oldest child and her Mother's "grown up girl" so she had to keep her cool in front of her siblings.

73)grab
examined
spoil

74)tighten our purse strings

75)Mother warned the children because there would not be so many presents that year as their father lost his job.

76)False = The author had to wait for father's permission before opening the presents.
True = Father bought a hair dryer for Mother as a Christmas day present.
False = The author refused to accept the hair dryer at first and she pushed it back to Mother.

77)1, 3, 2

78)She thought that receiving presents was a great joy and could not understand why Mother would give her the present that was meant for her.

79)She was touched by her Mother's act of selfness.

80)It means that the author's Mother still felt the joy of Christmas when she saw the author's happy face as she received the gift.

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
PRIMARY 5

Name: _____ Marks 28

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TOTAL DURATION FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 min

BOOKLET A

Instructions to Pupils:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Read the questions and follow all the instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 28 questions (Questions 1 to 28).
4. **Answer ALL the questions and shade them in the correct ovals on the OAS provided.**

* This paper consists of 12 pages altogether (including this page)

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For each question, from 1 to 10, shade your answer (1,2,3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

1. "Did you _____ the chicken curry for Mr Rai yesterday?" asked Rachel.

   (1) cook
   (2) cooks
   (3) cooked
   (4) had cooked

2. The bodybuilder trained hard daily _____ he would win a medal one day.

   (1) since
   (2) unless
   (3) so that
   (4) because

3. Mr Lim, as well as his children, _____ at Science Centre now.

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

4. Jeremy apologised _____ his rude behaviour yesterday and promised not to do it again.

   (1) at
   (2) of
   (3) for
   (4) about

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5. I wonder _____ has donated these beautiful clothes for the charity drive.

(1) who
(2) what
(3) which
(4) whom

6. Had it not been for her quick thinking, I _____ in the deep waters.

(1) will perish
(2) would perish
(3) will have perished
(4) would have perished

7. One of the articles James _____ was published in the latest issue of Pet's magazine.

(1) is written
(2) had written
(3) was written
(4) will be writing

8. You cannot play computer games _____ you have finished your homework.

(1) if
(2) so
(3) unless
(4) despite

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9. Our project is still in a mess. Sarah's team and Justin's team have already completed _____.

(1) his
(2) hers
(3) ours
(4) theirs

10. My grandfather had sustained a broken back while working. _____, he had to use a wheelchair for several months.

(1) However
(2) Otherwise
(3) Nonetheless
(4) Consequently

For each question from 11 to 15, shade your answer (1,2,3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

11. The MRT service will _____ as soon as the repair works are completed.

(1) revive
(2) resume
(3) reserve
(4) reinstate

12. The doorway was so low that Dave and Kumar had to _____ in order to go through it.

(1) stoop
(2) stretch
(3) huddle
(4) recline

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13. Ann was _____ as she did not win the marathon. She had been training four times a week for the past six months.

(1) troubled
(2) exhausted
(3) disheartened
(4) overwhelmed

14. When too many of an animal species are killed, there will be an _____ in the ecosystem.

(1) attack
(2) invasion
(3) imbalance
(4) unevenness

15. This latest _____ involving the well-known actor in the scandal has shocked a lot of people.

(1) issue
(2) episode
(3) problem
(4) adventure

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For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1,2,3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

An elderly lady did her grocery shopping and upon returning to her car, she found four males trying to **steal** (16) her vehicle. She dropped her shopping bags and screamed at the top of her lungs, "I have a gun and I know how to use it! Get out of the car!" The four men did not wait for a second **warning** (17). They got out and ran frantically. The lady was so **flustered** (18) that she quickly loaded her shopping bags into the back of the car and got into the driver's seat. She tried **over and over again** (19) to get her key into the ignition, however, she could not. It was then that she realised why. It was for the same reason that she was **puzzled** (20) as to why there was a football, hockey sticks and jerseys in the car. A few minutes later, she found her own car parked four or five spaces further down. In the meantime, the four males had reported a car hijacking by an elderly woman.

16. (1) hijack
(2) kidnap
(3) blackmail
(4) confiscate

17. (1) risk
(2) threat
(3) notice
(4) reminder

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18. (1) shaken
(2) anxious
(3) nervous
(4) intimidated

19. (1) regularly
(2) frequently
(3) repeatedly
(4) consistently

20. (1) amazed
(2) surprised
(3) dismayed
(4) bewildered

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Visual Text Comprehension

Study this advertisement carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28. (8 marks)

ANIMALS AT THE ZOO

7 November to 25 November 2014

Zoos have an important role to play in conservation. They help to protect, preserve and restore wildlife and their habitats. Zoos bear the responsibility of educating the public and creating awareness about the dwindling numbers in the animal kingdom through various activities. In line with these aims, The Singapore Zoo is the most successful conservation park in the world.

Opening Hours
8.30am to 6.00pm daily
(Last ticket sale will be at 5.30pm)

BUY TICKETS TO HELP THE GIRAFFES!

- Discount of 5% applies to online purchase of adult and child tickets only.
- For purchase of a single ticket, show your NTUC card and members will be eligible for a 15% discount.

(All sales proceeds will be donated to the Giraffe Conservation Foundation Fund)

GIRAFFE CONSERVATION FOUNDATION FUND

For 3 weeks this November, giraffes from West Africa will be making a special appearance at The Singapore Zoo.
These animals are on the brink of extinction.
They live on land that is shared by many villages.
Farmers living in these villages have been clearing their land for crop cultivation. This has forced the giraffes to move to other areas to find food, making them targets for poachers.

Make your contribution to the conservation fund by purchasing tickets to see these special guests.

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CONSERVATION OUTREACH: DO YOUR PART!

Be Responsible,
Save these animals!

Tigers are killed for their bones, elephants for their meat, rhinoceros for their horns and turtles for their shells.

Let's do our part in conservation.

Pledge :

- not to buy souvenirs made from endangered animal parts
- not to keep wild animals as pets
- not to buy wild animals with the intention to rescue them

Spread the Word!

- Take the first step not to support the sale of any animal product.
- Go through the ingredient list of traditional medicines before you buy them.

Weekend Highlights:
Venue: Fragile Forest

The Singapore Zoo sets up booths each year to educate the public on Wildlife Conservation.

This year, the zoo hopes to raise awareness on the threats to wildlife due to poaching.

Come down and check out the exhibits on 16th November 2014. Learn about conservation efforts!

Calendar Design Competition

Do your part to help raise funds for rescued animals!

We invite all children from 7 to 12 years old to submit their artwork of an endangered or extinct animal. Selected entries will be featured in 2015 calendars.

Entry Criteria:

- Select an endangered or extinct animal.
- Include images and an appropriate caption.
- Include a short write-up explaining why the animal is endangered or extinct.

Submit artwork to the Zoo by 15 November 2014.
For more information, log on to:
www.zoo.com.sg

Attractive prizes:

1st prize	1 year free admission family pass to The Singapore Zoo
2nd prize	1 day free entry pass for a family of four
3rd prize	Canon digital camera
20 Consolation prizes of a specially designed T-shirt	

Organiser:
Animal Rescue Centre

Jointly organised by:
Wild Life Conservation
GOLDEN HEARTS

Sponsor
The Singapore Zoo

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For each question from 21 to 28, choose the most appropriate option and shade the correct oval (1,2,3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

21. The **main** purpose of the advertisement is to _____.

(1) welcome the arrival of the giraffes

(2) offer discounts for entrance tickets

(3) promote the calendar design competition

(4) inform the public about animal conservation

22. According to the passage, why is The Singapore Zoo one of the most successful conservation parks in the region? It has _____.

(1) a partnership with the zoo in West Africa

(2) raised funds for different types of animals

(3) many types of endangered animals in the park

(4) many programmes to educate the public and create awareness

23. The giraffes in West Africa have been forced to move to a different land so as to _____.

(1) escape from poachers

(2) clear the land for the farmers

(3) look for alternative food source

(4) prevent themselves from becoming extinct

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24. The main sponsor of the event is _____.

(1) Golden Hearts

(2) The Singapore Zoo

(3) Wildlife Conservation

(4) Animal Rescue Centre

25. To participate in the "Calendar Design Competition", you need to _____.

(1) seek your parent's approval

(2) adopt an endangered and extinct animal

(3) raise funds for the Animal Rescue Centre

(4) submit a short write-up about an endangered or extinct animal

26. According to the advertisement, what should consumers do in order to save the endangered animals?
They should _____.

(1) buy wild animals as a pet

(2) buy any type of souvenirs

(3) support the sale of animal products

(4) check the ingredients of traditional medicines before purchase

27. Which word in the advertisement has the same meaning as reducing in number?

(1) restoring

(2) dwindling

(3) preserving

(4) cultivating

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28. Which of these statements is true?

(1) NTUC members will get a 5% discount upon purchase of tickets.

(2) Exhibition booths by The Singapore Zoo are held at the Fragile Forest.

(3) All top prize winners of the calendar design competition will win an entry pass into the zoo.

(4) Readers can pledge about saving the endangered animals by logging on to www.zoo.com.sg.

End of Booklet A

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CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT 2, 2014
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
PRIMARY 5

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Date: 18 August 2014 Parent's Signature: _____

TOTAL DURATION FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 min

BOOKLET B

Instructions to Pupils:
1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Read the questions and follow all the instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 52 questions (Questions 29 to 80).
4. **Answer ALL the questions and write all the answers in this booklet.**

	Maximum	Marks Obtained
Booklet A	28	
Booklet B	67	
Total	95	

Component	Question Numbers	Marks Obtained
Comprehension Cloze	51 – 65	
Comprehension Open-ended	71 – 80	

* This booklet consists of 9 pages altogether (including this page).
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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. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) much	(D) in	(G) enough	(K) behind	(N) where
(B) before	(E) even	(H) among	(L) despite	(P) although
(C) when	(F) for	(J) only	(M) nonetheless	(Q) ahead

When Salim was born, he was diagnosed with a learning disability. Due to his condition, he was enrolled (29)_____ a special school. However, he was transferred to a mainstream school within a month because he was found to be way (30)_____ of his classmates at the special school (31) _____ he worked hard to do well, Salim struggled with his studies. When he was in secondary school, he failed all subjects except English.

After completing his national service, Salim tried to look (32) _____ a job but he could not get one (33)_____after six months. Reflecting on his situation, he decided to upgrade his qualifications. The (34) _____ course that was suitable for him was at the Institute of Technical Education (ITE). He had many difficulties coping during the first year, (35) _____ he persevered. After three years of studies at ITE, Salim did well (36)_____ to enter the polytechnic.

Salim did not give up in his quest to succeed and with (37) _____ determination, he finally graduated and even topped the class. Today, he is a supervisor at a five-star hotel. Mr Michael Chandran, his tutor at the polytechnic said, "Salim is (38)_____ he is today due to his own efforts. He is proof that anyone can succeed with hard work and determination."

Adapted from an article in The New Paper dated 3 June 2014

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Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (12 marks)

Mr Arnold Leong has lived in Tiong Bahru for more than ten years. He

(39)

often visits the shops around the neberhood during his leisure time. Mr Leong has

(40)

a sense of humorous and the shopkeepers enjoy chatting with him. He has become

(41)

a well-known pursenaliti in the estate and forged many friendships with

the shopkeepers.

(42)

However, the estate has been repidlee changing in recent years. Several

(43)

shopkeepers have retired due to old age and new biznesmen have bought over

(44)

the shophouses. There are also newly-opened shops sell more trendy items.

(45)

Mr Leong laments "The area has lost its charm. The tredishenel shops

(46)

have been replaced by those that offer products which was found at any modern

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shopping mall. I miss the old feel of the place." Other residents also share Mr

(47)

Leong's sentiments. Those who have been bring up in the area agree that the

(48)

changes have resulted with a loss of identity as they are no longer able to visit

(49)

places they used to freekwent.

(50)

"It is sad to see things slow disappearing," says a disappointed Mr Leong.

To preserve memories, Mr Leong is planning a project to record the history of the area.

Adapted from an article in The Sunday Times dated 14 April 2013

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15 marks)

Singapore intends to increase the use of underground spaces in future. This is necessary as Singapore's (51) _____ is expected to increase to 6.9 million people by the year 2030. By building underground, space above the land can be freed (52)_____ for building houses and parks.

Mr Ang, an engineer, says, "The underground spaces will have different uses. Utilities (53) _____ as cables, water and gas pipes will be installed. We also have plans (54) _____ offices and shopping malls to be built. Dangerous materials like oil will be stored deep below the ground where (55)_____ like granite is found. Granite is a type of rock which is six times stronger (56)_____ concrete." If the plans are successful, Mr Ang believes that Singaporeans can look (57)_____ to a better quality of life.

Unfortunately, not everyone (58)_____ with Mr Ang's opinion. In fact, a few experts are (59) _____ about the safety of the underground project. A newspaper published an (60)_____ recently about sinkholes appearing in different places in Singapore. "Those sinkholes (61)_____ caused by water pipes bursting. The damage to the pipes was (62)_____ to the construction on the Downtown MRT Line," says Mr Jim Smith, a soil expert. "Rainwater can seep into cracks between rocks and soil even as (63) _____ as 40 metres underground. Such rocks become weak and soft (64)_____ a period of time."

Mr Smith's worry is that soil erosion will (65) _____ underground construction more difficult and dangerous. "More research is needed to learn how this problem can be solved," says Mr Smith.

Adapted from an article in The Straits Times dated 16 April 2013

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For each of the questions 66 to 70, 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 sentence(s). (10 marks)

66. Kane was fined. He parked his car illegally.

_____ so

_____

67. The boys do not like sports. Mary does not like sports as well.

Neither _____

_____

68. Jill trains daily. She will perform well during the competition.

_____ unless

_____

69. I was envious when my sister received the top student award.

Much _____

_____

70. Carl had posted the letter this morning.

The letter _____

_____

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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

Alfie was driving home from the supermarket. It was 8 p.m. and as traffic was heavy, his mind drifted. His thoughts were suddenly interrupted by a loud roar. "Oh my goodness!" he shouted. Further up the road, flames reached so high that they brushed the top of the street lamp. Brake lights flashed as traffic slowed to a crawl. 5

Up ahead, Alfie saw a tangle of crushed vehicles. A pickup truck had collided into a police patrol car which in turn smashed into the lamp post, crumpling the police car. The wreck looked like a crazy metallic structure, set in a mammoth bonfire. Through the smoke and flames, Alfie could see a policeman lying on the ground, under what was left of the patrol car. He was trying to crawl away from the wreck but seemed unable to move. 10

Alfie immediately grabbed the bottle of water that he had bought earlier at the supermarket, stopped his car and jumped out. Then, he quickly ran towards the stricken policeman. Onlookers screamed as he raced by. "Don't go there!" one of them yelled at Alfie. "The tank of the truck is going to explode!" Alfie shouted back, "I have to help him!" He was furious that none of the onlookers had made a move to rescue the policeman. Another voice shrieked, "Are you crazy? Get away from there!" Alfie ignored the voices in the crowd. 15

The orange tentacles of the blaze were reaching out to him as he approached the patrol car. Flames were engulfing the policeman's body. Alfie took off his jacket and soaked it with the water. He put it on the policeman's body to put out the fire. It went out with a sickening sizzle. The smell of petrol was overpowering. As Alfie knelt down by the policeman to check his condition, he discovered that the man's left leg was broken. 20

"Can you move?" Alfie asked. The policeman's eyes were closed and he did not respond. He was too heavy for Alfie to lift so he gently dragged him as far away from the blaze as possible. Still no one came forward to assist. The fire that had engulfed the patrol car was hungrily lapping at the front of the pickup truck and eating away under the hood of the engine. The tank could explode at any moment. A voice cried out, "There's someone inside!" 25 30

Alfie glanced up at <u>it</u> and saw an unconscious woman in the driver's seat. He ran to the door but it was locked. He pounded the window with his bare fists, oblivious to the pain. The glass finally broke into pieces and Alfie reached in to press the button to unlock the door. Swinging it open, he grabbed the woman and carried her over his shoulder to the spot where he had left the policeman. 35

As Alfie sat on the ground to catch his breath, flashing lights and sirens signalled the arrival of the police and ambulance. Both victims were whisked away to the hospital. "You're a hero, young man," a few of the onlookers praised Alfie. He simply looked at them with an angry glare as he walked back to his car.

Adapted from Against the Flames, Anita Bartholomew, Reader's Digest Magazine, March 1999

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71. Which word in the first paragraph means 'wandered'? (1m)

72. Write 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story. (2m)

_____ The patrol car caught fire.

_____ There was a loud roar.

_____ The patrol car hit the lamp post.

_____ The pickup truck hit the patrol car.

73. Explain clearly why the policeman was 'unable to move' in line 11. (2m)

_____

_____

74. What was Alfie warned against doing in **paragraph 3**? (2m)

_____

_____

75. Why did Alfie soak his jacket with water? (2m)

_____

_____

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76. Find words from **paragraphs 3 and 4** which have similar meanings to the words below. (3m)

Words to replace	Answer
• hissing sound	
• bystanders	
• surrounding	

77. Why did Alfie drag the policeman as far away as possible from the wreckage? (2m)

_____

_____

78. What does the word **'it'** in line 31 refer to? (2m)

_____

_____

79. What were the **two** actions Alfie had to take to unlock the door to rescue the young woman? (2m)

(i) _____

(ii) _____

80. Why did Alfie feel angry even when he was praised for rescuing the accident victims? **Support your answer with information from the passage.** (2m)

_____

_____

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ANSWER SHEET

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SCHOOL : ROSYTH
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TERM : CA2

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

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
1	3	4	4	4	3	2	4	4	2	2	D	Q	P	F	E	J

Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
M	G	A	N

39)neighbourhood 40)humour 41)personality 42)rapidly

43)businessmen 44)selling 45)traditional 46)are

47)brought 48)in 49)frequent 50)slowly 51)population

52)up 53)such 54)for 55)rocks 56)than 57)forward

58)agrees/concurs 59)worried 60)article 61)were

62)due/attributed 63)deep 64)over/after 65)make

66)Kane parked his car illegally so he was fined.

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67)Neither Mary nor the boys like sports.

68)Jill will not perform well during the competition unless she trains daily.

69)Much to my envy my sister received the top student award.

70)The letter had been posted by Carl this morning.

71)Drifted

72)3, 4, 2, 1

73)The policeman was trapped under the wreckage of the patrol car and had broken his left leg.

74)He was warned against saving the policeman from the wreckage.

75)He wanted to put in to the policemen's body to put out the fire.

76)sizzle
onlookers
engulfing

77)If the truck exploded the policeman would not die.

78)The word 'it' refers to the pick-up truck.

79)i)He pounded on the glass window till it finally broke.
ii)He reached in to press the unlock button, swung it open, and grabbed the women.

80)He was angry at the onlookers that only stood there worrying and did not help him.

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CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2014

PRIMARY FIVE

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET A

Name: _____ (

Class: Primary Five _____

19 May 2014

28 Questions
(28 Marks)

Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

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1. John saw All _____ the pages from the library book.

   (1) tear
   (2) tore
   (3) tears
   (4) is tearing

2. The director called _____ the meeting as his flight had been delayed

   (1) on
   (2) up
   (3) off
   (4) back

3. "Doesn't Dave _____ any manners? Why is he acting like a spoilt brat?" asked Mr Tan.

   (1) has
   (2) had
   (3) have
   (4) has had

4. _____ the rabbit was running very fast, the boy managed to catch it.

   (1) Despite
   (2) Owing to
   (3) Although
   (4) In spite of

5. One of the boys _____ injured during the game last week. He has not recovered yet.

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

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6. Neither my parents nor I _____ going to attend the party next week.

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

7. Ken _____ an Air Force pilot if his mother had not objected to him pursuing his dream.

(1) will become
(2) would become
(3) will have become
(4) would have become

8. John hardly ever went overseas when he was in primary school, _____ he?

(1) did
(2) does
(3) don't
(4) didn't

9. The woman _____ you met at the supermarket is my mother.

(1) who
(2) which
(3) whom
(4) whose

10. Miss Foong has been working in the DDS Bank _____ 2008.

(1) of
(2) for
(3) since
(4) when

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11. When the patient in the hospital turned violent, it took four male nurses to _____ him so that he would not harm others.

(1) retain
(2) rectify
(3) restrict
(4) restrain

12. In Robotics Club, you learn how to make an _____ object obey your voice commands and move accordingly.

(1) inset
(2) inborn
(3) induced
(4) inanimate

13. The python _____ across the room and hid under the cabinet.

(1) ambled
(2) crawled
(3) scurried
(4) slithered

14. The pictures are _____ to this article. They really help the readers to visualise and have a better understanding of the content.

(1) commentary
(2) contradictory
(3) complimentary
(4) complementary

15. John _____ through the open window into the garden in search of his sister while playing hide-and-seek.

(1) peered
(2) beamed
(3) squinted
(4) glowered

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For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

Squirty was already up and about when I reached her den. I had been hoping to quietly film her **(16)** **looking after** any cubs she might have had this year. Instead, she greeted me with a soft "mmm, mmm, mmm" appeasement call. I took off my backpack, which contained a **(17)** **rather large** quantity of camera devices, and brought out the grapes I was carrying as a treat for her.

However, Squirty was not impressed. I have known this black, female bear for 17 years – I first met her when she was seven weeks old – and she sees me as a member of the clan. Yet I am not **(18)** **free** from her wrath. Bears lay down rules when they form alliances and social contracts, and punish those who break them. In Squirty's eyes, I had done just that.

She must have believed that there was something more exciting to eat in my backpack, and made a move for it. I was leaning against a tree on a steep incline, so Squirty had the advantage. She grabbed the straps of the backpack and pulled. I held on and shook the backpack, hoping to **(19)** **retrieve** my photographic equipment – it was worth $4,000. One of the cameras fell to the ground. Then Squirty started making aggressive "huh, huh, huh" sounds and I knew I had to **(20)** **give up**. I did not want to aggravate her further.

Adapted from: *Tales from the Bush*, BBC Wildlife, Dec 2013

16. (1) curing
    (2) nursing
    (3) treating
    (4) fostering

17. (1) compact
    (2) bountiful
    (3) considerable
    (4) astronomical

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18. (1) spared
(2) liberated
(3) released
(4) disengaged

19. (1) recall
(2) recover
(3) replenish
(4) repossess

20. (1) yield
(2) resign
(3) abandon
(4) renounce

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Study the following flyer and then answer questions 21 to 28.

PROJECT BUILD & BLESS

Have you made a difference?

Many homes in the Philippines were destroyed by the recent typhoon and earthquake. Volunteer to help the people rebuild their homes.

Sign up Now!

PROJECT BUILD & BLESS

1 to 21 June 2014
Bohol Island, Philippines
$500 per participant

To find out more about our project and how you can contribute, attend our roadshow held from 1 to 14 March, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily, at Marshall Hall, Moontec Convention Centre.

A free pre-trip health-screening test will be available at the roadshow for anyone who signs up on the spot.

Alternatively, sign up online at *www.bnb.sg* and go for a free pre-trip health-screening test at selected clinics.

Organised by:

Reach Out Community Services

AP Health Organisation

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The following reflection was written by Anna Goh, a Project Build & Bless participant in 2013.

Last June, I gave in to the nudging of friends and participated in Project Build & Bless. My friends have been involved in such projects for years.

I knew that they were meaningful, but I was unwilling to give up the comforts of my home for people I did not know. I was willing to donate some money like I always did but had no desire to be physically involved. I asked myself: what difference would it make? Even if I was not there helping, someone else would be.

However, life often does not turn out as planned. I lost my job of eight years and was depressed. I could not seem to find a new job and was constantly whining about how unfair life was, and how much I had to suffer. When my friends encouraged me to join them for the project again, I finally agreed. I did so, as I could not help myself and simply wanted to be of service to others.

The month that followed that decision will always be vivid in my mind. The smiles on the faces of the children we were teaching, the genuine happiness and generosity of the people whom we had labelled poor and needy, the lessons in life that we never thought we would pick up from those "less fortunate" than us...

In truth, the people whom I thought we were showing kindness and bringing blessings to helped me appreciate life and see things in a different light. The experience was one of the best things that had ever happened to me.

"You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you."
~ John Bunyan

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21. Based on the flyer, which one of the following is **not** true about Project Build & Bless?

    (1) Volunteers will receive a free health check.
    (2) The project will take place in the month of June.
    (3) The project will require volunteers to build schools.
    (4) Volunteers will have to pay to participate in the project.

22. To find out more about the project, interested parties can _____.

    (1) visit the website www.bnb.sg
    (2) attend a roadshow held in March
    (3) visit Bohol Island in the Philippines
    (4) contact Reach Out Community Services

23. The word "they" in the second paragraph of Anna's reflection refers to _____.

    (1) Anna's friends
    (2) the comforts of Anna's home
    (3) the victims in the Philippines
    (4) projects like Project Build & Bless

24. Which one of the following can be said about Anna?
    She had _____.

    (1) some compassionate friends
    (2) just started working in a new job
    (3) never donated to a charitable organisation
    (4) taken part in projects like Project Build & Bless before 2013

25. What **eventually prompted** Anna to sign up for Project Build & Bless?
    She _____.

    (1) had time to spare
    (2) had heard about how meaningful the project was
    (3) wanted to learn some lessons in life from the less fortunate
    (4) wanted to help the victims of the Philippines' natural disaster

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26. Which one of the following statements describes Anna's opinion after she had participated in Project Build & Bless?
She _____.

(1) could make a difference by donating more money
(2) could learn more about life from the poor and needy
(3) would need to be fit and strong to make a difference
(4) would have to bear with uncomfortable living conditions

27. The **most likely** reason that Anna's reflection was included in the flyer is to _____.

(1) attract volunteers by sharing a participant's positive experience
(2) let people know more about the project by sharing the victims' tragic stories
(3) show appreciation for Anna's kindness by sharing about the difference she had made
(4) change what people thought of the poor and needy by sharing about how happy and generous they were

28. The **main** purpose of the flyer is to _____.

(1) educate people about rebuilding their homes
(2) encourage people to get involved in voluntary work
(3) inform volunteers of the need to go for health screening
(4) tell volunteers that they have made a difference in the lives of others

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PRIMARY FIVE
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET B

Name: _____ ( )

Class: Primary Five _____

19 May 2014

52 Questions
(67 Marks)

Components	Marks
Booklet A	/28
Booklet B	/67
TOTAL	/95

Parent's Signature: _____

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EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) a	(D) but	(G) its	(K) of	(N) there
(B) as	(E) however	(H) like	(L) the	(P) where
(C) because	(F) instead	(J) more	(M) their	(Q) with

The average life expectancy of an ant is 45-60 days. Ants use (29) _____ antennae not only for touch (30) _____ also for their sense of smell. The ant has a pair of large, strong jaws. The jaws open and shut sideways (31) _____ a pair of scissors. Adult ants cannot chew and swallow solid food, so they swallow the juice which they squeeze from pieces of food (32) _____ They discard the dry part that is left over. The ant has two compound eyes, each made up (33) _____ many smaller eyes.

The abdomen of an ant contains two stomachs. One stomach holds the food for itself while the second stomach is for food to be shared (34) _____ other ants. Like all insects, the outside of the ant's body is covered with a hard armour which is called (35) _____ exoskeleton. Ants have four distinct growing stages: the egg, larva, pupa and adult. Biologists classify ants (36) _____ a special group of wasps. (37) _____ are over 10000 known species of ants. Each ant colony has one or (38) _____ queens. Queen ants are reproductive female ants in an ant colony and have one of the longest life-spans of any known insect – up to 30 years!

Adapted from: The World of Ants

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Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each <u>underlined</u> word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box. (12 marks)

Have you ever wondered just how much work goes into the copy of the newspaper that arrives at your doorstep every morning? Indeed the speed <u>in</u> which 39. [ ]

yesterday's news, and even news received via the internet in the wee hours of the morning, become print is simply **amasing!** The editor of a newspaper makes sure that 40. [ ]

the paper is ready to be **publeashed** by looking over the draft before it is sent for printing. He also pens his **opeenien** in the editorial on certain issues. However, before 41. [ ]

he gets the final draft, it is the sub-editor who <u>correct</u> the language mistakes made. Why then, you might <u>asked</u>, are there still errors and misprints? Often, the time taken to 42. [ ]

correct the write-ups from the journalists or the e-mailed reports from the overseas 43. [ ]

politikle correspondents is so short that these cannot be avoided. After the draft has 44. [ ]

been <u>editing</u>, it will be sent for printing. Once the newspapers are ready, the main 45. [ ]

distributors will deliver <u>it</u> to the newsagents or newspaper vendors and they will in turn 46. [ ]

make sure that their **supseribars** get them in time for their early morning reading. Now 47. [ ]

you know how tough it <u>was</u> to get that copy of newspaper to you on time. Let us all be 48. [ ]

payshent when that newspaper arrives a little late at our doorstep. 49. [ ]

50. [ ]

Adapted from: The Amazing Fact of Print

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Fill in the blanks with the most suitable answer. (15 marks)

While the earliest known historical records of Singapore are shrouded in the mists of time, a third-century account describes it as *Temasek* or Sea Town where the first settlements were established between AD1298 (51) _____ 1299.

During the 14th century, this small island earned a new name. (52)_____ to a legend, Sang Nila Utama, a prince from Palembang, was out on a hunting trip when he (53)_____ sight of an animal he had never seen before. Taking it to be a good sign, he named the island where the (54)_____ had been spotted *Singapura*, also known as Lion City. The small (55)_____ was ruled by the five ancient kings.

Strategically (56)_____ at the tip of the Malay Peninsula, the natural meeting point of sea routes, the island (57)_____ as a flourishing trading post for a wide variety of sea vessels including Chinese junks, Indian vessels and Portuguese battleships.

The next important period in the history of (58) _____ was during the 19th century when modern Singapore was founded. At this time, Singapore was already an (59)_____ and coming trading post along the Malacca Straits. It was at that time when Great Britain started to see the need (60)_____ a port of call in the region. In particular, British traders needed a (61)_____ location as a base for the merchant fleet of their growing empire.

Sir Stamford Raffles landed in Singapore (62)_____ 29 January 1819 after surveying the neighbouring islands. Recognising the great potential of the island, he signed a treaty with the local rulers and established Singapore as a (63)_____ station. Soon, the island's policy of free trade attracted traders and merchants from all over the globe.

(64)_____ 1832, Singapore became the centre of government for the Straits Settlements. With the opening of the Suez Canal in 1869 and the introduction of the steamship, Singapore's importance as a centre of the expanding trade between the East and West (65)_____ tremendously between 1873 and 1913. Its prosperity attracted immigrants from around the region.

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For each of the questions from 66 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).(10 marks)

66. I covered my eyes quickly. I did not want the fine sand particles to affect my eyesight.

_____ so that

_____.

67. Jeffrey seemed to be losing the match. He refused to give up the fight.

_____ although

_____

68. "Where is the noise coming from?" Sunil asked Bala.

Sunil asked _____

_____

69. Sean had injured his ankle but managed to complete the race.

_____ in spite of

_____

70. The car is washed by Jennifer every day

Jennifer _____

_____

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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

The truck driver was enjoying his meal at a local restaurant and happened to look towards the door when it opened. That was probably the only reason he ever paid attention to the old lady who came in. She was quite ordinary-looking, a little bent, with wisps of white hair under her hat.

He bit into his hamburger and expected the lady to disappear into one of the booths quietly. **What happened next caught him by surprise.** There was the sound of running footsteps. Soon, the owner and the waitresses hurried from behind the counter to meet the old lady.

"Mrs Cosby!" they shouted. The old lady smiled and greeted them all, "Susan, Bob, Alyssa, Carmen, good to see you all." "Very good, indeed, Mrs Cosby!" Bob, the owner said. "Now, let me take your coat," he continued. The truck driver watched with interest. **This** was something he had never seen before. He had never seen an owner of a restaurant help anyone out of his or her coat before and he had been driving across the country for quite a few years.

"I shall bring you a little soup first. Then you can decide what it is you wish to eat this time," Alyssa smiled and returned to the kitchen. "Let me tidy up your table," Susan said.

Out of sheer curiosity, the truck driver waited, watching in awe at how the waitresses **did everything in their power** to make the old lady really enjoy her meal. When she was finished, Bob refused to take any payment from her. He escorted her to the door and stood there, waving as long as it took her to reach the corner and turn out of sight. Then he turned and realised that the truck driver had been observing him.

"Would you like to listen to a story?" he said as he sat down across the driver. "You know how every school seems to have a class that everyone thinks will never graduate? Trouble makers, that was what we were," Bob smiled as he looked in the direction of the waitresses. He continued, "None of our teachers stayed for long. One morning, a new teacher walked in yet again. We looked at Mrs Cosby and gave her

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maybe a week. She looked too soft to be able to handle us. Although we gave her a hard time, she never lost her temper, no matter what we did. Then one day, something happened."

He reminisced, "She opened her briefcase and took out a bunch of papers. We feared the worst – a test. But no, it was something that totally surprised us. She asked each one of us to come to the front of the class, one by one, and gave us each a paper. In each paper, she had written what we had been good at during the last month."

"Mrs Cosby did that every month from then on. Her positive attitude transformed our class. We did not want to hurt her feelings anymore and actually started to study. On the day of our graduation, Mrs Cosby hugged each and every one of us, and told us with tears in her eyes how proud she was of us."

"She had turned a bunch of misfits into people who could achieve great things – because we believed in ourselves and went on to fulfil our dreams. Maybe, now you understand why that old lady deserves all the respect we can give her," Bob concluded.

(Adapted from Reader's Digest June 2007)

71. Which 3-word phrase in paragraph 1 tells us that the truck driver was not paying any special attention to the old lady when she first walked in? [1m]

72. **"What happened next caught him by surprise."** (line 6). Why was the truck driver surprised? [2m]

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73. What does the word **'This'** in line 12 refer to? [2m]

_____

_____

74. What does the phrase **'did everything in their power'** in line 19 tell you about how the waitresses felt about Mrs Cosby? [1m]

_____

_____

75. Choose words from paragraphs 5 and 6 which have similar meanings to the words below. Write only one word in each box. [3m]

amazement	
followed	
gentle	

76. Which two-word phrase in paragraph 6 suggests that the class had seen many teachers come and go? [1m]

77. Why was there a change in behaviour of the pupils towards Mrs Cosby after a few months? [2m]

_____

_____

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

_____ Bob narrated his story to the truck driver.

_____ Alyssa offered to bring Mrs Cosby soup from the kitchen.

_____ The truck driver was enjoying his meal at the restaurant.

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79. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [4m]

Statement	True/False & Reason
Mrs Cosby did not manage to change Bob's class for the better.	
Mrs Cosby gave a personal note to every pupil highlighting an area for improvement.	
Mrs Cosby was well respected by Bob.	
Mrs Cosby's pupils became successful in life.	

80. Do you think Mrs Cosby truly cared for her pupils?
Support your answer with 2 evidences from the passage. [3m]

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_____

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EXAM PAPER 2014
LEVEL : PRIMARY 5
SCHOOL : CATHOLIC
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Q1	1	Q21	3	Q41	published	Q61	suitable
Q2	3	Q22	2	Q42	opinion	Q62	on
Q3	3	Q23	4	Q43	corrects	Q63	trading
Q4	3	Q24	1	Q44	ask	Q64	In
Q5	3	Q25	4	Q45	political	Q65	increased
Q6	2	Q26	2	Q46	edited		
Q7	4	Q27	1	Q47	them		
Q8	1	Q28	2	Q48	subscribers		
Q9	3	Q29	M	Q49	is		
Q10	3	Q30	D	Q50	patient		
Q11	4	Q31	H	Q51	and		
Q12	4	Q32	F	Q52	According		
Q13	4	Q33	K	Q53	caught		
Q14	4	Q34	Q	Q54	animals		
Q15	1	Q35	L	Q55	island		
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Q17	3	Q37	N	Q57	served		
Q18	1	Q38	J	Q58	Singapore		
Q19	2	Q39	at	Q59	up		
Q20	1	Q40	amazing	Q60	for		

Q66 I covered my eyes quickly so that the fine sand particles would not affect my eyesight.

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Q68 Sunil asked Bala where the noise was coming from.

Q69 Sean managed to complete the race in spite of the fact that he had injured his ankle.

Q70 Jennifer washes the car every day.

Q71 happened to look

Q72 The truck driver expected the old lady to disappear into one of the booths quietly, instead the owner and waitresses hurried from behind the counter to meet her and even helped her out of her coat.

Q73 It refers to the owner of the restaurant helping the old lady out of her coat.

Q74 It shows that they liked her and respected her.

Q75 awe, escorted, soft

Q76 yet again

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Q77 The students did not want to hurt Mrs Cosby's feelings any more and realised that she cared for them through her actions no matter what they did.

Q78 3, 2, 1

Q79 False Mrs Cosby turned a bunch of misfits, the people in Bob's class, into people who could achieve great things.

False Mrs Cosby gave a personal note to every student highlighting what the students were doing well during the month.

True Bob helped Mrs Cosby out of her coat and was polite to her when he escorted her out of the restaurant by waving until she turned out of sight and he refused to accept payment from Mrs Cosby.

True Her pupils believed in themselves and went on to fulfil their dreams.

Q80 Yes, she did. She was very patient with her class even though they gave her a hard time and encouraged them by giving them personal notes if their strength.

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Primary 5

Semestral Assessment 1

9 May 2014

English Language

Paper 2 Booklet A.

Duration of Paper (Booklets A & B): 1 h 50 min

28 questions
28 marks

Instructions to Candidates:
Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
Follow all instructions carefully.
Answer all questions.

This booklet consists of 10 printed pages and 1 blank page.

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For each question from 1 to 10, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(10 marks)

This comedian is well-known _____ his humorous facial expressions.

(1) in
(2) as
(3) on
(4) for

"_____ is the best painting I have ever seen," Melissa said to the artist, praising him for his good work.

(1) His
(2) Hers
(3) Mine
(4) Yours

Kathy went to a cooking class and enjoyed learning to _____ new dishes.

(1) create
(2) creates
(3) created
(4) creating

"The customers _____ have been very happy with your service. They are full of praise for you," the manager told the waitress.

(1) may
(2) must
(3) could
(4) might

Elissa _____ for the past three hours but still insists on continuing with it.

(1) has revised
(2) had revised
(3) has been revising
(4) had been revising

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My parents bought me a new set of uniform after I _____ mine.

(1) outgrow
(2) had outgrown
(3) have outgrown
(4) was outgrowing

_____ you have enough money, you will not be able to buy a ticket to watch the show.

(1) If
(2) Since
(3) Unless
(4) Although

Meili enjoys her music lessons, _____ she?

(1) do
(2) does
(3) don't
(4) doesn't

The lifestyle of the villagers _____ still very much the same now as it was decades ago.

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

If she _____the lottery, she would have gone for a holiday by now.

(1) won
(2) wins
(3) has won
(4) had won

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For each question from 11 to 15, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(5 mar.

11 My sister loves shopping. She is _____ on the lookout for good bargains.

(1) instantly
(2) constantly
(3) temporarily
(4) occasionally

12 The memory of the terrible accident would forever be _____ in Melissa's mind.

(1) etched
(2) depicted
(3) eradicated
(4) designated

13 All the creatures we share the Earth with are important in some way, no matter how _____ they may seem.

(1) indispensable
(2) insignificant
(3) incorrigible
(4) inevitable

14 My mother would _____ my homework for any mistakes once I have completed them.

(1) look up
(2) look into
(3) look over
(4) look after

15 Tammy always has her own ideas about things. She is not the kind who would get easily influenced by current trends and _____.

(1) sit on the fence
(2) turn over a new leaf
(3) jump on the bandwagon
(4) set the wheels in motion

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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.

(5 marks)

After that fall, I cried for hours, believing that my dream had been shattered. However, my coach and parents coaxed (16) me, daring me to believe in my dream again. It was painful but I managed to get well (17).

Then this past season, things started going right. I finally realised that I had what it takes. I began to really believe in myself, and was finally ready to take on the biggest challenge of my life.

As I entered the stadium, the glare of the sun blocked out all my distractions. This was it. I was the odds-on favourite, having broken the world record in the trial (18). Could I do it again? Would I be the Olympic champion?

I did it! The hot favourite, as well as the rest, was annihilated (19) by me! Some said it was a stroke of luck (20), others said I was finally coming into my own, that I was about to fulfill my potential. It was not a lucky break. It was hard work and determination.

Adapted from 'Let the Games Begin' by Lois Capon

16 (1) enticed
(2) tempted
(3) persuaded
(4) challenged

17 (1) revive
(2) recover
(3) readapt
(4) rehabilitate

18 (1) test
(2) finals
(3) assessment
(4) preliminaries

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19 (1) rumpled
(2) defeated
(3) oppressed
(4) conquered

20 (1) fluke
(2) windfall
(3) incident
(4) accident

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

THE AMAZING SCRABBLE RACE

2nd Inter-School Scrabble Championship

Organised by Woodgrove Community Club and The New Paper
Supported by the Ministry of Youth and Polytechnics Central

Details of the Competition

Date:
7 June 2014 (Saturday) – Preliminary Round
8 June 2014 (Sunday) – Final Round

Time:
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Venue:
Function Room 1, Level 4 Woodgrove Community Club (beside Bottle Tree Park National Library)

Over the upcoming month, more than 500 pupils from primary schools islandwide are expected to compete for the title, Junior Scrabble Champion. This event, organised as one of the activities of Speak Good English week, will see one contestant winning $5000 worth of cash and prizes as well as a challenge trophy for their school. The winner of the competition will also stand a chance to take part in the World Scrabble Championship.

Mr Mohan
Managing Director of Polytechnics Central

We are looking at the holistic development of young minds and are hoping to foster their love for the English language. Those who compete should not only focus on winning. Rather, this should be a good platform for pupils to display values like resilience and sportsmanship.

Registration is now open until 31 May 2014 for the preliminary round. Schools can send up to 10 participants and 2 reserves. Log on to TheAmazingScrabbleRace.edu.sg NOW!

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The Champion

Karen Lim, 12, a student from Republic Primary School, became Singapore's Junior Scrabble Champion 2013, after winning the Amazing Scrabble Race. She beat second-placed Lina Lee, 10, from Mandarin Primary School. The 12-year-old was a stand-out performer among the 200 other participants and she described her experience as amazing. She has a vast vocabulary that most of us would struggle even to pronounce. In the deciding game of the tournament, she scored 98 points for 'coniines', a poison found in hemlock, and 86 for 'bandura', a Ukrainian lute. As the winner of the championship, Karen received $5000 in prize money which she plans to save for the future and a trophy for her school.

Firstly, by taking part in the competition, I have learnt many new words from my fellow competitors. Also, I have learnt how to strategise my options. Most importantly, the competition has taught me how to remain focused under pressure and persevere towards my goals.

Karen Lim, 12
Student from Republic Primary School

Competition Rules

Time Allotted: Each player is allowed THIRTY (30) MINUTES to complete a game and must complete their first move within 5 minutes. There is no time limit on the time taken for subsequent moves. No overtime play is allowed.

Blanks: The two blanks may be played as any desired letter. When blanks are played, the player must state what letter it represents.

Passing: A player may pass his turn any time during the game. The player should state 'PASS' and activate his opponent's clock without playing any tiles on the board.

Challenges: A player may challenge any of the word(s) played by the opponent during the turn itself when the opponent plays the word(s).

Dictionaries, Word Lists & References: Players are NOT ALLOWED to consult any word list, dictionary or any other forms of reference whether electronic or physical, during the game.

Words Disallowance/Not Permitted: Pupils are NOT ALLOWED to use any words that are indicated as obscene, offensive, derogatory, swear, taboo and/or vulgar in the official reference dictionary.

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For each of the questions from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make a choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet

(8 marks)

21 The Amazing Scrabble Race is co-organised by _____.

(1) The New Paper
(2) Bottle Tree Park
(3) Ministry of Youth
(4) Polytechnic Central

22 What does the word ***this*** (***this*** should be a good platform) on page 8 refer to?

(1) the registration
(2) the competition
(3) the preliminary round
(4) the participating schools

23 According to Karen Lim, what was the most important lesson she has learnt from the competition?

(1) to acquire new vocabulary
(2) to persevere to achieve her goals
(3) to strategise her moves during the competition
(4) to apply the spelling rules she was taught in school

24 Throughout the competition, participants can _____.

(1) consult a dictionary during the game
(2) skip his turn only at the beginning of the game
(3) challenge any of the word(s) played by the opponent
(4) use words which are derogatory in the official dictionary

25 Based on the poster, which one of the following is **true**?

(1) Participants will have to participate as a team.
(2) The Amazing Scrabble Race was held once before.
(3) Schools will have to register a month before the preliminary round.
(4) The champion will definitely get to participate in the World Scrabble Competition.

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26 Why are some of the text on page 9 printed in bold?

(1) to encourage the readers to participate
(2) to highlight the importance of some of the points
(3) to add variety to the poster so that it looks interesting
(4) to differentiate the headings, sub-headings and other text

27 What is the **main** purpose of this poster?

(1) to share the benefits of playing scrabble
(2) to educate people on the rules of the Amazing Scrabble Race
(3) to encourage schools to take part in the Amazing Scrabble Race
(4) to promote the attractive prizes to be won by the winner of the competition

28 Some of the information in this poster expresses facts; others are opinions. Which of the following information is an opinion?

(1) More than 500 students will be competing in the Amazing Scrabble Race 2014.
(2) The competition may be used as a platform to develop students' love of English.
(3) Karen Lim won a trophy after becoming Singapore's Junior Scrabble Champion 2013.
(4) A player may challenge any of the word(s) played by the opponent during the turn itself.

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Primary 5

Semestral Assessment 1

9 May 2014

English Language

Paper 2 Booklet B

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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.

(10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

(A) are	(D) despite	(G) for	(K) of	(N) throughout
(B) and	(E) every	(H) from	(L) once	(P) with
(C) between	(F) except	(J) in	(M) since	(Q) were

Twice a week, Gal Barash fills his mobile booth with unique pieces of jewellery fashioned out of basic household items. He then makes a short trip to Tel Aviv, where artists and merchants gather to display, and hopefully sell, an array _____ (29) handmade crafts. "This fair is the best _____ (30) Israeli" explained Barash, an artist born in Tel Aviv.."I remember coming here a coup. of times when I was a kid _____ (31) it amazed me."

This fair is held at the Nachalat Binyamin Market. _____ (32) its establishment in 1988, local Israeli vendors have been taking their small businesses to the historic Nachalat Binyamin Street, which was _____ (33) recognised as the city's longest road. Open-air booths have sprouted up _____ (34) the neighbourhood, offering everything from wooden cabinets to blown glass art. Street performers also occupy the marketplace. _____ (35) stalls, fair-goers could stop and watch performances by robot musicians or street magicians. Curious on-lookers could ever learn a few magic tricks themselves – _____ (36) a small fee, of course.

Nachalat Binyamin Market is a cultural melting pot where visitors _____ (37) various parts of the world come to source for handmade products that _____ (38) made and sold by the artists themselves. To Gal Barash, this market is not only a fascinating place for him to sell his merchandise but also an exciting venue for him to showcase his creativity.

Adapted from 'Travelling Across the World to Experience a Different Culture' by Jacob Schroeder

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

(12 marks)

(39) [ ]

.Tay and I witnessed a beautiful sight on 10 February 2006. The whether was fair and the tide was low. From a distance, Tay and I saw a family of otters happily playing on the bund that

(40) [ ] (41) [ ]

saperated the ponds. It was spectacular as well as entertafnment to see them running around one

(42) [ ]

another, intermittently rubbing their bodies on the sand, marking out their tarytorees with their

(43) [ ] (44) [ ]

scent and okeisionaly standing up on their hind legs to catch a gleampse of us.

(45) [ ]

The family consist of six members - two adults and four pups. From our previous encounters with the family, we saw that the parents often teach the pups how to fish. They would also play

(46) [ ]

with the pups, and in the process, strengthen the bond within the group. This time, we saw it teaching the pups how to mark their territory with the scent produced by the pair of scent glands

(47) [ ]

in the base of their tails

(48) [ ]

The fact that the otters were reproduction showed that Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve is a

(49) [ ]

natural habitat with abundant food for them. However, we should continue to keep the reserve a

(50) [ ]

safe and kondusive habitat for them. Let's do our part to conserve the wetlands!

Adapted from 'A Family Outing' by Jeremy Ang

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15 marks)

You will not find the Bermuda Triangle on a map. However, the name can still strike _____ (51) into the hearts of some people. The Bermuda Triangle's three corners extend from the island of Bermuda to Miami to San Juan. It is in this area that a high number of unexplained disappearances of planes, ships and people have taken _____ (52).

One of the most famous _____ (53) is Flight 19. On 5 December 1945, the US Navy Avenger bomber _____ (54) vanished while on a routine training mission. The flight was led by Lieutenant Charles Taylor, who kept _____ (55) contact on the radio until nothing could be heard. The rescue plane that was sent to _____ (56) for them never made it back either. Two aircrafts and twenty-seven men vanished without a _____ (57), or so it seemed. Did Flight 19 simply crash into the Atlantic Ocean _____ (58) did something more mysterious happen? Where did the rescue plane go?

It is said that more than fifty ships and twenty planes had gone down in the Bermuda Triangle during the last century, _____ (59) it the name 'The Devil's Triangle'. The _____ (60) point in the Atlantic Ocean lies within the Bermuda Triangle. The immeasurable depth of the water might _____ (61) why some planes and ships are never seen or _____ (62) of again.

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More than a few people think the Bermuda Triangle is full of extra-terrestrial activities. In _____ (63), some think that aliens have abducted missing planes and ships. Other people believe the area has several vortexes, usually a swirl of water that sucks in everything near it, that transport the lost planes and ships to _____ (64) time and place. Yet others try to justify it with more logical _____ (65) like weather, lack of experience and strong currents. The Bermuda Triangle is indeed a mystery!

Adapted from http://www.kidzworld.com/article/bermuda-triangle

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For each of the questions 66 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).

(10 marks)

66 Neither Boon Keng nor Ah Huat will be going to the concert.

Both _____

_____

67 You must change your dish cloths regularly or bacteria will grow on them easily.

Unless _____

_____

68 The pupils rushed out of their classroom when they heard the dismissal bell.

Upon _____

_____

69 "When is your tournament?" Amy asked her sister.

Amy asked her sister _____

_____

70 During the party, Rachel was bored so she played games on her mobile phone.

_____ out of

_____

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Read this passage and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

I strung my longbow and set out on the trail that crisp September morning, with Fred some distance ahead of me. The early snow had melted and the woods were damp, making it easy to move along quietly.

As I came over a hill, I saw movement in the trees off to my left after hearing a ruffling noise. At first it was hard to fathom - two brown shapes hurtling into the air, 35 yards away. Then I realised they were first-year grizzly cubs, the size of German shepherds. The cubs had been nursing as the mother lay on her back. At the sight of me, the sow had jumped to her feet and tossed the young bears a distance away for safety

Immediately, the sow charged. Grunting harshly, head low, the creature which must have weighed at least 200 kilograms, closed the gap with unbelievable speed. I remember seeing those little black, beady eyes, and the anger which was like an aura around her.

I spun, looking vainly for a tree to climb. Fred was twenty yards up the trail, so I ran towards him, yelling, "It's a bear! Get your spray!"

Running from the bear, I now admit, was a total mistake. You cannot outrun beaes. They are like missiles homing in on their targets. It only increases the likelihood of a full-blown attack.

Fred groped for his spray, which was stuck in the leather holster. Fearing for his life, Fred dove off the trail I jumped behind a log. There she was, a few feet away. I could not help thinking what a beautiful, magnificent animal it was, but that thought was quickly replaced by fear that this was really happening. I thrust my bow at the sow and yelled, "Get out of here!" She whacked the bow out of my hands with one paw, and leapt over the log. It all happened so fast. The next thing I knew, I was just seeing teeth and trying to jump out of the way. The bear lunged, biting me in the face and neck. Then I realised I had to play dead or I was going to be dead.

Armed with his pepper spray canister in hand, Fred came running towards the bear, screaming. She dropped me and lunged at Fred. Directing the nozzle at the sow's face, Fred emptied the contents of the 4 ounce spray can. Gasping and choking, the bear veered off into the woods with her cubs bounding after her.

Through my struggle to stay conscious, I heard Fred say, "Are you all right?" Now Fred's experience as a physician came into play. He calmly assessed my wounds and assured me I would survive. Perhaps it was the body's strange way of coping with intense pain, the only real pain I felt was in my arm, which I thought might have been broken.

Twenty minutes later, as we neared our Jeep, it occurred to me to take a photograph of myself in order to remember the event. Only when I looked into the Jeep's rear view mirror did the full extent of my injuries hit me. It was also at this point that the pain began. Suddenly, my head and face hurt terribly

Adapted from http://www.udap.com/markfullstory.htm

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

71 What first alerted the author to the presence of the cubs? [1m]

_____

_____

72 From paragraphs 2 and 3, which sentence tells you that the creature reacted instinctively when it was startled? [1m]

_____

_____

73 Choose words from paragraphs 1 to 3 which have opposite meanings to the words below. [3m]

(antonyms)

parched	
misunderstand	
gently	

74 Do you think it is advisable for someone to run from a bear? Support your answer with information from the passage. [2m]

_____

_____

75 Write down the simile the author used to describe the angry bear chasing him. [1m]

76 Write 1, 2, 3, and 4 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story. [1m]

_____ The bear freed the author.

_____ The author was badly injured by the bear.

_____ The author used his bow to protect himself from the angry bear

_____ Fred sprayed the can of pepper spray at the bear's face.

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77 Based on the passage, 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 author climbed a tree to escape from the sow.		
Fred's first attempt to use the pepper spray failed.		
The author's reaction just before being attacked by the sow was one of awe.		

78 What did the author mean by 'Only when I looked into the Jeep's rear view mirror did the full extent of my injuries hit me.' (lines 34-35)? [2m]

_____

_____

79 The table below shows the characters' actions and the causes of their actions. Fill in the blanks using information from the story. [3m]

Cause	Action
	The sow tossed the cubs away from the author.
	The sow veered off into the woods.
The author did not want to forget the incident.	

80 Based on the passage, list three things you should do if you are about to be attacked by a bear. [3m]

i) _____

ii) _____

iii) _____

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1) 4	6) 2	11) 2	16) 3	21) 1	26) 4
2) 4	7) 3	12) 1	17) 2	22) 2	27) 3
3) 1	8) 4	13) 2	18) 4	23) 2	28) 2
4) 2	9) 1	14) 3	19) 2	24) 3	
5) 3	10) 4	15) 3	20) 1	25) 2	

29) K	31) B	33) L	35) C	37) H
30) N	32) M	34) J	36) G	38) A

39. weather

40. separated

41. entertaining

42. territories

43. occasionally

44. glimpse

45. consists

46. them

47. at

48. reproducing

49. So

50. conducive

51. fear

52. place

53. disappearances

54. had

55. in

56. search

57. trace

58. or

59. giving

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60. deepest

61. explain

62. heard

63. fact

64. another

65. explanations

66. Both Boon Keng and Ah Huat will not be going to the concert.

67. Unless you change your dish cloths regularly, bacteria will grow on them easily.

68. Upon hearing the dismissal bell, the pupils rushed out of their classroom.

69. Amy asked her sister when her tournament was.

70. Rachel played games on her mobile phone during the party out of boredom.

71. The author heard a ruffling noise.

72. It is "At the sight of me, the sow had jumped to her feet and tossed the young beans a distance away safety."

73. Parched – damp
Misunderstand – fathom
Gently – harshly

74. No, it is not. A person would not be able to outrun a bear and to make things worse, running away only increases the likelihood of a fiercer attack.

75. Like missiles homing in on the targets.

76. 3, 2, 1, 4

77. False – The author ran towards Fred.
True – Fred groped for his spray, which was stuck in the leather holster but he could not take it out.
False – The author felt fear just before being struck by the sow.

78. The author meant that he did not fully feel the pain from his wound until he saw how horrific they looked like in his reflection.

79. The sow wanted to protect its cubs.
Fred sprayed the pepper spray at the sow.
The author took a photograph of himself.

80. i) Climb up the tree.
ii) Play dead if you do not have a weapon.
iii) Spray pepper spray at the bear's face.

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2014 SEMESTRAL EXAMINATION ONE
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY 5
PAPER 2 BOOKLET A

NAME : _____

CLASS : P5 _____

INDEX NO : _____

28 QUESTIONS

28 MARKS

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 HOUR 50 MINUTES

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

Parent's signature: _____

Booklet A	: _____ / 28
Booklet B	: _____ / 67
TOTAL	**: _____ / 95**

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Section	Marks	
Grammar		10
Vocabulary		5
Vocabulary Cloze		5
Visual Text Comprehension		8
Total		28

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For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

1. She _____ not fall asleep as she was afraid of the dark.

   (1) must
   (2) could
   (3) might
   (4) should ( )

2. You cannot pitch a tent at Changi Beach _____ you have a permit.

   (1) if
   (2) while
   (3) since
   (4) unless ( )

3. Have you ever _____ why the sky is blue?

   (1) wonder
   (2) wonders
   (3) wondered
   (4) wondering ( )

4. Neither Susan nor her brothers _____ home when I called.

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

5. Do not touch or lean _____ the door as it has just been painted.

   (1) into
   (2) over
   (3) against
   (4) through ( )

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6. The manager listened patiently as the fussy customer _____ about the restaurant's service.

(1) complain
(2) complains
(3) complained
(4) had complained ( )

7. Tom has been playing tennis regularly _____ he started lessons two years ago.

(1) so
(2) but
(3) since
(4) while ( )

8. Bill should be helping his mother _____ of playing games in his room.

(1) instead
(2) despite
(3) in spite
(4) because ( )

9. Not only is Jane intelligent _____ she is also a talented dancer.

(1) as
(2) for
(3) but
(4) and ( )

10. I walked _____ the mall while waiting for my father.

(1) over
(2) down
(3) around
(4) between ( )

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For each question from 11 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

11. George is _____ of lizards. He keeps all his windows shut in order to keep them out.

(1) terrified
(2) panicky
(3) agitated
(4) nervous ( )

12. My classmate prepared questions for a/an _____ with the principal so that she could publish it in the school's newsletter.

(1) grilling
(2) probing
(3) interview
(4) interrogation ( )

13. It is very _____ to take the train to the airport these days. You only need to transit once at Tanah Merah station.

(1) flexible
(2) suitable
(3) convenient
(4) reasonable ( )

14. It was a _____ day. Our picnic plans were first ruined by a thunderstorm and when the rain stopped, the car broke down.

(1) disastrous
(2) productive
(3) destructive
(4) momentous ( )

15. The guests were _____ around the hotel lobby as the bride and groom had been delayed by a bad traffic jam.

(1) milling
(2) trudging
(3) storming
(4) sashaying ( )

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

Are Singaporeans gracious? It appears that some of us are not. There was an uproar when residents of an estate in Blossomville helped themselves to the items such as used toys and electronics collected (16) by the student volunteers for needy families.

Mr Ong, the teacher in-charge was stunned when he saw a man get out of his car and take a toaster out of the pile of collected goods. Mr Ong reported that the man had returned the toaster very reluctantly (17) only after he had been sharply told off (18) by a parent volunteer.

The students had gone from door to door, speaking to the residents about lending a helping hand to those in need by giving away (19) their used items that were still in good condition. The students then collected the items that had been given away and redistributed them to needy (20) families that had been identified by the Residents' Committee. Ms Zarina, a parent volunteer said, "These children are doing such a noble deed. We adults need to learn from them."

16. (1) hoarded
(2) gathered
(3) compiled
(4) laundered ( )

17. (1) slowly
(2) gravely
(3) viciously
(4) grudgingly ( )

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18. (1) chided
(2) advised
(3) punished
(4) humiliated ( )

19. (1) donating
(2) disposing
(3) presenting
(4) dispensing ( )

20. (1) bankrupt
(2) tormented
(3) mistreated
(4) disadvantaged ( )

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Study this advertisement carefully and answer questions 21 to 28.

SINGAPORE AIRSHOW 2014

Singapore Airshow is Asia's largest and one of the most important aerospace and defence exhibition in the world, where the latest state-of-the-art systems and equipment, together with their related technologies and developments, are displayed by top aerospace companies from around the world

The event also features conferences such as the Singapore Airshow Aviation Leadership Summit and the Asia Pacific Security Conference.

DATES AND OPENING HOURS

Trade Days (stricly for trade visitors and professionals only)	
Free Access to all areas 11 February 2014 (Tuesday)	12.00pm – 5.00pm
Free Access to all areas 12 – 14 February 2014 (Wednesday – Friday)	9.30am – 5.00pm

Last admission time: 4.30pm.

The organiser reserves the right to refuse entry to non-trade visitors and minors below 18 years old Admission passes are to be collected on site at the registration gateway. Trade visitors are advised to bring along their passport, NRIC or driving license for identification purposes.

Transport

Trade visitors may hop onto the Airshow Shuttle buses operating between Singapore Expo and Changi Exhibition Centre. Hotel Shuttle buses are also available for transfers between the show site and the Singapore Airshow 2014 Official Hotels.

Dress code:
Smart casual attire (No singlets, shorts, bermudas and slippers are allowed.)

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Public Days	
Access to Static Aircraft Display Area 15 & 16 February 2014 (Saturday and Sunday)	8.30am – 5.00pm
Access to all other areas 15 & 16 February 2014 (Saturday and Sunday)	9.30am – 5.00pm

Last admission time: 4.30pm.

Transport:

The public is encouraged to hop onto our Airshow Shuttle buses for transfers to the Airshow site. The Airshow Shuttle bus location and schedule will be available at a later date.

Only cars with valid car park labels will be allowed to enter the show site. This is applicable for both Trade and Public Days.

Lucky Draw!

Take part in our Singapore Airshow Lucky Draw and stand to win attractive prizes! Log on to our Singapore Airshow Facebook page now and answer a simple question.

Prizes:
30 lucky winners will also enjoy a 30-minute flight on the CH-47 Chinook helicopter and a group package (4 entry tickets + 1 car park label) to the Singapore Airshow 2014!

(Adapted from http://www.singaporeairshow.com/)

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For each question from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

21. The main objective of the Singapore Airshow 2014 is to _____.

(1) restrict access to the public
(2) educate young people about conservation
(3) provide more job opportunities for fresh graduates
(4) promote awareness of the latest state-of-the-art aviation systems and equipment ( )

22. Which of the following does not apply to Trade visitors?

(1) Access to Static Display Areas is restricted.
(2) Cars with invalid car park label will be denied entry.
(3) Last admission to the Singapore Airshow is at 4.30pm.
(4) All passes are to be collected on site at the registration gateway. ( )

23. Trade visitors will be denied entry if they _____.

(1) are below 18 years old
(2) possess a valid car park label
(3) are dressed in smart casual attire
(4) arrive after 12.00pm on 14th February ( )

24. According to the advertisement, admission passes for trade visitors _____.

(1) are not required
(2) will be issued on site upon registration
(3) must be collected during the Exhibition
(4) will be issued on 15th and 16th February 2014 ( )

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25. Aunt Jenny wants to take her sixteen-year-old niece to the Singapore Airshow. She should go on _____.

(1) 12th February
(2) 14th February
(3) 16th February✓
(4) 18th February ( )

26. What can visitors do at the Singapore Airshow if they arrive before 9.30am? Visitors can _____.

(1) visit the Static Aircraft Display Area
(2) take part in the Singapore Airshow Lucky Draw
(3) enjoy a coveted 30-minute flight on the CH-47 Chinook helicopter
(4) hop onto the Airshow Shuttle buses for transfers to the Airshow site ( )

27. Why does the writer put an exclamation mark after the words 'Lucky Draw'? The writer wants to _____.

(1) show how easy it is to obtain admission passes
(2) draw readers' attention to the availability of car labels
(3) motivate readers to visit the Airshow by the shuttle bus
(4) draw readers' attention to the advertisement about the Airshow

( )

28. Which of the following statements is false?

(1) The Singapore Airshow 2014 is open to both trade visitors and the public.
(2) The Singapore Airshow 2014 is the place to visit only local aerospace companies.
(3) Trade visitors can take the Hotel Shuttle buses between the show site and Official Hotels.
(4) Public visitors are encouraged to hop onto the Airshow Shuttle buses for transfers to the Airshow site. ( )

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY FIVE
PAPER 2 BOOKLET B

Name: _____ ( ) Class: P5 _____

Section	Marks	
Grammar Cloze		10
Editing for Spelling and Grammar		12
Comprehension Cloze		15
Synthesis / Transformation		10
Comprehension Open Ended		20
Total		67

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There are 10 blanks, numbered 1 to 10, 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.
(10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

(A) these	(E) and	(J) in	(N) of
(B) through	(F) as	(K) however	(P) it
(C) are	(G) to	(L) but	(Q) can
(D) is	(H) them	(M) when	

Designers have always dreamt up innovative goods for those who could afford such products. (29)_____ include solar-powered roof tiles, electric cars and more. Now, driven by the concerns of people living (30)_____ less developed countries, designers are creating unique products (31)_____ meet the needs of these communities. It turns out that even the most pressing problems such (32)_____ the lack of potable drinking water can have affordable (33)_____ beautifully designed solutions.

In impoverished rural areas, clean water (34)_____ often miles away from the people who need (35)_____ . Some 900 million people lack access to safe and clean drinking water. (36)_____ , sipping water through the 'LifeStraw' filters, an ingenious invention by Vestergaard Frandsen, reduces the transmission of bacteria from viruses found in surface water. Each of these ten-inch LifeStraws filters about 160 gallons (37)_____ water and the newer improved models (38)_____ filter about 265 gallons.

Thousands of LifeStraws have since been donated to earthquake and typhoon devastated countries throughout the region.

(Adapted from National Geographic, Nov 2010, Big Ideas, Little Packages)

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Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (12 marks)

Dear Aishal.,

39 [ ]

How have you been? I hope that you are on good health. I am trying to keep

40 [ ]

my spirits up amidst the darverstation. As you may have heard, Typhoon Haiyan hit the Philippines on November 8, 2013. It is considered to be the deadliest typhoon

41 [ ] 42 [ ]

that has ever hit my country. Many naighbooreenq countries were also affected with

43 [ ]

the storm. Typhoon Haiyan has klaymed thousands of lives in the Philippines and there are still many people who are missing.

44 [ ]

In Tacloban city, many buildings are destroyed; trees were uprooted and cars were piled up in heaps along the road. There was widespread flooding and the storm

45 [ ]

water carried debris out onto a streets. Communication lines were cut off and as a

46 [ ]

result, many villages and small towns were left without assistense.

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47 [ ]

Fortunately, international organisations has come forward to help in providing

48 [ ] 49 [ ]

aid. Many affected veekteems have since been rescue and are given

50 [ ]

temporary shelter, food and water. Have you ever axepireanced something like this in Singapore? I hope to hear from you soon.

Warm wishes,
Alice

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15 marks)

Snow leopards live in the mountains of Central Asia. They are known for their beautiful, thick fur. Their fur-covered paws are wide and act **(51)** _____ snowshoes to prevent them from sinking **(52)** _____ the snow. Their thick coat of fur enables them to **(53)** _____ to the cold, dry climate of the mountains. They have long tails that help them to keep their **(54)** _____ as they traverse the steep, rocky cliffs.

Snow leopards live in the high, rugged mountains. The similarity in colour between their fur **(55)** _____ the environment allows them to **(56)** _____ themselves easily. Their primary diet consists **(57)** _____ wild sheep and goats. They stalk their **(58)** _____ and have strong limbs that enable them to jump as far as 15 metres to catch them. This is a distance of about six times their body length!

They help to **(59)** _____ the ecosystem in balance by reducing the numbers of wild sheep and goats that might otherwise over-graze the alpine grasslands. These beautiful animals are, however, often **(60)** _____ by illegal poachers for their hide and body parts **(61)** _____ are used in Traditional Chinese Medicine. Snow leopards are solitary in nature. They usually move around **(62)** _____ and are rarely seen in the wild with other leopards. As such, they **(63)** _____ difficult to track. Despite efforts to save the snow leopards from **(64)** _____, researchers estimate that there are only 6000 of them **(65)** _____ in the wild. Nevertheless, experts are doing their best to protect these endangered wild cats.

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For each of the questions 66 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 ame as the meaning of the given sentence(s). (10 marks)

66. Alvin does not like to eat vegetables. His cousins do not like to eat them too.

Neither _____

_____

67. "Must I go to school?" Tim asked his mother.

Tim asked _____

_____

68. You should bring your jacket. It will be cold.

_____ for _____

_____

69. Mr Tan must leave his house early. Mr Tan will miss his flight.

Unless _____

_____

70. Siti had a fever. She refused to see a doctor.

Despite _____

_____

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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

"It's my turn tomorrow," mumbled Raghu to himself as he climbed the stairs in his school. He had been dreading this day ever since Mr Tan, the much feared History teacher, declared his grand class prodigy scheme two months ago. He explained that he was looking for a smart student who was able to teach a lesson in an innovative manner.

Mr Tan had announced that each student would be given a week to prepare a lesson for the class. **He even invited the boys to chew on his brains during this process if they wanted to.** Saying this, Mr Tan had grinned while the class gave an involuntary shudder - it would take a very brave boy to seek out Mr Tan's assistance outside the classroom.

"At the end of the term, we will have a poll to decide the best teacher of all. That boy shall be the Class Prodigy. I shall personally recommend the Golden Star Award for him," Mr Tan droned in his usual style.

Week after week Raghu saw the best and the brightest of his classmates being reduced to quivering jellies during their teaching sessions under Mr Tan's merciless sarcasm. The weeklong preparation might never have been enough for each student found that he could never do it right.

And now it was Raghu's turn. Worse, he had done virtually nothing to prepare the chapter on the French Revolution that had come his way. His mind was a complete blank.

He had tried, of course. For a week now, it had become a routine for him to sit with his History textbook open at the page where the chapter on the French Revolution began. And somehow, he did nothing but stare at the sketch of Marie Antoinette, Queen of France in the late 18th century when the Revolution broke out. It showed Marie Antoinette, with her hair cut in a pageboy style and dressed in an emerald gown, just before she was executed.

Raghu felt very close to **her** for some reason. He felt for her. She was treated unjustly before her death - exactly how Raghu was feeling right now.

And then there was only one day to his ordeal. Deep down Raghu knew that even if he had stayed up every night the whole week to study, he would still be the target of Mr Tan's snide comments the following day.

That afternoon, the chiming of the school bell did not rouse that familiar sensation of freedom in Raghu. "If only I could refuse to teach the class," he wondered as he ambled home. "But how could I possibly do that?"

(Adapted from http://www.pitara.com/talespin/stories/online.asp?story=133)

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71. Who was Mr Tan? (1m)

_____

_____

72. Which two-word phrase from Paragraph 2 shows that Raghu's classmates were afraid of Mr Tan? (1m)

73. What did Mr Tan mean when he invited the boys to chew on his brains during the process if they wanted to?.(Lines 7-8) (2m)

_____

_____

74. Choose words from Paragraphs 3 and 4 which have similar meanings to the words below. (4m)

vote	
cruel	
genius	
shivering	

75. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage. (1m)

_____ Mr Tan introduced the grand class prodigy scheme two months ago.

_____ Raghu dreaded going to class as it was his turn to teach the next day.

_____ Raghu tried to prepare the chapter on the French Revolution a week ago.

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76. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. (3m)

	True/ False	Reason
Each student would be given two months to prepare for the lesson.		
Raghu's classmates did not do well in the teaching sessions.		
Raghu put in a lot of effort to prepare the teaching session.		

77. Give two descriptions of Marie Antoinette before she was executed. (2m)

(a)
(b)

78. Whom does the word 'her' in Line 28 refer to? (1m)

_____

_____

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79. Why did the chiming of the school bell not rouse a familiar sensation of freedom in Raghu in Lines 32 and 33? (2m)

_____

_____

80. Do you think Raghu would have been able to deliver the topic on French Revolution successfully? Support your answer with 2 reasons from the passage. (3m)

_____

_____

_____

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SUBJECT : ENGLISH
TERM : SA1

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

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
1	1	4	4	1	1	2	3	1	4	2	A	J	G	F	E	D

Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
P	K	N	Q

39)in 40)devastation 41)neighbouring 42)by 43)claimed

44)were 45)the 46)assistance 47)have 48)victims

49)rescued 50)experienced 51)as 52)into 53)adapt/adjust

54)balance 55)and 56)camouflage/conceal/hide 57)of

58)prey 59)keep 60)killed/poached/caught 61)which

62)alone 63)are 64)poachers 65)left

66)Neither Alvin nor his cousins like to eat vegetables.

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67)Tim asked his mother if he had to go to school.

68)You should bring your jacket for it will be cold.

69)Unless Mr Tan leaves his house early, he will miss his flight.

70)Despite the fact that Siti had a fever, she refused to see a doctor.

71)Mr Tan was Raghu's History teacher.

72)involuntary shudder

73)He invited the boys to ask him for help if they did not know how to prepare the topic.

74)poll
merciless
prodigy
quivering

75)1, 3, 2

76)False / Mr Tan had announced that each student would only be given a week to prepare for a lesson for the class.
True / The best and the brightest of Raghu's classmates had reduced to quivering jellies during their teaching lessons under Mr Tan's merciless sarcasm.
False / Raghu had done virtually nothing to prepare the chapter on the French Revolution. It had also become a routine for Raghu to sit With his History text book open at the page where the chapter on the French Revolution began and do nothing but stare at the sketch of Marie Antoinette.

77)a)Marie Antoinette's hair was cut in a pageboy style.
b)Marie Antoinette was dressed in an emerald gown.

78)The word 'her' in line 28 refers to Marie Antoinette, the Queen of France in the late 18th century when the French Revolution broke out.

79)Raghu did not want the day to end as it was his turn to teach the next day and he was not looking forward to it.

80)No, Raghu would not be able to because his best and brightest classmates were not able to do it right and he was totally unprepared.

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For each question from 1 to 10, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

1 Mother, together with her colleagues, _____ in the company for twenty years.

(1) work
(2) works
(3) has worked
(4) have worked

2 You _____ lose the ticket for the concert if you do not keep it carefully.

(1) must
(2) might
(3) should
(4) cannot

3 Neither Ryan's brothers nor their father _____ the problem yet. They are still thinking about the possible solutions.

(1) solves
(2) has solved
(3) had solved
(4) have solved

4 The two friends have been quarrelling _____ very trivial matters lately.

(1) in
(2) on
(3) after
(4) over

5 _____ the plans have been made some time back, none of them has been put into practice.

(1) Until
(2) Since
(3) Despite
(4) Although

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6 Serene goes to the library during recess, _____?

(1) is she
(2) isn't she
(3) does she
(4) doesn't she

7 The person from _____ I heard the rumour is a neighbour.

(1) who
(2) which
(3) whom
(4) whose

8 We will not reach the airport _____ time to catch our flight if we do not leave soon.

(1) at
(2) by
(3) in
(4) over

9 "Has anyone _____my pen? I cannot find it anywhere," Ravi asked his classmates.

(1) take
(2) took
(3) takes
(4) taken

10 "Bread with butter _____ what I usually have for breakfast. Yesterday, I had oats instead," said Miranda.

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

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11 He does not speak clearly. I often cannot _____ what he is saying.

(1) make up
(2) make for
(3) make out
(4) make with

12 Traffic laws will be strictly _____ for the safety of all motorists.

(1) dictated
(2) enforced
(3) demanded
(4) commanded

13 The millionaire is well-known for making generous donations to the needy. He is _____ for his philanthropy.

(1) notorious
(2) infamous
(3) renowned
(4) anonymous

14 The plan we submitted has many mistakes. Let's _____ it.

(1) release
(2) eliminate
(3) withdraw
(4) exterminate

15 Since the deadline of the project has been_____, we can improve on it before submission.

(1) extended
(2) expanded
(3) prolonged
(4) lengthened

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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. (5 marks)

Our plane had to make a forced landing because of a glitch in the engine. The plane came down at a desolate (16) mountainous region, luckily without loss of life. We camped in the partially wrecked (17) plane and waited for help. We were confident that we would be rescued before long. Our radio had worked up to the moment of forced landing and we had been able to send out (18) a signal giving our position.

Soon, nightfall descended upon us. The mountain air was chilly and all was quiet except for the occasional (19) hooting of the owls in the distance. We huddled together and fell asleep from exhaustion.

Help reached us on the second day. Our rescuers were amazed (20) that we had suffered only minor injuries. They had not expected to find any of us alive.

16 (1) neglected
(2) dilapidated
(3) abandoned
(4) uninhabited

17 (1) wretched
(2) worthless
(3) destroyed
(4) unfortunate

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18 (1) issue
(2) expel
(3) diffuse
(4) transmit

19 (1) regular
(2) constant
(3) sporadic
(4) frequent

20 (1) anxious
(2) perturbed
(3) astounded
(4) distressed

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

Come and experience life in the old days when people lived in villages or "kampongs".

Kampong Laut

Do you miss the old Kampong Laut? Miss how it bustled with busy fishermen and customers looking for fresh catch and good bargains?

Good news! Kampong Laut is reopening and promises to bring you more fresh catch from the sea, and a whole new away-from-the-city experience! Join us for our official opening!

Official Opening

Date	:	**17 August 2014**
Venue	:	**Open field next to Kampong Laut Gate C (opposite Pinvale Shopping Mall)**
Time	:	**9 a.m. – 6 p.m.**

Programme Highlights

9 a.m.	:	Commencement of fishing competition
10 a.m.	:	Arrival of Guest-of-Honour, Dr Ho Kian Soon
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.	:	Family Games with attractive prizes to be won
5 p.m.	:	Prize Presentation for fishing competition

Kampong Laut
1, Pinvale End, Singapore 100 100
Tel: 6808 6808 Email: enquiries@kl.com

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"Hearing about the reopening of Kampong Laut brought back many memories for me. In those days, we lived in kampong huts, not high-rise apartments. The hygiene standards of our dilapidated attap huts, and the lack of electricity, gas and water did not bother us. What we had in our backyard was a world of discovery and adventure. I have been told that the new Kampong Laut has this, and much more, to offer!"

Dr Ho Kian Soon
Member of Parliament for Pinvale Town

"Having been involved in the new Kampong Laut project, I know that chalets modelled after the old kampong houses have been erected there. I am glad that people can now have a taste of kampong living. I will certainly take my children there to visit and experience a stay. I can also share with them what I remember of my growing up days."

Mr Robin Choo
Mayor of Pinvale Town

"In the old Kampong Laut, life was simple and the people were contented. The reopening of Kampong Laut is a piece of wonderful news! I will leave my city comforts and escape there as soon as I find an opportunity."

Ms Fion Chua
Director of Pinvale Tourism Board

"With the rapid urbanisation of Singapore, kampongs had to make way for high-rise apartments. Our relaxed pace of life and close human contact with our neighbours were lost forever. I am looking forward to spending some serene moments in the new Kampong Laut."

Mdm Nurul Huda
Chairman of Pinvale Women's Council

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For each question 21 to 28, choose the most appropriate option (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

21 Based on the flyer, which of the following is **true** about the new Kampong Laut?

(1) Fresh seafood can be purchased there.
(2) A new shopping mall has been built there.
(3) Fishing competitions are a daily affair there.
(4) It will be exactly the same as the old Kampong Laut.

22 The official opening of Kampong Laut would _____.

(1) include games suitable for families
(2) be held at the Pinvale Shopping Mall
(3) include activities that run late into the night
(4) begin with introducing the winners of the fishing competition

23 According to Dr Ho Kian Soon, the old Kampong Laut _____.

(1) did not have a very clean environment
(2) was well-supplied with electricity, gas and water
(3) was a place where he had many bad memories
(4) used to have both high-rise apartments and attap huts

24 Which interviewee felt that the people who lived in the old Kampong Laut were satisfied with their lives?

(1) Ms Fion Chua
(2) Mr Robin Choo
(3) Dr Ho Kian Soon
(4) Mdm Nurul Huda

25 Why were inverted commas used for the texts on the second page of the flyer?

(1) to enhance the design of the flyer
(2) to note the exact words had been quoted
(3) to draw the readers' attention to that section of the flyer
(4) to show that the four people are well-respected in the community

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26 Which of the following is **not** one of the changes as a result of 'rapid urbanisation of Singapore'?

(1) increased hygiene standards
(2) Singaporeans' relaxed pace of life
(3) losing the closeness with our neighbours
(4) high-rise apartments replaced kampongs

27 Which of the following is the **most** likely reason that the comments made by the four people were included in the flyer?

(1) to tell people more about the new Kampong Laut
(2) to show that the four people would be invited guests at the official opening
(3) to help Pinvale Town's residents understand the prominent people in their community better
(4) to show that the new Kampong Laut had the support of influential people in the community

28 What is the **main** purpose of the flyer?

(1) to promote the fishing competition
(2) to encourage people to engage in outdoor activities
(3) to let people know about the reopening of Kampong Laut
(4) to give people the opportunity to share about what the old Kampong Laut was like

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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. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) about	(D) from	(G) of	(K) then	(N) the
(B) at	(E) in	(H) off	(L) than	(P) when
(C) by	(F) or	(J) to	(M) that	(Q) with

Singaporeans experienced the longest period of water rationing in 1963. It was brought _____ (29) by a drought. As a result, the water levels _____ (30) the reservoirs were dangerously low. The weather was hot and dry and therefore people used more water _____ (31) usual to cool themselves. The population was also increasing at that time and _____ (32) need for water was great. Water rationing was introduced _____ (33) reduce water shortage. The rationing ended in 1964 _____ (34) heavy rainfall returned.

During the rationing, Singaporeans experienced many inconveniences. They had to wake up early _____ (35) stay up late to store water before the water supply was cut _____ (36) Water containers were expensive. Vegetables too were sold _____ (37) higher prices because of the shortage of water.

Today, when we turn on the tap we have clean water. Thus, we sometimes forget _____ (38) water is precious and we tend to take this limited resource for granted. We must make a conscious effort to save water.

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Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (12 Marks)

In 1958, a mere meeting by Southeast Asian leaders to start a sport organisation, resulted in the Southeast Asian Games or SEA Games. The delegates felt that a sports event

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would be behifecial for regional ties. To organise the SEA Games, the various nations would

(40) [ ] (41) [ ]

have to work harmoneasly together. They would need to held meetings to decide on factors

(42) [ ]

like the venew and settle logistics. It was decided that the SEA Games would be held

(43) [ ]

biennially. The first of such games were held in Bangkok in 1959 and thereafter held every

(44) [ ]

two years since. The event has been a continual success by the years.

Last year, the 27th SEA Games was held in Myanmar. The mascot for the event was a

(45) [ ]

pair of owls. In Myanmar, the owl is considered to be aspecious and believed to bring luck

(46) [ ] (47) [ ]

and prosperiti. Owl dolls are kept at homes for lucky charms.

(48) [ ] (49) [ ]

Singapore has been chose to host the 2015 SEA Games. About 7000 athelites from 11

(50) [ ]

participating nations will competing in the Games. The logo, theme and mascot for the 2015 games were unveiled in March this year.

Adapted from www.sea-games-2015-games-for/1042158.html

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15 marks)

Keeping pets provides good companionship for children. It is also a good way to _____ (51) them kindness and responsibiliy. However, it is important for you to recognise pet ownership as a long-term _____ (52) in itself. A pet will be _____ (53) you in your home for years to come. So choosing one that is _____ (54) for you and your family, and not just the "cute one", is very important. It is always tempting to _____ (55) an animal because of its adorable looks. But before you rush _____ (56) to buy that little puppy or bunny, here are some considerations to keep in _____ (57)

While dogs are largely friendly affectionate and easy to train, they _____ (58) lots of walks and space to run around, especiallythe larger breeds. Certain animals have a long lifespan – are you _____ (59) for that kind of long-term commitment? A small to mid-sized animal will be _____ (60) to takecare of. They usually require _____ (61) attention and care to survive

Space is another factor to _____ (62) if you want to keep pets. Animals like rabbits need a fairly large cage as they reproduce _____ (63). Do you _____ (64) enough space for cages to separate them and later, room for the baby bunnies? If space is a constraint, you may want to consider options _____ (65) small fishes cats and birds. If you want to keep a pet to teach your children responsibility, then make sure the pet and the required tasks are suitable for your child at his or her age.

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For each of the questions 66 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). (10 marks)

66 We were very astonished that our team eventually won the game.

Much _____

_____

67 "Who's your Science teacher?" Elsa asked her brother.

Elsa asked her brother _____

_____

68 The children enjoyed the traditional games so much that they decided to play them again.

The children found the traditional games so _____

_____

69 He will not know the ending of the story if he does not finish reading the book.

Unless _____

_____

70 The toddler disappeared suddenly from his home. His parents were shocked.

The sudden _____

_____

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Read the passage and answer questions 71 to 80 (20 marks)

"Haha... you fell for it again!" taunted Paul before he and his classmates erupted into peals of laughter as John landed heavily on his bottom it was the fifth time that John had fallen for Paul's trick. Paul had the habit of pulling the chair from under John whenever he was about to sit in class. John's face turned red with anger. He tried not to react as hot searing rage throbbed painfully at his temples. With clenched fists, he gave an icy stare at Paul who had been giving him a hard time since Primary 2.

"That's it, this is the last straw. I've had enough. I have to do something!" John made a silent resolve to retaliate and stop the bullying. He racked his brains for ideas to get back at his classmate. As he scanned the classroom, his gaze fell upon a poster which read, "All about Peanuts'. He knew that Paul was allergic to peanuts. When the teacher had asked the pupils to write down any dietary restrictions they had prior to participating in the Primary 4 camp, he distinctly remembered Paul writing down, 'allergic to peanuts'. John's eyes widened with glee at the thought of his bright idea. His mind raced as he crafted his plan. He was blinded by his urge for vengeance.

After school that day, John went to a supermarket to buy some ground peanuts. During recess, the following day, John hung around Paul for an opportunity. Paul was lining up at the drinks stall to buy his favourite iced tea. When Paul was about to pay, John purposely dropped a few coins which tinkled on the floor right behind Paul. Distracted by the noise as well as the sight of the coins falling to the floor, Paul bent over to pick the coins. John took that split-second opportunity to complete his task.

Once the deed was done, John smugly sneaked away from the drinks stall with an unmistakable glint in his eyes. He imagined Paul breaking out in a rash or sneezing continuously the next day. However, he definitely did not expect the events which unfolded. Within minutes, there was a commotion near Paul. Apparently, after taking a sip of the tea, Paul collapsed and started foaming in the mouth. Meanwhile, a teacher at the canteen called for an ambulance. Horrified at the turn of events, John hung around the scene. Minutes later, when the paramedics arrived, John overheard one of them saying, "The doctor will not be able to treat him effectively unless he knows the cause of the reaction."

Hearing that, John was stricken with guilt. Despite knowing the punishment that awaited him, John stepped forward to confess. He knew he had to tell the truth and not withhold any information. Feeling remorseful, John told the paramedics about how he had sprinkled ground peanuts into Paul's drink despite knowing about Paul's allergy.

Adapted from Reader's Digest

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71 What does **'it'** in line 1 refer to? (1m)

_____

_____

72 Which three-word phrase in **paragraph 1** suggests that Paul and his friends were laughing continuously? (1m)

73 Choose words from **paragraph 1 and 2** which have similar meanings to the words below. (3m)

jeered	
determination	
clearly	

74 With reference to paragraph 2, how did John know that Paul was allergic to peanuts? (2m)

_____

_____

_____

_____

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75 Based on the passage, state whether each sentence in the table is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. (3m)

	True/False	Reason
John's idea to use peanuts to take revenge on Paul came from a poster		
Paul reacted to the peanuts the day after he had drunk the iced tea.		
John called for an ambulance to help Paul.		

76 Why do you think John bought peanuts that were ground and not whole? (2m)

_____

_____

77 Explain clearly why John purposely dropped a few coins onto the floor? (2m)

_____

_____

_____

_____

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78 What evidence in paragraph four best supports the fact that John was confident that his plan would work? (2m)

79 What was the paramedic's concern? (2m)

80 In the last paragraph, did John realise the consequence of his action? How can we tell? (2m)

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3	2	2	4	4	4	3	3	4	1	3	2	3	3	1	4	3

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
4	3	3	1	1	1	1	2	2	4	3	A	E	L	N	J	P

Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
F	H	B	M

39)beneficial 40)harmoniously 41)hold 42)venue 43)was

44)over 45)auspicious 46)prosperity 47)as 48)chosen

49)athletes 50)compete 51)teach 52)commitment 53)with

54)suitable 55)buy 56)out/off 57)mind 58)require

59)ready 60)easier 61)less 62)consider/note

63)rapidly/quickly/frequently/fast 64)have 65)like

66)Much to our astonishment, our team eventually won the game.

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67)Elsa asked her brother who his Science teacher was.

68)The children found the traditional games so enjoyable that they decided to play them again.

69)Unless he finishes reading the book, he will not know ending of the story.

70)The sudden disappearance of the toddler from his home shocked his parents.

71)It refers to Paul's trick on John.

72)Peals of laughter

73)taunted
urge
distinctly

74)When the teacher had asked the pupils white down any dietary restrictions they had prior to participating in the primary four camp, Paul had written down "allergic to peanuts" and John had remembered it distinctly.

75)True = When John was searching for ideas, his gaze fell upon a poster which read "all about peanuts".
False = He reacted within minutes on the day itself.
False = The teacher had called for an ambulance to help Paul.

76)John bought ground nuts as it would be easier to sprinkle it into Paul's drink without Paul seeing the nuts.

77)John had purposely dropped a few coins onto the floor to distract Paul so that John could sprinkle the ground nuts into Paul's drink.

78)John smugly sneaked away with an unmistakable glint in his eyes.

79)The paramedics wanted to know the cause of the allergic reaction so that the doctor would be able to treat Paul effectively.

80)Yes, he realised the consequence of his action. He told the truth to save Paul's life.

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PRIMARY 5

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Section A- Grammar (10x 1mark)

For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1,2,3 or 4). Shade the corresponding ova (1,2,3 or 4) on the optical Answer sheet (OAS).

1. Trisha's eyes turned watery and she broke _____ when she heard the bad news last week.

   (1) in
   (2) up
   (3) off
   (4) down ( )

2. You have _____ Mr Lim before, haven't you?

   (1) meet
   (2) meets
   (3) met
   (4) meeting ( )

3. Please be punctual so that we can start the meeting _____ time

   (1) at
   (2) in
   (3) on
   (4) over ( )

4. The soldiers considered it _____ honour to sacrifice for their country.

   (1) a
   (2) an
   (3) the
   (4) some ( )

5. Sam, like his elder brother, _____ an avid reader. He is always seen sharing new stories with his classmates.

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

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6. Kelvin heard his sister _____ a song in the auditorium.

(1) sing
(2) sings
(3) sang
(4) sung ( )

7. Charlene will get the chance to pit her cooking skills _____ reputable chefs in the 2014 culinary competition.

(1) at
(2) over
(3) against
(4) through ( )

8. Among the trio, Sue is the _____ dressed.

(1) well
(2) best
(3) good
(4) better ( )

9. "_____ the outcome, we should continue to practise hard!" encouraged our captain.

(1) Whatever
(2) Wherever
(3) Whenever
(4) Whichever ( )

10. _____ her injury, Amelia still turned up for the dance practice.

(1) Since
(2) However
(3) Although
(4) In spite of ( )

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Section B- Vocabulary (5 x1mark)

For each question from 11 to 15, one of the four options is the correct answer. Make your choice and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3, or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

11. After many days of searching for the missing plane, the team started to feel tired. _____ has set in.

(1) Fatigue
(2) Disability
(3) Drowsiness
(4) Breathlessness ( )

12. "I found my true friend through this mishap. What a blessing in _____!" Kenny shared.

1) veil
2) cover
3) disguise
4) camouflage ( )

13. If you do not return the book to the shop within a week, you will _____ your chance of getting the deposit back.

1) block
2) forfeit
3) disown
4) prevent ( )

14. Johnny provided the police with an accurate _____ of the robber. He could remember the distinctive features of the robber.

(1) deduction
(2) description
(3) recognition
(4) investigation ( )

15. The teacher _____ the respect of her pupils through her leadership and dedication.

1) gained
2) collected
3) achieved
4) demanded ( )

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Sektion C-Vocabulary Cloze (5 x1mark)

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

The barn was cluttered with broken furniture and infested with armies of bugs. Inside the remains of the rickety barn (16) dwells a family of field mice which had not taken any food for a few days. They scurry about in the dark, looking for morsels of food to satisfy their (17) relentless hunger.

One of them scores a kernel of dry corn and quietly (18) nibbles its treasure by an old bale of straw. Without a whisper of warning, the little mouse is pierced by a quick, disabling strike from the shadow. As a burning pain rushes through its body, the stunned creature dashes in panic across the floor and hides beneath a stack of rotten wood. There the mouse lies, immobilised and helpless.

Out of the camouflaging darkness (19) slithers an attacker. Constantly flicking its tongue to detect the mouse's (20) scent in the air, it slides across the floor towards its hidden victim. Unhinging its jaws, it swallows its lifeless victim whole, beginning with the head.

Adapted from Cricket July/August 2012 Volume 39

16. (1) bunks
(2) lingers
(3) inhabits
(4) populates ( )

17. (1) mild
(2) persistent
(3) intermittent
(4) overwhelming ( )

18. (1) gnaws
(2) grazes
(3) gargles
(4) gobbles ( )

19. (1) skids
(2) glides
(3) ambles
(4) wanders ( )

20. (1) stink
(2) smell
(3) odour
(4) fragrance ( )

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Section D – Visual Text Comprehension (8 x 1mark)
Study the webpage carefully and answer questions 21 to 28.

http://www.naturetrekker.org

Home | Photo Gallery | Programmes | Trip Registration | Membership Application | Wild Animal Sightings

About us

Nature Trekker is an environmental group that started in 2000.

Our main objective is to educate people to conserve the environment.

We organise outdoor trekking, bird-watching, plant appreciation, mangrove study and nature photography.

We also conduct exploration trips* to the following places:

- Pulau Semakau
- Chek Jawa
- Taman Negara
- Endau Rompin
- Fraser's Hill

* Exploration trips are limited to 20 persons per group. Additional cost of $10 per trip for photography treks.

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Our Most Popular Programmes:

- Pulau Semakau Nature Exploration Trip
- Replanting Programme

Pulau Semakau Nature Exploration Trip

In land-scarce Singapore, refuse incinerated on the main island, is taken to Pulau Semakau. It is Singapore's first offshore landfill island.
The sludge and ash are transferred to barges and dumped into each cell from which seawater has been pumped out. Then, it is covered with soil and grass.

If Singaporeans are able to recycle more and reduce waste from 1.1kg a day per person to 0.9kg, then the landfill island may last for 46 years.

We will help visitors apply for entry pass to the island from the National Environment Agency (NEA).
NEA will not issue entry pass directly to individuals.

Replanting Programme

During construction of the landfill island, mangroves were destroyed. To replace the lost mangroves, we help the National Parks to replant 400,000 mangrove saplings. The mangroves are thriving. They act as an indicator to give early warning if toxins leak into the sea. To safeguard against pollution of the sea, a wall is built around the landfill site.
Join us in planting Sea Hibiscus and Casuarina to conserve the mangrove!

How to register to be a member?

- Yearly membership cost of $30.
- To register, log on to http://www.naturetrekker.org

Benefits of being a member:

- Receive our free weekly email newsletter upon registration.
- Participate in trips organised by Nature Society of Singapore for free.

Adapted from: http://www.naturetrekker.org

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For each question from **21 to 28, choose the most appropriate option (1, 2, 3 or 4)** and shade the corresponding oval**(1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).**

21 Which organisation owns this webpage?

(1) Nature Trekker
(2) National Parks
(3) Nature Society of Singapore
(4) National Environment Agency ( )

22. According to the webpage, what is the **main** objective of Nature Trekker?

(1) It organises trips for nature lovers.
(2) It supervises the disposal of refuse.
(3) It teaches people to conserve the environment.
(4) It conducts bird-watching and photography sessions. ( )

23. Which word in the webpage has a similar meaning to **burnt**?

(1) dumped
(2) pumped
(3) destroyed
(4) incinerated ( )

24 How can we best make the landfill island last longer than 46 years?

(1) We increase refuse.
(2) We add in more soil and grass.
(3) We add in more ash and sludge.
(4) We recycle our old items and reduce waste. ( )

25 Which of the following statement is true about the replanting programme?

(1) The mangrove saplings are now dead.
(2) The Sea Hibiscus and Casuarina are planted for aesthetic purpose.
(3) The plants act as an indicator to the level of toxins leaked into the sea.
(4) The wall will cause the sea around the island to be polluted with refuse.

( )

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26 The email newsletter is published _____

(1) daily
(2) weekly
(3) monthly
(4) yearly ( )

27 What does the word '**it**' under the subheading **Pulau Semakau Nature Exploration Trip** refer to?

(1) ash
(2) cell
(3) sludge
(4) seawater ( )

28 In order to get to Pulau Semakau, one can apply for an entry pass by _____.

(1) joining as a member of Nature Trekker
(2) joining Nature Trekker on its exploration trip
(3) logging on to http://www.naturetrekker.org
(4) personally going to National Environment Agency ( )

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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1 - 2014
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY 5

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Booklet B

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Section E – Grammar Cloze (10 x 1mark)
There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38 in the passage below. From the list of words in the box, choose the most suitable answer for each blank and write its letter (A to Q) in it. "I" and "O" have been omitted to avoid confusion in marking.

Use each word only ONCE.

A) an	D) by	G) from	K) on	N) through
B) as	E) before	H) in	L) over	P) with
C) although	F) for	J) into	M) once	Q) while

Flamingoes are famous for their bright pink feathers, stilt-like legs, and S-shaped necks. They are widely recognised (29) _____ just about everyone, whether bird lovers or not! Flamingoes are also known (30) _____ their ability to "run" on water to gain speed (31) _____ lifting up into the sky.

Flamingoes can be found (32) _____ *the world's warmer regions, near* shallow lakes and lagoons. They must have fresh water sources for drinking, (33) _____ the ground, flamingoes fish by walking in shallow waters and mud. *When the flamingoes are above the ground, they will fly (34)* _____ *their legs* outstretched. Flamingoes fly in large flocks, sometimes with as many as hundreds of thousands of other flamingoes. A flock of flamingoes that large is quite (35) _____ *amazing sight!*

Flamingoes possess a unique style of feeding mainly due to their unusual physical structure. To get the nutrients needed, flamingoes feed on food such as fish, shrimps, snails and algae (36) _____ a flamingo spots a fish in the muddy water, it plunges its head (37) _____ the water. Then, the flamingo scoops the fish using its upper beak (38) _____ a shovel. A series of hairlike "combs" inside the flamingo's beak *act as a filter to separate food from muddy water.*

Adapted from http://kids.nationalgeographic.co

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

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

(39) [ ]

Plumes of black smoke billowed. A blaze broke out and **gut** a coffee shop at Block 42

(40) [ ]

Corney Road yesterday, forcing those who reside above it to evacuate **into** their homes.

(41) [ ]

However, the **rasidants** were allowed to return to their flats after the fire was

(42) [ ]

axthinguished. No casualties or injuries were reported.

(43) [ ]

At about 9 a.m., the Singapore Civil Defence Force (SCDF) was called **off** to battle the

(44) [ ]

fire. Three fire bikes, one fire engine and an ambulance were **dispached.** The SCDF arrived

(45) [ ]

about ten minutes later, but by then, the fire had already spread to the **four** unit. About ten

(46) [ ]

people living two floors above the coffee shop were evacuated as a temperari measure. The

(47) [ ]

blaze was eventually put out with two water jets in **huf** an hour.

(48) [ ]

None of the flats above **suffer** any damage. One passer-by commented that while it

(49) [ ]

was a good thing that no lives were **loss,** the damage to the property might result in a

(50) [ ]

riducsion in earnings for the stallholders.

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Section G - Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1mark)
Fill in each blank with a suitable wold.

Eels are snakelike fish that live in water. Like other fishes, they live in water and breathe (51)_____ their gills. A majority of eel species are nocturnal — they are awake in the night and thus they are rarely seen in the 52)_____

Eels are cold-blooded. Unlike warm-blooded creatures, their body temperatures change with their surroundings. The life cycle of (53) _____ eel is also very interesting. Eels are born in deep quiet waters. The tiny creatures that (54)_____ from the eggs bear little resemblance to their parents. They measure only a few centimetres long and they look like transparent fish.

These tiny creatures, known as larvae, are (55)_____ by ocean currents to their ultimate destination. They feed on tiny marine plants and animals as part of their (56)_____. It is a tumultuous endeavour as they are (57)_____ to a lot of danger.

During their journey, these migrating creatures undergo some physical (58)_____. The size of their heads increases and they become rounder. They are now known as elvers. At first, these elvers are transparent. Later, they (59)_____ . on the colours of an adult eel. Eventually, the adult male eels stay near the coast while the adult (60)_____ eels follow the rivers inland. They continue to grow (61)_____ they become fat and long. They are capable (62)_____ wriggling across dry land because the mucus on their bodies keeps them from dehydration and (63)_____ them to take in air through their skins.

(64)_____the eels are about five years old, they are ready to migrate to their breeding place in the ocean. There, they lay their eggs and soon, tiny eels are born.

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These tiny eels migrate like their parents and the cycle (65)_____ itself. The average lifespan of eels in the wild is fifteen years.

Adapted from: http://animals.nationalgeographic.com/animals/fish/electric-eel

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Section H- Synthesis / Transformation (5 x 2mark)

For questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the given one (s).

66. The children were happy to visit the zoo. They have not been there for a long time.

_____ as

_____.

67. The little boy was upset. He lost his toy car.

_____ whose

_____.

68. The players lost the match. They had many practices.

Despite _____

_____.

69. Jane went to the funfair. Her cousins went to the funfair too.

Besides _____

_____.

70. The operation was successful. Mr Tan should stay at home to recuperate before returning to work.

Although _____.

_____

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Section I - Comprehension Open -ended (20 mark)
Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

The mist was a hindrance to Laura's visibility. She tripped over something that felt like a wire and fell. **That** would not have been serious but instead of staying where she fell, she went sliding down a slope covered with a loose, slippery mixture of gravel and earth. By the time she reached the bottom of the slope, she was badly bruised and breathless. She began to feel the pain in her legs and arms. 5

Where was she? She could only suppose she was at the bottom of a quarry or one of the deep pits. "Well, I had better try to climb out," Laura murmured.

She began to ascend the slope. She could not see much ahead. With all her might, she tried to move her body up the slope. She was gaining some confidence when she slipped again on the treacherous, loose surface and slithered back down for several metres. Her vivid imagination began to paint fearful pictures of what could be near her. Could there be wild animals or dangerous traps next to her? Was her life in danger? The harder she tried to keep her mind from wild thoughts, the faster her mind raced. She shuddered and resolved to stay where she was till she could see more clearly. 10 15

Hours seemed to pass. She prayed that someone would see her, though deep in her heart, she knew the possibility was almost non-existent. There was a **terrible** sadness in Laura's eyes. Then, from far in the distance, a low echo came to her ears. It sounded familiar. She listened intently and concluded that it was a distant train rumbling slowly through the thick mist. The sound grew steadily louder but it was not until the train, with its carriages aglow and dispersing the mist that she realised she had slithered down a steep-sided railway embankment. 20

Laura sprang up. She could have cried with relief. She was in no danger from the train, which was travelling slowly because of the mist and she was several metres away from the railway track. 25

All she had to do now was walk alongside the track until she came to a station, which she was bound to do in time.

She walked slowly and painfully, but steadily. She could feel a strain in her muscles. Within an hour, she had reached a station. However, that was not the end of her ordeal. It was late and all public transport had ceased. Her legs were weary and painful. It had started to drizzle and she wanted very much to be home, to have a warm shower and get enough rest as she had to perform a surgery the next day. She gritted her teeth and made her way back home despite the pain and rain. 30

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71. From **paragraph one**, how do we know that the physical conditions had not been favourable to Laura? (2m)

_____

_____

72. What does the word **'that'** in line 2 refer to? (2m)

_____

_____

73. Choose words from **paragraphs 3 and 4** which have **opposite** meanings to the words below. (3m)

descend	
dull	
gathering	

74. Based on the passage, 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 train moved at a fast speed.		
Laura managed to catch a bus home.		
Laura suffered some injuries from her fall.		

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75. In line 17, the writer states that there was a 'terrible sadness' in Laura's eyes. Why was there sadness in her eyes? (2m)

_____

_____

76. What was Laura's occupation? (2m)

_____

_____

77. Which word from **the last paragraph** tells us that ~~the writer~~ Laura was tired? (1m)

78. Explain clearly why had Laura's ordeal not ended when she reached the station? (2m)

_____

_____

79. Write 1, **2** and **3** in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage. (1m)

_____Laura heard a low echo.

_____ Laura tripped and slid down a slope.

_____ Laura realised she was seated near the railway embankment.

80. From the passage, what positive quality did Laura display?
Support your answer with one piece of evidence from the passage. (2m)

_____

_____

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39)gutted 40)from 41)residents 42)extinguished 43)in

44)dispatched 45)fourth 46)temporary 47)half 48)suffered

49)lost 50)reduction 51)through 52)day 53)an

54)hatch 55)carried 56)diet 57)exposed 58)changes

59)take 60)female 61)and 62)of 63)enables

64)When 65)repeats

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66)The children were happy to vist the zoo as they have not been there for a long time.

67)The little boy whose toy car was lost was upset.

68)Despite the fact that the players had many practices they lost the match.

69)Besides her cousins, Jane went to the funfair.

70)Although the operation was successful Mr Tan should stay at home to recuperate before returning to work.

71)Laura was badly bruised and breathless and she could feel the pain in her arms and legs.

72)IT refers to the fall Laura had.

73)ascend
vivid
dispersing

74)False = The train was traveling slowly because of the mist.
False = It was late and all public transport had stopped.
True = She was badly bruised and she could feel the pain in her arms and legs.

75)She knew that no one could possibly see her and come to her rescue.

76)She was a surgeon.

77)Weary

78)When Laura wanted to take a public transport home, she could not as all the public transport were ceased. She had to walk in the rain as well when her legs were already weary and painful.

79)2, 1, 3

80)Laura displayed resilience because she was determined to climb the slope and get home safely.

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PRIMARY 5

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2: BOOKLET A

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 min

Name:_____ ( ) Pr 5 ( )

There are a total of 80 questions – 28 MCQ and 52 open-ended questions.

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3. ***Answer all the questions***
4. ***Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.***

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Section A: Grammar Discrete (10 X 1 mark)

For each question from 1 to 10, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

1. After killing the lion, the hunter _____ it over his shoulders and carried it home.

   1) sling
   2) slung
   3) will sling
   4) has slung

2. Michael, with _____ I am going to the concert, is a good pianist.

   1) who
   2) whom
   3) which
   4) whose

3. Not _____ that someone had reported the car accident, Mary ran to the nearest police station.

   1) realise
   2) realised
   3) realises
   4) realising

4. This book was first published twenty years ago but it _____ many revisions since then.

   1) underwent
   2) has undergone
   3) have undergone
   4) have been undergoing

5. After the girls _____ their dinner, they continued to build the model aeroplane.

   1) take
   2) taking
   3) had taken
   4) have taken

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6. Everyone in class, except Tommy, _____ excited about the camp next week.

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

7. She is one of the secretaries who _____ the report for the minister every Tuesday.

1) type
2) types
3) typing
4) has typed

8. Father made the boys _____ the housework when Mother was not at home.

1) do
2) did
3) does
4) done

9. She _____ answers the teachers' questions directly. She usually gives a lot of unnecessary information.

1) often
2) rarely
3) usually
4) always

10. Before we begin the camp, let me lay _____ some ground rules that you are expected to follow.

(1) by
(2) up
(3) out
(4) down

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Section B: Vocabulary (5 X 1 mark)

For each question from 11 to 15, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

11. "We cannot just sit here and do nothing," Isabelle bellowed, unable to _____ her anger any longer.

    (1) depress
    (2) conquer
    (3) oppress
    (4) suppress

12. Caleb bumped into something hard as he was _____ for the light switch in the dark room

    (1) gaping
    (2) groping
    (3) gripping
    (4) grabbing

13. She was so _____ in the book that she forgot the cakes in the oven.

    (1) excited
    (2) intrigued
    (3) obsessed
    (4) engrossed

14. June has no _____ for her own safety. This worries her mother a lot.

    (1) worry
    (2) regard
    (3) control
    (4) respect

15. The police officers have arrested the drug traffickers. They are now looking for their _____ who had a part in selling drugs.

    1) victims
    2) criminals
    3) witnesses
    4) accomplices

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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 (OAS).

It was a warm day at the shores of the Italian Riviera. Fierce wind has begun to lift and swirl (16) the surface of the sea. Mas, a large black dog and her owner, Pilenga, scanned (17) the horizon and saw a fleet of colourful sailing boats heading towards the port. In the rough water, the crew of one boat struggled to maneouvre against the direction of the wind, but their boat moved closer to the jagged (18) rocks on the wrong side of the barrier before the harbour. Pilenga and his shaggy companion braced (19) for action. As Pilenga clambered (20) quickly along slippery rocks, Mas followed close on his heels, barking excitedly. When they reached the end of the jetty, they leapt into the waves and swam towards the floundering sailing boat.

16. 1) blow
    2) push
    3) circle
    4) caress

17. 1) peeped
    2) glanced
    3) glimpsed
    4) examined

18. 1) shiny
    2) uneven
    3) smooth
    4) glowing

19. 1) prepared
    2) partnered
    3) supported
    4) cooperated

20. 1) leapt
    2) jumped
    3) climbed
    4) scurried

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Section D: Visual Text Comprehension (8 X 1 mark)

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

Institute of Animal Protection

presents

Endangered Baby Animals Poster Design Competition 2014

Open to participants between 5 to 12 years old

Send your entries with your name, age, photograph and contact information

Due date: 25 July 2014

Prizes:

1st Prize

$5000 cash

with a chance to take a photo with a baby animal at the Children's Zoo.

2nd Prize

$3000 cash

with free Arts friends membership

3rd Prize

$1000 cash

with a $5 Rochaii Café gourmet voucher

Register and submit your posters at *Singapore Randai Zoo* Customer Service Counter with a registration fee of $20.

For more information, please contact Jenny Tay at 9885 3367 or email to babyanimals@gmail.com.sg

All cheques should be made payable to **Institute of Animal Protection.**

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The following is the winning entry of last year's Poster Design Competition.

Spreading the Love for Endangered Animals

Cuddly Baby Pandas

Pandas start out small — about the size of a stick of butter. The mother panda cares for her young until they are ready to venture out on their own. It does not leave the den when the cubs are still young.

The panda cubs are nursed until about 18 months of age, but will begin to eat bamboo at about 7 to 9 months. Pandas spend over 12 hours a day eating.

Funny Baby ~~Pigmy~~ Pygmy Slow Loris

The pygmy slow loris is nocturnal. It sleeps in the day while gripping a branch with its hands and feet. Its grasp is so strong that the animal can hang by one leg and feed in this position.

The name 'loris' comes from the Dutch word for clown, which describes the animal's wide-open eyes and facial markings and its acrobatic and comical positions as it moves about. When confronted, the loris will usually 'freeze' in mid-movement.

Your poster should include:

- drawings or photographs of baby animals
- interesting information about 2 to 3 species of endangered baby animals

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For each question from 21 to 28, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

21. The main aim of the poster design competition is to _____.

1) encourage children to design beautiful posters
2) promote the photography of endangered animals
3) introduce children to the Institute of Animal Protection
4) encourage children to find out more about endangered animals

22. Which of the following is **not** a requirement of the competition?

1) Participants must be children above 4 years old.
2) Participants must draw pictures of three baby animals.
3) Participants must send in their entries by 25 July 2014.
4) Participants must provide information of at least 2 endangered animals

23. The champion of the poster design competition will receive _____.

1) $5000 cash voucher and Arts Friends membership
2) $5000 cash and a free membership of Rochaii Cafe
3) $5000 cash and a photograph taken with a baby animal
4) $5000 cash voucher and a free membership of Randai Zoo

24. Participants are to register and submit their entries _____.

1) by calling Jenny Tay at 9885 3367
2) by emailing the poster to babyanimals@gmail.com.sg
3) at the Singapore Randai Zoo Customer Service Counter
4) at the Institute of Animal Protection Customer Service Counter

25. Panda cubs stop drinking milk when they are about _____.

1) 7 months
2) 9 months
3) 16 months
4) 18 months

26. _____ is **not** a sponsor of the Poster Design Competition.

1) Rochaii Café
2) Arts Friends Pte Ltd
3) Singapore Randai Zoo
4) Institute of Animal Protection

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27. Why is the loris named after the Dutch word 'clown'?

1) It sleeps in the day and has strong grasp.
2) It has wide-open eyes and facial markings.
3) It stops moving when confronted in mid-air.
4) It can hang by one leg and sleep in this position.

28. Which of the following statement is **TRUE**?

1) The pygmy slow lorises are active at night and sleeps in the day.
2) The mother panda usually leaves their den to find bamboo for her cubs.
3) The pygmy slow lorises and the giant pandas eat both plants and animals.
4) The giant pandas eat bamboo and butter when it is about 7 to 9 months old.

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2: BOOKLET B

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 min

Name: _____ ( )

Pr 5 ( )

Parent's Signature: _____

Booklet A	**/28**
Booklet B	**/67**
Total	**/95**

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

PAPER 1 - Writing	**/55**
PAPER 2 - Language Use & Comprehension	**/95**
PAPER 3 - Listening Comprehension	**/20**
PAPER 4 - Oral Communication	**/30**
TOTAL	**/200**

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Section E: Grammar Close (10 x 1m)

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.

Use each WORD once ONLY

A)	about	D)	can	G)	is	K)	should	N)	that
B)	are	E)	do	H)	in	L)	to	P)	why
C)	a	F)	from	J)	of	M)	the	Q)	when

We all want good health. It is important to lay _____ (29) foundations of a healthy lifestyle early on. Trusted brand health supplement makers often aim to meet the health needs at the various stages _____ (30) your life.

Consumers, like you and me, are more health conscious and knowledgeable _____ (31) health these days. They are also very sophisticated _____ (32) it comes to purchasing health supplements. They like _____ (33) get professional advice and they look at whether a product _____ (34) fulfil all their needs. The cost of the products _____ (35) not a major consideration. Do we really need health supplements at all?

Nobody can design a perfect diet. People who eat white sugar, white rice, white flour and canned food _____ (36) possibly deficient in certain vitamins and minerals. The difference is only _____ (37) the degree of deficiency.

The makers of health supplements recommend _____ (38) you take at least some form of dietary supplements, especially in this day and age where people work longer hours and consume more fast food. For better overall well-being, you need a good diet supplemented by food supplements.

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Section F: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (12 x 1m)

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

They attacked out of the blue. Carol Martini was on the fourteen-and-a-half metre

(39) [ ]

yacht *Gandalf*. She skaned the horizon, still oblivious to the danger about half a kilometre

(40) [ ]

off her bow. Then, fleeckering in the distance, she glimpsed something: two low shapes,

(41) [ ]

silhouetted inside the sun's reflect brilliance on the water. Picking up the radio set handset,

she hailed the nearby yacht *Mahdi* and its captain, Rod Nowlin. "Uh Rod," she said. "I

(42) [ ]

think I see something." After that, Carol instant called out to her husband, Jay. Seconds

(43) [ ]

later, the boats in the distance fired their andjeans, sending plumes of thick black exhaust

(44) [ ]

beellowing into the air.

(45) [ ]

The unthinkable was happening. Despite weeks in planning to avoid precisely this

(46) [ ]

fate, *Gandalf* and *Mahdi* were under attack from modern-day pirates. Weeks before this

(47) [ ]

fateful day, both Carol and Jay had planned our ideal vacation that would take them to the

(48) [ ] (49) [ ]

most spatackular parts of the earth, as well as the most treacherous: stratchurs of ocean

(50) [ ]

known to harbour pirates. The two larger vessels advance towards them, shooting. Jay

decided that their only chance of escape was to ram their *Gandalf* straight at the pirates'

vessel.

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tion G: Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1m)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

A huge part of the attraction of diving is the sense that you are visiting another world. When I _____ (51). I like to consider myself a ghost in this other world. I float _____ (52) the seabed. I do not touch or interact with creatures I _____ (53) across. I just observe them. While you are diving, you may sometimes sustain injuries _____ (54) are usually the result of the animals defending _____ (55). If you do not touch the animals with your _____ (56) or settle on the seabed where they may be hidden, then your chances of _____ (57) hurt are greatly reduced.

The most dangerous animals are often beautiful and may not _____ (58) threatening at all. A blue-ringed octopus is small _____ (59) to rest in the palm of your hands and looks cute rather _____ (60) harmful. The cone shells look like an unthreatening snail but _____ (61) poisons can also kill. Do research on the animals that you are likely to _____ (62) when you are diving in a new area. You will notice far more on your dive and will also know which animals are the dangerous ones.

Some animals may be aggressive if they are threatened or are _____ (63) their territory . Most fish will first display a warning. The lionfish spreads its fins _____ (64) a warning. Despite the potential hazards of diving, most divers enjoy the first-hand experience in the underwater world. You can make these dives without accident or injury by _____ (65) some diving rules. You can also enjoy the experience if you are a responsible diver

Deep Down Showdown from Asia National Geographic Magazine

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Section H: Synthesis/Transformation (5 x 2m = 10m)

For each of the questions 66 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). (10 marks)

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66. "Don't run along the corridor!" the teacher ordered the pupils.

The teacher ordered _____

_____

67. You spoke to the burly man just now. He looks like my teacher.

_____ whom _____

_____

68. The girls did not guess the correct answer to the question.

None of _____

_____

69. All the boys have a torch.

Every _____

_____

70. The rose plant will wither unless you water it regularly.

_____ if

_____

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Section I: Comprehension (20m)

Read this passage and answer questions 71 to 80.

When the phone call came through, it took but a moment to dash the hope I held for days. "I am sorry," said the manager. "However, the other applicant was more suitable for the job." Upset with the news, I left a note for my absent wife telling her what had happened and went for a stroll to clear my head. Accompanied by my dog, Peanuts, I headed for the beach, wallowing in self-pity.

All of a sudden, Peanuts started barking like crazy. Distracted, I looked up to see what was happening. To my astonishment I saw a large creature lying at the water's edge about 100 metres away. Its bulk and colour led me to believe that it was a dead shark. Peanuts was standing just a few metres away from it, barking furiously.

As I approached, I could see the unmistakable tail of a dolphin. Inspecting it further I was surprised to see the blunt shape of its head. A little whale! It was roughly 2.5 metres long, but must have weighed between 200 and 300 kilogrammes. I examined it closely but saw no evidence of injury. Then, noticing what might have been an eye on its blunt head, I leaned in for a closer look. Suddenly, **it** opened, blowing wet air in my face. Not an eye, but a spout. It was breathing!

Shocked and excited, my first thought was to rescue it. I did not think I could move it by myself, but I was alone on the beach and more than three kilometres from town. There was no choice: I knew I had to do something. I decided to try to roll it. What an effort! It was a backbreaking task, but I was making great progress in rolling it a few times. However, a giant wave picked the whale up and pushed it back, despite my efforts to brace against it.

Dejected, I fell backwards underneath the whale and, as the water receded, found myself in a sitting position with the baby whale in my lap. I could not move. When the next wave began to roll in, I could feel the panic rising inside me as the water quickly surged up to my chin, engulfing me. I took a deep breath and went under.

Luckily the whale became buoyant and I was able to scramble out from under it. I quickly turned it face first into the oncoming waves. It worked! With each rising wave, I slowly pushed the hapless creature further into the deeper water until it was floating. When the next big wave came, I was horrified to see it turned sideways again, and heading back to the shallows. I waited until we were between waves so I planted my feet firmly in the sand and then I gave it an enormous shove. It went under the next wave and surfaced a few metres away. "Yes!" I cried, as I watched it move into deeper water. Exhausted but thrilled, I made my way up the beach and watched.

The whale was not in any immediate trouble so I decided to run home and grab my wetsuit, intending to dive to make sure it did not beach again. Arriving home, I peeled off my wet clothes and donned my wetsuit. "What are you doing?" my wife asked. "Saving a life! We have to go!" I replied. Explaining the situation as we sped up the beach, I saw the whale and pointed. It was floating, resting and apparently safe. I was overjoyed. As we sat whale-watching in the fading light, my wife started saying how sorry she was that I had missed out on the job. By then, I had forgotten about it. "It doesn't matter anymore," I said smiling. Suddenly, what I had accomplished that day seemed far more important.

(Adapted from On The Beach, Reader's Digest)

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71. What was the hope that the writer was holding on to? [1m]

72. Which phrase from paragraph 1 tells you that the writer felt sorry for himself? [2 m]

73. In the writer's view, how was the whale similar to a shark? [2m]

74. "Suddenly, **it** opened." What does "it" in line 14 refer to? [2m]

75. Which phrase in paragraph 4 shows that the writer had a difficult job helping the whale? [2m]

76. Explain clearly why the writer put on a wet suit. [2m]

77. "Luckily the whale became buoyant and I was able to scramble out from under it." Explain in your own words how the writer freed himself from the whale. [2m]

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78. In the end, what was the writer unconcerned about? [1m]

_____

_____

79. 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 writer had to save the whale himself.		
The writer was the first to notice the large creature on the beach.		
The writer at first thought that the whale was hurt.		

80. Find words from paragraph 5 and 6 which have the **same meaning** as the word(s) in the boxes. Use **one** word for each box. [3m]

retreated	
excited	
unfortunate	

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4	2	4	2	4	3	4	2	1	4
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28		
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PAPER 2 : BOOKLET B

Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
M	J	A	Q	L	D	G	B	H	N

Q39 scanned
Q40 flickering
Q41 reflected
Q42 instantly
Q43 engines
Q44 billowing
Q45 of
Q46 by
Q47 their
Q48 spectacular
Q49 stretches
Q50 advanced
Q51 dive
Q52 above/over
Q53 come
Q54 that
Q55 themselves
Q56 hands
Q57 getting
Q58 look
Q59 enough
Q60 than
Q61 their
Q62 see

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Q63 protecting/defending/marking/claiming
Q64 as
Q65 following
Q66 The teacher ordered the pupils not to run along the corridor.
Q67 The burly man whom you spoke to just now looks like my teacher.
Q68 None of the girls guessed the correct answer to the question.
Q69 Every boy has a torch.
Q70 The rose plant will wither if you do not water it regularly.
Q71 The writer was holding onto the hope that he could be chosen for the job.
Q72 wallowing in self-pity.
Q73 Both the shark and the whale were bulky and they both were of the same colour.
Q74 If refers to the spout.
Q75 backbreaking task
Q76 He intended to dive and make sure the whale did not beach again.
Q77 When the whale became buoyant, it floated, allowing the writer to escape from under the whale.
Q78 The writer was unconcerned about missing out on a job.
Q79 True. He was alone on the beach and he was more than three kilometres from town.
False. The writer's dog, Peanuts was the first to notice the large creature on the beach and alerted the writer by barking.
True. He examined the whale closely and there was no evidence of injury.
Q80 retreated - receded
excited - thrilled
unfortunate - hapless

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1. Write your Name, Class and Index No. in the space provided above.
2. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.
5. Shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided for questions 1 to 28 only.

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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. Betty, as well as her classmates, _____taking part in the Youth Challenge next month.

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

2. _____ I do not like him, I agree that he is a good manager.

   (1) If
   (2) When
   (3) Since
   (4) Although

3. "Annie", _____ is a popular musical film, tells the story of a mischievous orphan from New York City.

   (1) who
   (2) whom
   (3) which
   (4) whose

4. We need to come up with an alternative solution _____ our plan fail.

   (1) can
   (2) may
   (3) would
   (4) should

5. _____ of the boys was absent from remedial lesson yesterday.

   (1) All
   (2) None
   (3) Every
   (4) Some

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6. The thought of what happened yesterday made her _____ how much her parents cared for her.

(1) realise
(2) realises
(3) realised
(4) realising

7. What caught all of us by surprise _____ the sudden withdrawal of two schools from the competition last week.

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

8. My friends _____ the movie tickets before I arrived at the cinema.

(1) buy
(2) was buying
(3) had bought
(4) have bought

9. The fans have been sitting in the lobby, waiting for their idol _____ the past two hours.

(1) at
(2) for
(3) from
(4) since

10. The new employee knows her colleagues,_____ she?

(1) did
(2) does
(3) didn't
(4) doesn't

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Section B: Vocabulary (5 X 1 mark)

For each question from 11 to 15, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

11. The paramedics managed to _____ the boy who fainted in the crowd before he was sent to the hospital.

    (1) revive
    (2) restore
    (3) resurrect
    (4) rejuvenate

12. This is the best _____ the police has found to prove that he is innocent.

    (1) evidence
    (2) influence
    (3) significance
    (4) consequence

13. Many farming villages were _____ as farmers could not harvest due to the dry spell.

    (1) constricted
    (2) exhausted
    (3) diminished
    (4) impoverished

14. We only managed to catch a _____ of the guest-of-honour after the concert as there were too many people blocking our view.

    (1) glint
    (2) glare
    (3) glimpse
    (4) glimmer

15. As it was raining heavily, we felt that it was a _____ that we had cancelled our camping trip.

    (1) slap on the wrist
    (2) drop in the bucket
    (3) blessing in disguise
    (4) chip on our shoulder

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Section C: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

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

Recent research has shown that the ill effects of sugar on one's health are more extensive than one could imagine. According to a 2012 article in the journal *Nature*, it is a toxic substance that should be regulated (16), like tobacco and alcohol.

Studies show that too much sugar not only makes us fat, but also wreaks havoc on our organs, such as the liver and even the brain. As a result, we become more susceptible (17) to heart disease, diabetes and maybe even cancer.

Some experts say that raising awareness is insufficient (18). A lot more needs to be done to remedy (19) the situation. Some experts have suggested tight (20) controls limiting the sugar used in foodstuffs or even a tax on sugar.

Nevertheless, after hearing the sobering news, many of us shrugged and returned to our cupcakes.

Adapted from "Your body on Sugar", by Joanne Chen

16. (1) banned
    (2) controlled
    (3) manipulated
    (4) standardised

17. (1) sensitive
    (2) receptive
    (3) accessible
    (4) vulnerable

18. (1) inefficient
    (2) ineffective
    (3) inadequate
    (4) insignificant

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19. (1) save
(2) renew
(3) expose
(4) negotiate

20. (1) rigid
(2) slack
(3) loose
(4) cramped

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Section D: Visual Text Comprehension (8 × 1 mark)

Study the poster below carefully and answer questions 21 to 28.

RGPS Photography Competition 2014

proudly presented by RGPS Photography Club

Calling all amateur photographers or photography enthusiasts!

The RGPS Photography Competition 2014, the first competition ever organised by our very own Photography Club is finally happening! You'll get to showcase your photography talent, learn from fellow photographers and win attractive prizes! **Diana Lee**, our former alumni, also nominated by Lion City Times as *Most Influential Photographer* of 2014, is part of our Honorary Judging Committee. She will be meeting shortlisted photographers in a special Meet-and-Share Session!

The RGPS Photography Competition offers 4 categories:

- **Architecture**
  Shoot buildings from different angles to showcase their architectural details and beauty.
- **Nature & Wildlife**
  Capture the beauty of wildlife, insects, plants and natural wonders.
- **People**
  Take pictures of the faces around you.
- **Split second**
  Capture that moment which would be gone in a split second. Shutter speed and fastest fingers win the day!

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Attractive cash prizes to be won, courtesy of SonyPro Electronics! A chance to meet Diana Lee and have her judge your work!

3 winners will be announced!

1st prize: $100 cash
2nd prize: $50 cash
3rd prize: $20 cash

Young Photographers Meet-and-Share Session / Exhibition

- 5 entries will be shortlisted for each category. The Pre-selection Committee consists of a panel of executive members from RGPS Photography Club.
- Photographers of the shortlisted entries can attend a Meet-and-Share Session with members of the Photography Club and the official Honorary Judging Committee including Diana Lee on 10 July 2014. The winners will be announced on the same day.
- Shortlisted entries will be exhibited in the school hall from 10 July 2014 to 15 July 2014.
- Photographers of the shortlisted entries will be granted special membership into RGPS Photography Club.

Deadline

All entries must be submitted to **www.rgps.edu.sg/photocontest** by **30 June 2014**.
Shortlisted entries will be notified via email on **6 July 2014**.
Further details on the Meet-and-Share Session will be conveyed via email.

Note

Late entries will not be considered.
All decisions of the judges will be final.

Jointly organised by:

RGPS Photography Club

SonyPro Electronics

Supported by:

National Creative Youths Council

School of Mass Communications

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For each question from 21 to 28, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

21. The RGPS Photography Competition will be held for the _____ time in 2014.

(1) first
(2) second
(3) third
(4) fourth

22. The photographs of a building, a tree, a group of children and a football player kicking a ball in mid-air are used in the poster to _____.

(1) honour Diana Lee's work
(2) showcase past winning entries
(3) introduce the organisers of the event
(4) help people better understand what the categories mean

23. Lily wants to submit an image of an egg falling onto the floor. Which category would that fall under?

(1) People
(2) Architecture
(3) Split second
(4) Nature and Wildlife

24. The sponsor of the prizes for this competition is _____.

(1) SonyPro Electronics
(2) RGPS Photograpghy Club
(3) National Creative Youths Council
(4) School of Mass Communications

25. The phrase 'shortlisted entries' under the subheading **Young Photographers Meet-and-Share Session/Exhibition** refers to entries that are _____.

(1) submitted via email
(2) most likely to win prizes
(3) winners of the categories
(4) rejected by the Honorary Judging Committee

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26. To take part in the competition, participants should _____.

(1) attend the Meet-and-Share Session
(2) email the RGPS Photography Club
(3) contact the Pre-selection Committee
(4) submit their images to the RGPS Photography Competition website

27. The **main** purpose of the competition is to _____.

(1) encourage participants to meet Diana Lee
(2) introduce camera equipment to participants
(3) recruit talented photographers into RGPS Photography Club
(4) exchange photography tips with Diana Lee and members of the RGPS Photography Club

28. Why is the subheading "**Deadline**" in bold type?

(1) To distract interested participants
(2) To raise doubts about the competition
(3) To make participants feel excited about the competition
(4) To make it easier for the reader to find relevant information

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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.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A)	a	(E)	for	(J)	its	(N)	to
(B)	an	(F)	from	(K)	of	(P)	they
(C)	and	(G)	in	(L)	out	(Q)	with
(D)	but	(H)	it	(M)	over		

Charities are going online to reach donors. With Singaporeans more generous than ever when (29) _____ are giving through online channels, charities have begun innovating to embrace the connected generation.

From clicking for coupons (30) _____ "liking" a Facebook page and tapping an ez-link card, charities are trying to reach (31) _____ to donors through innovative platforms. Last Friday, the Community Chest launched a campaign in which all (32) _____ takes to donate is to tap an ez-link card on billboards found (33) _____

Online donation portals are reporting how they have been receiving more donations than ever. Singapore's largest online donation portal SG Gives raised a record $8.5 million last year, a 37 per cent jump (34) _____ $6.2 million the year before. Social enterprise See-No-Clay reached its goal (35) _____ selling 10 coupons within two weeks. Each coupon can be used to place order for small sculptures made by potters (36)_____ visual disabilities.

Online giving is reaching (37) _____ entirely new audience of supporters - a younger and more socially aware generation. For them, donations online is a universal and shared experience that says to their friends, "I care and so should you." For others, donating online is not only convenient (38)_____ also easy. Mr Andy Chen,39, said, " Due to my busy schedule, I choose to donate online as the process is hassle-free."

Adapted from "Charities go online to reach donors." By Priscilla Goy, The Straits Times, 2 Dec 2013

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Section F: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (12 × 1 mark)

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

You may not realise it but each day, nearly every one of us brings a pest into the

(39) [ ]

home. It is small, adaptable with land and water and has caused the deaths of numerous animals and fish around.

(40) [ ]

It may seem unbeleaffable to many that the plastic bag, a filmsy everyday item

that we simply cannot do without, has been the scourge of many countries, which have

(41) [ ]

rally to impose taxes or ban them altogether.

(42) [ ]

The global war against plastic bags is picking on steam. Shoppers in San Francisco

(43) [ ]

must use paper bags when they buy growsirees or carry their own bags from

(44) [ ]

home. The move came after sirveral weeks of intense lobbying by environmentalists. Why then, is

(45) [ ]

Singapore, a much smaller city and one that has serious airspurations of making its mark as

a champion of green technology, not following suit in a big way?

46) [ ]

Ever since a heated debate on plastic bags is sparked off some two years ago,

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(47) [ ]

awareness of the problem has gone up somewhat. A national ertempt to encourage

(48) [ ]

the use of reusable bags have taken off well with 100,000 such bags sold at major

(49) [ ]

supermarkets. This is indeed an achiefment More significantly, today marks Singapore's first

(50) [ ]

Bring Your Own Bag Day. The efforts are laudable. However, we can do best. We need to speed up the push to bring down the use of plastic bags here.

Adapted from "Say no to plastic bags." By Lee U-Wen, Today, 18 April 2007

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Section G :Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

By the time you are old enough to apply for a driving licence, you may find that you do not need one. Cars might be _____ (51) to drive themselves by then said some experts. All you will have to do is enter your destination into your car's navigation system. You may then sit back _____ (52) enjoy the ride.

"People think that autonomous driving is science fiction, but the fact is that the _____ (53) is already here," a representative from car maker Volvo told the BBC.

"Many of today's cars already have the ability to control their own speed and choose the best route _____ (54) the journey. Some even have systems to help drivers park and _____ (55) collisions. Thus, it is not impossible that, as the science improves, our vehicles will be able to take over completely from human drivers one _____ (56)

A couple of months back, Steve Mahan got a taste of what life could be _____ (57) he had a self-driving car. Mr Mahan is blind. On his own, he is unable to _____ (58) some errands. However, with the self-driving car, he could manage a lot on his own. He could do this as Google had fitted the car with special _____ (59) It had radars, sensors and cameras that would continuously take _____ (60) of its surroundings. The car's computer system could then use all of this data to move the vehicle forward _____ (61) hitting anything. It could stop at traffic lights, allow pedestrians to cross the road and give _____ (62) to other vehicles.. Mr Mahan did not

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have to navigate the car in any way.

During the past two years, Google has been exploring various technologies that would _____ a car to self-drive. The idea is for robo-cars to do
(63)

more than help people like Mr Mahan to travel. It is also to make car journeys safer and _____ efficient for all. Most road accidents are caused by human _____.
(64) (65)

Some researchers, therefore, argue that travel would become much safer if humans were removed from the equation.

(Adapted from "Watch out for the Robo-Cars", by Shameen Idiculla. What's Up Issue 93, September 2012)

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Section H: Transformation / Synthesis (5 x 2 marks)

For each of the question 66 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 that of the given sentence(s).

66. You will be late for your appointment. You must hurry.

_____ unless

_____.

67. The tigers and cubs are not sleeping

Neither _____

_____.

68. "Did you see my painting yesterday?" Mr Ho asked his niece.

Mr Ho asked his niece _____

_____.

69. He was careless. He lost his wallet.

Due to his _____

_____.

70. He ate everything on his plate. He did not eat the beans.

_____ except

_____.

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Section I : Comprehension (Open-ended) 20 marks

Read this passage carefully and answer the questions 71 to 80.

Every year in winter, Mr Manner and his family gather at a lakeside cabin in the mountains in Helsinki. He and his two sons go skating and ice fishing if the lake is frozen, or they fish from the canoe if it is not.

Two years ago, the lake was covered by a thin layer of ice, too thick for boating, but not solid enough to walk on. Mr Manner and his family spent most of their time in front of the blazing fire in the cabin. In the mid- afternoon, while preparing dinner, they heard a commotion from outside.

"Be careful!" someone bellowed, "don't go out too far!"

Mr Manner and his family hurried to the window and saw a young girl skating across the ice. As they watched on in fear, the girl's feet slipped and she lost her footing on the unstable surface. She managed to stand back up on her feet and started skating further and further away.

She was in the middle of the lake when she stumbled once more. This time, the ice gave way and the girl disappeared under it. She was nowhere to be seen. Seconds later, she resurfaced gasping for air as she struggled to hold on to the ice and keep her head above water.

Mr Manner and his son, Theo, ran to the edge of the water. Theo took a few steps on the ice before quickly retreating to shore. He realised that he was in a precarious situation and decided to join the rest of his family who was trying in vain to work a channel open with the canoe.

"She can't last long in that icy water," Mrs Manner said. Tears were welling in her eyes.

The other people who were watching what was happening before them started to cry out in despair as they joined the Manner family in trying to break the layer of ice with the canoe. They knew they had to race against time.

Suddenly, little eight-year-old Theo, jumped up and shouted, "I have an idea!"

He ran into the cabin and grabbed the rope that they always used to pitch their tents. He tied the rope into a knot securely around one of his favourite plush toys but realised that it was not suitable for his use. He looked frantically for something that could float. He picked up a golf club which was placed by the fireplace but shook his head. Then there were the porcelain crockery and silver cutlery. Just as he was scratching his head, he spotted an orange buoy hanging on the wall. He fastened it to the rope he had in his hand and then rushed out again. From the side of the lake, Theo tossed the buoy to the girl who then grabbed it with her life. With the help of Mr Manner, they managed to reel the girl back to safety.

All the onlookers started cheering as Mrs Manner was ready with a large towel to wrap around the young girl who was still in shock and shivering profusely. She was swept by a wave of remorse and she hung her head low. The Manner family quickly ushered her into their cabin where it was warm so that she could recover from what could have been a **tragedy**.

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Your answers must be in complete sentences.

71. According to the writer, what were the two reasons given to suggest that the lake was unusable? (2m)

_____

_____

72. Write 1,2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage. (1m)

_____ The young girl was trying very hard to stay afloat.

_____ Mrs Manner wrapped a towel around the little girl to keep her warm.

_____ Someone tried to warn the young girl of the danger.

73. Choose the word/words from lines 8 to 16 in the passage that have similar meaning to the words below. (3m)

shouted	
rushed	
vanished	

74. What does the word "It" in line 14 refer to? (1m)

75. Which sentence from lines 21 to 27 tells you that the family realised that they had to come up with a faster rescue plan? (2m)

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76 Why did Theo eventually choose the buoy and not the golf club, the porcelain crockery and the sliver cutlery?

_____

_____

77. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is *True or False* then give one reason why you think so. (3m)

	True / False	
Theo was confident that they could work a channel with the canoe		
The little girl was drowned in the icy water		
The onlookers did not help to save the little girl.		

78. In the last paragraph, did the young girl regret her action? How can you tell? (2m)

_____

_____

79. What does the "**tragedy**" in line 41 refer to? (2m)

_____

_____

80. Do you think the Manner family would still gather at the lake in Helsinki the next winter? Support your answer with information from the passage. (2m)

_____

_____

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EXAM PAPER 2014
LEVEL : PRIMARY 5
SCHOOL : RAFFLES
SUBJECT : ENGLISH
TERM : SA1

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Q2	4	Q22	4	Q42	up	Q62	way
Q3	3	Q23	3	Q43	groceries	Q63	enable
Q4	4	Q24	1	Q44	several	Q64	more
Q5	2	Q25	2	Q45	aspiration	Q65	drivers
Q6	1	Q26	4	Q46	was		
Q7	3	Q27	3	Q47	attempt		
Q8	3	Q28	4	Q48	has		
Q9	2	Q29	P	Q49	achievement		
Q10	4	Q30	N	Q50	better		
Q11	1	Q31	L	Q51	able		
Q12	1	Q32	H	Q52	and		
Q13	4	Q33	G	Q53	technology		
Q14	3	Q34	F	Q54	for		
Q15	3	Q35	K	Q55	avoid		
Q16	2	Q36	Q	Q56	day		
Q17	4	Q37	B	Q57	if		
Q18	3	Q38	D	Q58	run		
Q19	1	Q39	to	Q59	equipment		
Q20	1	Q40	unbelievable	Q60	note		

Q66 You will be late for your appointment unless you hurry.

Q67 Neither the tigers nor cubs are sleeping.

Q68 Mr Ho asked his niece if she had seen his painting the previous day.

Q69 Due to his carelessness, he lost his wallet.

Q70 He ate everything on his plate except the beans.

Q71 The lake was covered by a thin layer of ice which was too thick for boating and not solid enough to walk on.

Q72 2,3,1

Q73 bellowed, hurried, disappeared

Q74 The ice in the middle of the lake.

Q75 They knew they had to race against time.

Q76 The buoy is the only object that can float.

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Q77 True He went back to help his family to create the channel.

False Mr Manner and the other people watching what was happening managed to reel the girl back to safety.

False The onlookers joined the Manner family in trying to break the layer of ice with the canoe.

Q78 Yes, the young girl regretted her action. She was swept by a wave of remorse and hung her head low.

Q79 It refers to the drowning of the little girl in the icy water.

Q80 Yes, they will go back to the lake as they have been doing so every winter.

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ROSYTH SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1, 2014
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
PRIMARY 5

Name: _____ Marks: 28

Class: Pr 5-_____

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Date: 9 May 2014 Parent's Signature: _____

TOTAL DURATION FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 min

BOOKLET A

Instructions to Pupils:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Read the questions and follow all the instructions carefully.
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For each question, from 1 to 10, shade your answer (1,2,3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

1. Mr Lim _____ how to drive. He has driving lessons every Friday and Saturday.

   (1) learns
   (2) will learn
   (3) has learnt
   (4) is learning

2. If Sally _____ to attend the musical, she has to seek her parents' permission.

   (1) wish
   (2) wishes
   (3) will wish
   (4) is wishing

3. Everyone, except the class monitors, _____ the teacher's instructions. We are supposed to meet her outside the staffroom and not in the hall.

   (1) misunderstand
   (2) misunderstands
   (3) has misunderstood
   (4) have misunderstood

4. Having worked so hard on the project for weeks, you and I should give _____ a treat now that the project is completed.

   (1) yourself
   (2) ourselves
   (3) yourselves
   (4) themselves

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5. The children saw the female polar bear _____ gave birth to her first cub in Singapore.

(1) who
(2) whom
(3) which
(4) whose

6. "Don't waste your time talking to him. Anything you tell him always _____ on deaf ears," said Mrs. Wong to her husband.

(1) fell
(2) fall
(3) falls
(4) will fall

7. The driver swerved his car to avoid the cyclist but ended up crashing _____ a stationary vehicle.

(1) at
(2) into
(3) with
(4) towards

8. The ball I threw across the room flew out through an open window,_____?

(1) did I
(2) did it
(3) didn't I
(4) didn't it

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9. _____ we heed the advice 'Prevention is better than cure', fatal accidents at home are likely to occur.

(1) Since
(2) Unless
(3) Though
(4) Because

10. The policemen ordered the kidnapper to release the hostages _____ they would shoot to kill.

(1) so
(2) or
(3) as
(4) and

For each question from 11 to 15, shade your answer (1,2,3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.
(5 marks)

11. The man who grabbed a lady's handbag at the train station has _____ from the policemen.

(1) retired
(2) exported
(3) absconded
(4) approached

12. My neighbour is a photographic _____. He enjoys taking photographs of his travel and participating in international photography competitions.

(1) crusader
(2) supporter
(3) champion
(4) enthusiast

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13. The children had _____ at the Children's Day concert yesterday. Now they are looking forward to next year's event.

(1) to call it a day
(2) no time to lose
(3) a whale of a time
(4) the ball in their court

14. Many of our domestic helpers are _____ who are here to work so that they can send money back to their families.

(1) refugees
(2) strangers
(3) outsiders
(4) foreigners

15. During her class presentation, Suzy made a promise when she ended it with, "When I grow up, I _____ to make the world a better place by helping the poor."

(1) claim
(2) resolve
(3) demand
(4) propose

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

(5 marks)

An early morning winter storm had dumped (16) a lot of snow here in the mountains of my home. Schools were closed, roads were dangerous, and all I wanted to do was stay in bed. Still, I knew I had to get the day started. I dressed warmly (17) before I stepped out of the house. The snow was over my shoes. The cold draft was chapping my lips. My fifty-year-old back ached in anticipation of (18) the shoveling I would have to do if the snow did not stop soon.

Yet, when I looked out on the crystal blanket that covered the ground, I could not help but smile a bit. It was so beautiful. It softened the naked (19) trees and hid the dead grass. In the distance I could hear the sound of the snow plow on the road, the barking of a happy dog, and the laughter of children playing outside, enjoying their day off (20) from school.

16. (1) ditched
(2) disposed
(3) discarded
(4) deposited

17. (1) tidied up
(2) packed up
(3) boarded up
(4) wrapped up

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18. (1) pending
(2) longing
(3) awaiting
(4) expecting

19. (1) bare
(2) empty
(3) exposed
(4) unprotected

20. (1) leave
(2) break
(3) holiday
(4) interval

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21. What is the biggest challenge in this Math competition?

(1) To compete with international students

(2) To answer as many questions as possible

(3) To complete 30 Math questions within 25 minutes

(4) To solve 25 Math questions without using a calculator

22. The preliminary rounds will be held at _____.

(1) the Singapore Expo

(2) the KIDDZ Academy

(3) the Universal Studios

(4) Singapore Press Holdings

23. How many countries are participating in the Maths Mastery International Challenge?

1. 5
2. 6
3. 3
4. 4

24. MPH Bookstores, APPLE and Universal Studios are supporting the event by _____.

1. paying for all the prizes
2. sponsoring some of the prizes
3. lending their names to the challenge
4. offering their services during the challenge

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25. Which one of these statements is true?

(1) Only the champion is offered a scholarship.

(2) All finalists will receive championship medals.

(3) Each of the top 3 schools will receive a trophy.

(4) Cash prizes are awarded to the top three finalists.

26. The word 'action-packed' in 'Action-Packed Finale' tells us that the finale will be _____.

(1) exciting

(2) dramatic

(3) impressive

(4) breathtaking

27. To qualify for the Maths Mastery International Challenge, participants must _____.

(1) be present at the finals

(2) register by 12 June 2014

(3) be an upper primary pupil

(4) email their personal particulars

28. The top 10 finalists are those who _____.

(1) complete the challenge in the shortest time

(2) answer all questions correctly within half an hour

(3) solve the most number of questions within half an hour

(4) gave the most number of correct responses in the shortest time

End of Booklet A

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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1, 2014
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
PRIMARY 5

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Class: Pr 5-_____

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BOOKLET B

Instructions to Pupils:
1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Read the questions and follow all the instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 52 questions (Questions 29 to 80).
4. **Answer ALL the questions and write all the answers in this booklet.**

	Maximum	Marks Obtained
Booklet A	28	
Booklet B	67	
Total	95	

Component	Question Numbers	Marks Obtained
Comprehension Cloze	51 – 65	
Comprehension Open-ended	71 – 80	

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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. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) is	(D) the	(G) to	(K) on	(N) are
(B) an	(E) by	(H) its	(L) for	(P) our
(C) because	(F) and	(J) their	(M) however	(Q) although

" Singapore's Mass Rapid Transit (SMRT) system is more reliable nowadays. There are fewer delays (29)_____ huge sums are being spent to maintain and improve the network," said Transport Minister Lui Tuck Yew. (30)_____ he acknowledged that SMRT could have done "much better" in handling the three breakdowns last month, especially in providing timely information on the situation to commuters.

Mr Lui said the SMRT and Land Transport Authority (LTA) are spending about S$500 million to overhaul older trains (31)_____ the North-South and East-West lines by 2016. This will include upgrading the signalling system by 2018.

SBS Transit, (32)_____other rail operator, is also improving its network. It is replacing problematic parts of the North-East Line overhead power system, and doing (33)_____ upgrade of major systems of its 10-year-old trains. The improvements made (34)_____ both operators have led to fewer delays that exceed five minutes. The number of delays fell from 396 in 2012 (35)_____ 309 last year.

"Fewer trains (36)_____ also being withdrawn from service on all lines," Mr Lui added. "We have made some strides in the right direction, but there is certainly room (37)_____ improvement." He also said SMRT is changing (38)_____ approach in dealing with breakdowns. Instead of having a generic plan for stretches of rail, it will have a station-by-station contingency plan.

Adapted from an article from www.asiaone.com dated 23 Feb 2014

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Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (12 marks)

(39)

Mr Andy Lim loves animals. The 35-year-old is a award-winning photographer.

(40)

Recently, he has been helping some abendened pets to look for homes. He takes

(41)

photographs of the animals and posts it on his website. He believes that

(42) (43)

an appeal photograph can be amazing. It can make all the different in finding an owner

Adj

(44)

for the pet. A kapteevating photograph showing the personality of an animal

(45) (46)

can attract potenshial adopters to take a keen interest in the animal. In the other hand,

(47)

a blurry, depressing photo of a frytened animal may lower its chance for adoption.

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(48)

Mr Lim also hold workshops to teach volunteers. They learn to take pictures

(49) (50)

with the right lighting and eekuipment. He has come up with simple photo tacknicks that he says anyone can learn.

"If there is a dog which looks sad, take it on a short run before the photo shoot so that it will pant and that will make it look like a smile," he added.

Adapted from an article from http://www.dogchannel.com/dog-rescue/lifesaving-dog-photography.aspx

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15 marks)

A school runner competing in the Annual Inter-Primary School 400-metre race is receiving national attention. This is in recognition of her (51)_____ after she helped a struggling competitor to finish the race.

Mindy Tan, (52)_____ 12-year-old student from Glasgow School, is in the limelight for her sportsmanship. Mindy, (53)_____ body was tired, was in last place in the race. Soon, she caught up with Kovan School's Sarah Mohan who was injured (54)_____ of running past Sarah to avoid the last-place finish, Mindy stopped to (55)_____ Sarah. Mindy draped the runner's arm (56)_____ her shoulders, half-dragging (57)_____ half-carrying her for about 30 metres to the finish line. The spectators cheered. The (58)_____ grew louder as the girls moved closer to the finish line.

"It's an honour and very humbling," Mindy said. "I felt (59)_____ was doing the right thing, and I think others would have (60)_____ the same. Technically, we should have been (61)_____ but the official decided not to make that call," she said.

Mindy has been getting Facebook messages from friends and strangers, saying she is an (62)_____ to them. Mindy's mother said, "I am very proud of (63)_____ daughter, and the response has (64)_____ amazing," the mother told the Straits Times. In fact, the response to her simple gesture has taken Mindy by (65)_____

"It's been crazy," she said. "I don't consider myself a hero. I just did what I knew was right and what I was supposed to do."

Adapted from an article from www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2155133

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For each of the questions 66 to 70, 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 sentence(s). (10 marks)

66. Jane likes orange juice. Sam likes it too.

Both _____

_____

67. John kept his promise. He took good care of his cousin's hamster.

_____ to

_____

68. Unless you drink enough water, you will be dehydrated.

If _____

_____

69. Darren stole a bicycle last night.

A _____

_____

70. Alice asked her father, "Are you taking me to Spain?"

Alice asked her father _____

_____

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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

In 1934, when I was about four years old and living in Kenya, my parents returned from a business trip to Nairobi with two small lion cubs. The pair, a male named Sultan and a female named Sanya, had been neglected by their sick mother in the capital city's zoo. They arrived at my home, a small farm, hissing and spitting. Then they tottered round my garden on their short legs. 5

It did not take long before they had both settled in as our dog, Bonzo, got along well with them. However, at feeding time, Bonzo had to be shut away to stop him from stealing their food. The cubs would spend the night in the bathroom. The next morning, when the cook came to bring us our breakfast, they would push their way into our bedrooms. I would feed the cubs with my leftovers and then they would lie on our chairs. The cubs were friendly towards my family as well as our friends. 10

However, my mother's friend, Aunt Sophia, from South Africa, had a different experience when she came to visit us one day. After numerous cups of tea, she had to answer the call of nature. When she entered the toilet, a cub's head appeared at one end of the bath and another appeared at the opposite end. The poor woman screamed, opened the door immediately and fled. To her horror, the fascinated lions followed her. She became so hysterical that she took the earliest train home. 15

The cubs scared some of my neighbours too. When the cubs grew much bigger, they had to be locked away at night in a cage. This pleased some of the neighbouring farmers, who had complained about the possible danger of our "wild lions" to their lives and their animals. 20

To me, the cubs were never a danger to **them** or my family. In fact, I often played games with Sultan and Sanya. I loved being dragged round the garden on the end of their tails. On one occasion, when I was five years old, my mother was playing a game of 'Peekaboo' with me on the couch. She hid her head in a cushion and then popped up to say "Boo!". Sultan decided to join in and at one point when my mother lifted her head, I had disappeared. Mother looked over just in time to see my feet at the door – my head in Sultan's mouth. Mum dashed over and stopped him. He let me go and licked me. However, he got a spanking from Mum for his trouble. This must have made Sultan very upset as he was locked up for a week after that incident. 25 30

Finally, the fateful day came when my family had to return to England. My father learnt that a zoo in South Africa was willing to take them so he made arrangements to send them there. A look of worry creased my forehead. Would they adapt well in the new home? As I bade my farewell to the cubs, I promised to visit them in the future. 35

Adapted from Little Lion Man, Michael Clark, Reader's Digest Magazine, July 2013.

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76. Sultan loved to play games with the author. Give **two** instances from the passage to show that? (2m)

(i) _____

(ii) _____

77. What does the word '**them**' in line 24 refer to? (2m)

_____

_____

78. What did the author's mother do to punish Sultan for his acts in **paragraph 5**? (2m)

_____

_____

79. Why were the lion cubs sent to South Africa in the end? (2m)

_____

_____

80. How did the author feel when he had to leave the cubs? **Support your answer with information from the passage** (2m)

_____

_____

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71. Which word in the first paragraph means 'not receiving enough care'? (1m)

72. Write 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story. (2m)

_____ The cook entered the bedroom.

_____ The cubs climbed onto the chairs

_____ The cubs slept in the bathroom.

_____ The author fed the cubs.

73. Why did Aunt Sophia become hysterical? (2m)

_____

_____

74. What did the author's family do that made their neighbours happy? (2m)

_____

_____

75. Find words from **paragraphs 3 and 4** which have similar meanings to the words below. (3m)

Words to replace	Answer
• escaped by running away	
• extremely interested	
• uncontrolled	

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ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2014
SCHOOL : ROSYTH
PRIMARY : P5
SUBJECT : ENGLISH
TERM : SA1

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

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
3	1	2	4	1	2	2	3	1	3	4	F	M	K	D	B	E

Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
G	N	L	H

39)an 40)abandoned 41)them 42)appealing 43)differences

44)captivating 45)potential 46)on 47)frightened

48)holds 49)equipment 50)techniques 51)sportsmanship

52)a 53)whose 54)Instead 55)assist 56)onto/across

57)and 58)cheering 59)I 60)done 61)penalized/penalized

62)idol/inspiration 63)my 64)been 65)surprise

66)Both Jane and Sam like orange juice.

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67)John kept his promise to take good care of his cousin's hamster.

68)If you not drink enough water, you will be dehydrated.

69)A bicycle was stolen last night by Darren.

70)Alice asked her father if he was taking her to Spain.

71)neglected

72)2, 4, 1, 3

73)Aunt Sophia saw two cubs in the bathroom and they followed her.

74)The family locked the cubs away at night in a cage.

75)fled
fascinated
wild/hysterical

76)i)Sultan loved to drag the author around the garden on the end of his tail.
ii)Sultan decided to join the author and his mother when they were playing "Peekaboo".

77)The word 'them' refers to the livestock and the author's neignboring farmers.

78)The author's mother gave Sultan a spanking and locked him up for a week.

79)The author's family was moving back to England and could not take cubs with them. The author's father learnt that a zoo in South Africa was willing to take them, so he made arrangements to send them there.

80)The author felt worried for the cubs as a look of worry creased the author's forehead and wondered if they would adapt well in their new home.

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Part One		15
Part Two		40
Sub-total		55

PAPER 1 (WRITING)

1 hour 10 minutes

55 marks

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Answer the question in both Part 1 and Part 2.

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Write an e-mail telling your cousin, Mary, about it.

You are to refer to the brochure.

In your email, include the following information:

- the cost of the tour
- when you are going
- accommodation arrangements
- one activity that will interest you and why
- how to get more information

You may re-order the points. You should write in complete sentences.

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Part 2: Continuous Writing (40 marks)

Write a composition of at least 150 words about a **memorable adventure.**

The pictures are provided to help you think about this topic. Your composition should be based on one or more of these pictures.

Consider the following points when you plan your composition:

- What was the adventure?
- Why was the adventure memorable?

You may use the points in any order and include other relevant points as well.

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PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET A

28 questions

28 marks

Total time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

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(10 marks)

1. Last week, the majority of the staff _____ with the decision made by their manager at the meeting.

(1) agree
(2) agreed
(3) agreeing
(4) have agreed

2. When Rocky, the dog, heard its master _____ the house, it started barking.

(1) left
(2) leave
(3) leaves
(4) had left

3. The young man swam bravely _____ the current to rescue the helpless lad who was drowning.

(1) along
(2) around
(3) against
(4) between

4. The three explorers had run out of food and water and had to exist _____ the limited resources found on the deserted island.

(1) in
(2) by
(3) on
(4) up

5. Neither Jason nor his twin brother _____ able to participate in the competition yesterday.

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

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6. _____ Mr Lee spent most of his life in Japan, he knew very little Japanese.

(1) Unless
(2) Despite
(3) Although
(4) In spite of

7. "Jane, did your brother complete all the questions on the worksheet by _____?" asked Mrs Chew.

(1) myself
(2) himself
(3) yourself
(4) themselves

8. Mrs Ang became frantic when she _____ her toddler in the crowded shopping mall.

(1) lost
(2) lose
(3) loses
(4) is losing

9. Bryan's plan to go on a holiday to Phuket fell _____ as he was very busy with work.

(1) out
(2) back
(3) down
(4) through

10. _____ Lisa's phobia of heights, she still went bungee jumping.

(1) As
(2) Since
(3) Though
(4) Despite

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11. Belinda was a very _____ hostess who made her guests feel welcome.

(1) aloof
(2) hostile
(3) graceful
(4) hospitable

12. Grandpa has _____ his wallet and cannot find it now.

(1) misled
(2) mislaid
(3) misguided
(4) misconceived

13. Mr Davis decided against driving as it was foggy and _____ was quite poor.

(1) vision
(2) insight
(3) visibility
(4) perception

14. I was informed that my new neighbour will be living in Singapore _____ as a new citizen.

(1) indefinitely
(2) perpetually
(3) unceasingly
(4) permanently

15. Young children and the elderly are generally more _____ to air pollutants and fall ill quite easily.

(1) prone
(2) inclined
(3) receptive
(4) susceptible

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

(5 marks)

In 2005, researchers travelled to Panama on a rescue mission (16). The invasive chytrid fungus had been found in the country's mountains, threatening to eliminate (17) entire populations of amphibians. Biologists loaded hundreds of frogs into crates, including several dozens of rare Rabbs' fringe-limbed tree frogs and tadpoles, to safeguard (18) them in U.S. labs.

Now, only one Rabbs' frog remains. The others died of natural causes and new tadpoles were never able to fully metamorphose (19) in the labs. The last Rabbs' frog, nicknamed Toughie by his caretakers, lives inside a biosecure shipping container with various other frog species. He is fed a diet of crickets and is weighed but otherwise touched sparingly (20). Although Toughie is healthy, researchers believe he is also old.

Adapted from the article "Down to One" – National Geographic

16. (1) stint
    (2) errand
    (3) calling
    (4) operation

17. (1) dispel
    (2) disperse
    (3) eradicate
    (4) invalidate

18. (1) shield
    (2) defend
    (3) protect
    (4) neglect

19. (1) adapt
    (2) remain
    (3) convert
    (4) develop

20. (1) casually
    (2) flippantly
    (3) carelessly
    (4) infrequently

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Study the following advertisement and then answer questions 21 to 28.

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An opportunity to experience the world at home!

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Not to fret if you miss out on the top prize in the Lucky Draw. There are plenty of other wonderful prizes such as:

- Travel packages to Bali, Krabi and Langkawi
- Massage sessions at Free Yourself Massage Parlour
- Free gym membership at Explore Fitness
- Tickets to Universal Studios

***TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

1) Participants of the lucky draw must be aged 18 and above.
2) Only Singaporeans are eligible to participate in the lucky draw.
3) Trips include return air tickets and hotel accommodation.
4) Prizes cannot be exchanged for cash.

For more information about this event, do log on to the following website:
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21. How often is the Around The World event held?

(1) once a year
(2) twice a year
(3) once every two years
(4) once every three years

22. Which of the following is **not** a segment of the event?

(1) cultural concert
(2) circus acts by international performers
(3) opening speech by the President of ITB
(4) exhibition booths from different countries

23. Mr Lim was the thirtieth visitor to the event. He will receive a _____.

(1) DEX8 LG handphone
(2) ticket to Universal Studios
(3) 35% discount for the DEX8 LG handphone
(4) 5% discount on any travel package he signs up for

24. Where will the lucky draw be held?

(1) Universal Studios
(2) International Tourism Board
(3) World Wander Travel Agency
(4) Atrium at Suntec Convention Centre

25. The top prize at the lucky draw will include _____.

(1) a free city tour
(2) massage sessions
(3) three tickets to Perth
(4) a week's worth of accommodation at Silver Villa

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26. To stand a chance to win a prize in the lucky draw, a participant must be _____.

(1) at least 16 years old
(2) a citizen of Singapore
(3) a member at Explore Fitness
(4) one of the first 50 visitors to the event

27. The Around The World event is organized by _____.

(1) STARTEL
(2) Australian Tour Division
(3) International Tourism Board
(4) World Wander Travel Agency

28. Which of these statements is correct?

(1) Cash can be redeemed in place of any lucky draw prize.
(2) Winners of the top prize will travel by Singapore Airlines.
(3) For inquiries about the event, you can call 1800-6786-9725.
(4) Only local cuisine will be available at the food stalls at the event.

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PRIMARY 5

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET B

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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 in order to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

(A) than	(D) out	(G) who	(K) before	(N) between
(B) him	(E) but	(H) would	(L) his	(P) after
(C) into	(F) will	(J) however	(M) their	(Q) in

As a young lawyer in Morocco, Mr Taha Bouqdib was all set on a career path in legal services. _____ (29), an invitation to a tea warehouse turned his world upside down.

It was an eye-opener for the young Mr Bouqdib _____ (30) was until that point, familiar only with the usual Moroccan brew of "mint, green tea and a lot of sugar". The friend who invited _____ (31) "showed me all the different types of tea from around the world and the connection _____ (32) myself and the tea was immediate," he recounts.

"The product attracted me first more _____ (33) the business behind it. I knew it was my destiny." Thus, this began Mr Bouqdib's love affair with tea which today has culminated _____ (34) the thriving Singapore-based empire that is TWG Tea.

_____ (35) he founded TWG seven years ago, Mr Bouqdib had made a point of learning the craft of brewing the perfect cuppa by working for fourteen years at French gourmet tea company Mariages Freres. Eventually, Mr Bouqdib decided to strike _____ (36) on his own. Initially, he and his wife had their sights set on the United States but a friend who was living here persuaded them to consider Singapore as their base instead.

"So we came and the magic of Singapore won us over – between the airport and the hotel, I made the decision that Singapore _____ (37) be the right place to start our company." Within a year, the couple had packed up their lives and moved here and began working round the clock to start up _____ (38) business. They are now permanent residents.

Adapted from *'Brewing a tea empire from love at first sight'* Straits Times 23 Dec 2013

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

(12 marks)

A loosened cover on a Downtown Line (DTL) train's detrainment switch was what caused Singapore's newest MRT line's second disruption in less than a week.

(39) [ ]

Downtown Line operator SBS Transit reportedly said at a press confferrence on

(40) [ ]

Saturday that the switch was believed to be triggered with a young girl who moved the metal cover that concealed it, triggering a cut in the power supply, an in-built safety feature, and the

(41) [ ]

deployment of a ramp for emergency evekuation.

Friday night's disruption lasted about 40 minutes, from around 9.34pm to 10.14pm,

(42) [ ]

according to SBS Transit. However, they resulted in a halt in service for more than an hour, according to other local media reports.

(43) [ ]

The company said it had since enhanced its switch covers "for a tighter fit" on all its DTL

(44) [ ]

trains, adding that it has stationed staff at both ends of its trains to prevent repeat inccedents.

"At about 9pm, there was a power fault affecting the Downtown Line, 50 passengers on

(45) [ ]

one train was detrained at Bayfront Station. Full service resumed at 10.10pm. We apologise to

(46) [ ]

all commuters for the inkonveneince caused," said Tammy Tan, SBS Transit Senior Vice President of corporate communications.

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Further investigations by both SBS Transit and the Land Transport Authority are ongoing.

(47) [ ]

Throughout the disruption, SBS Transit and the Land Transport Authority keep commuters updated via social media and activated its free bus bridging service between stations.

(48) [ ]

This is the second time the new Downtown Line xperiennced a service disruption. The

(49) [ ]

first one happened just hours after its oficiall opening the previous Sunday. Train service was delayed near Bayfront MRT station for 15 minutes due to a train fault then.

(50) [ ]

Commuters took to social media to vented their frustration. Many expressed their disappointment and disbelief.

Adapted from article "*New Downtown Line MRT service hit by second breakdown within a week*" Yahoo Newsroom *Dec 28 2013*

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15 marks)

An eleven-year old girl whimpered softly. Her father carried her into the blue insulated medical tent _____ (51) Marc O'Regan was treating the injured. More than six weeks had _____ (52) since the devastating earthquake in Kashmir, Pakistan and the injury that the child _____ (53) behind her left ear – most likely caused by a _____ (54) pole – had yet to be treated.

The girl lay her head on her father's lap as O'Regan _____ (55) cut away some of her hair. He then cleansed the wound and dressed it. As he worked, he kept up a steady patter of encouragement.

"I know it hurts," he said. "We're going to make it better."

He administered a _____ (56) injection that made the child cry. Then he handed over a packet of pills to the father and child. Through a pair of soldiers who translated using basic English, he told the patient to see _____ (57) the next day.

O'Regan was taking a month off to volunteer with a medical-relief _____ (58) called Operation Heartbeat in the demolished earthquake zone. The quake had struck on October 8, 2005 and to a country already fatigued by years of disasters, the effects of the earthquake were overwhelming. More than 80,000 people were killed. Nearly four million of the quake survivors, many seriously injured had been left _____ (59), with winter coming soon.

From the air, the place looked like Hiroshima _____ (60) the bomb. Buildings and homes were flattened, debris were everywhere including farm equipment and carcasses of _____ (61) that were the region's lifeblood.

_____ (62) the quake, Kashmir had been spectacularly beautiful like an emerald river rushing along glacier-smoothed stones at the valley floor. In the distance stood the majestic Himalayas that many trekkers had scaled the _____ (63) slopes with much difficulty.

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In the aftermath of the earthquake which _____ (64) 7.6 on the ~~Ritcher~~ Richter scale, Pakistan and the United Nations issued a plea for _____ (65) and volunteers began to arrive. On the day he saw the girl with the head wound, O'Regan was on a two day drop-in mission for Operation Heartbeat flying by helicopter from base camp into a remote valley called Gehl to care for the injured in three villages still inaccessible by road.

Adapted from *Operation Heartbeat* Reader's Digest, April 2006

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For each of the following questions, 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(s).

(10 marks)

66. Ali and Siti baked a birthday cake. They wanted to show their love for their mother.

Ali and Siti showed _____

_____

67 The castle is so beautiful. Helen is captivated by it.

Helen is captivated _____

_____

68 You must wake up on time. You do not want to miss the school bus.

_____ in order not to

_____

69 The rabbit in the magician's hat suddenly disappeared. It surprised the audience.

The sudden _____

_____

70. "Pack all your camping equipment into the bag!" the commander told his soldiers.

their

The commander reminded _____

_____

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Read this passage and answer the questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

The passengers on the bus watched sympathetically as the young woman with the white cane made her way carefully up the steps. She paid the driver and, using her hands to feel the location of the seats, walked down the aisle and found the seat he had told her was empty. She settled in and rested her cane against her leg.

It had been a year since Safiya became blind due to a medical misdiagnosis. She was suddenly thrown into a world of darkness, anger, frustration and self-pity. Once a fiercely independent woman, Safiya now felt powerless, a helpless burden on everyone around her. No matter how much she cried or ranted, she knew her sight was never going to return. Just getting through each day was an exercise in frustration and exhaustion. All she had to cling on to was her husband, Meraj.

Meraj was an Air Force officer. A determined man, he had made up his mind to help his wife regain the strength and confidence to become independent again. He knew that was the most daunting task he would ever face.

Soon Safiya felt ready to return to her job, but how would she get there? She used to take the bus but was now too frightened to get around the city by herself. Meraj volunteered to drive her to work each day even though they worked at opposite ends of the city.

This comforted Safiya and fulfilled Meraj's need to protect his sightless wife who was so insecure about performing the slightest task. Soon, however, Meraj realized that the arrangement was not working - **it** was hectic, and costly. Safiya had to start taking the bus again. How would she react to such a suggestion?

Just as Meraj predicted, Safiya was horrified at the idea of taking the bus again. "I am blind!" she responded bitterly. "How am I supposed to know where I am going? I feel like you are abandoning me."

Meraj was heartbroken. He promised Safiya that he would ride the bus with her until she got the hang of it. For two weeks, Meraj accompanied Safiya to and from work each day. He taught her how to rely on her other senses, specifically her hearing, to determine where she was and how to adapt to her new environment.

Meraj helped her befriend the bus drivers who could watch out for her and save her a seat. Each morning, they made the journey together and Meraj would take a cab back to his office. Although this routine was more costly and exhausting than the previous one, Meraj knew it was only a matter of time before Safiya became independent again.

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Finally with the overwhelming support and encouragement from her husband, Safiya decided that she was ready to try the trip on her own. Monday morning arrived and for the first time, they went their separate ways. 35

One Friday morning, Safiya took the bus to work as usual. As she was paying for her fare to exit the bus, the driver said, "I envy you. It must feel so good to be taken care of and protected like you are." 40

Safiya had no idea what the driver was talking about and questioned him curiously.

The driver answered, "Every morning for the past week, a gentleman has been standing across the corner watching you when you get off the bus. He makes sure you cross the street safely and watches you until you enter your office building. Then he blows you a kiss and walks away. You are **one lucky woman**." 45

Tears of happiness poured down Safiya's cheeks. Although she could not physically see him, she had always felt Meraj's presence. Safiya was lucky for he had given her **a gift more powerful than sight**, a gift she did not need to see to believe. 50

Adapted from http://www.ezsoftech.com/stories/mis21.asp

71. From **paragraph one**, how do we know that the passengers on the bus took pity on the young woman? [1m]

_____

_____

72. Which five-word phrase from **lines 1 - 5** tells you that the young woman relied on her sense of touch to move around in the bus? [1m]

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73 Choose a word from **paragraphs 2 to 5** which suggest the following.
Write each word in the appropriate box. [3m]

Safiyah felt that she was a liability to her loved ones.	
Meraj knew that it would be very difficult for him to get Safiyah to become independent again.	
Safiyah doubted her own ability to carry out the simplest job.	

74 Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	True / False	Reason
Meraj was in despair and felt helpless as he did not know how to help his wife.		
The bus drivers whom Safiyah encountered were most helpful.		
Safiyah was happy about taking the bus again.		

75 What does the word "**it**" in line 21 refer to? [2m]

_____

_____

76 According to the passage, what are the two things that Meraj trained his wife in during the two weeks when he accompanied her on the bus to work? [2m]

_____

_____

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77. The change in Safiyah has been tracked below. Based on your understanding of the passage, give suitable reasons for this change. [2m]

Past	Present	Reason
Safiyah had no problem moving around on her own.	She had to use a white cane to aid her in finding her way around.	
Safiyah was bitter and negative towards her life after becoming blind.	She became a happier and positive person and had even returned to work.	

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

_____ Safiyah had to learn to overcome her disability.

_____ Safiyah was an independent woman.

_____ Safiyah became blind unexpectedly.

79 List down three things which Safiyah's husband did to make the bus driver describe Safiyah as **one lucky woman** in line 46? [3m]

_____

_____

_____

80 According to the passage, Safiyah said that she had "**a gift more powerful than sight**" (line 49). What was this gift that her husband had given her? [2m]

_____

_____

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4) 3	9) 4	14) 4	19) 4	24) 4	
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29) J	31) B	33) A	35) K	37) H
30) G	32) N	34) Q	36) D	38) M

39. conference

40. by

41. evacuation

42. it

43. has

44. incidents

45. were

46. inconvenience

47. kept

48. experienced

49. official

50. vent

51. where

52. passed

53. suffered

54. falling

55. carefully

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56. painful

57. him

58. organization

59. untreated

60. after

61. animals

62. Before

63. steep

64. measured

65. help

66. Ali and Siti showed their love for their mother by baking a birthday cake.

67. Helen is captivated by the beautiful castle.

68. You must wake up on time in order not to miss the school bus.

69. The sudden disappearance of the rabbit in the magician's hat surprised the audience.

70. The commander reminded his soldiers to pack all their camping equipment into the bag.

71. They watched sympathetically as the young woman with the white cane made her way carefully up the steps.

72. Using her hands to feel.

73. Burden
Daunting
Insecure

74. False; Meraj was a determined man and had made up his mind to help his wife regain the strength and confidence to become independent again.
True; They agreed to watch out for her and saved her a seat every morning.
False; Safiya was horrified at the idea of taking the bus again.

75. It refers to Meraj driving Safiya to work every morning even though they worked at opposite ends of the city.

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76. He taught her how to rely on her other senses to determine where she was and how to adapt to her new environment.

77. Safiyah became blind due to a medical misdiagnosis.
Her husband gave her overwhelming support and encouragement.

78. 3, 1, 2

79. (1) Watched her alight from the bus. (2) Watched her cross the road safely.
(3) Watched her enter the office building.

80. The gift that her husband had given her was love.

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PAPER 2 (BOOKLET A)
PRIMARY FIVE

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1. Neither Amy nor her classmates _____ in the classroom when the fire alarm sounded.

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

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Adapted from *http://www.everydayhealth.com/healthy-living/guide-to-good-hygiene.aspx*

16. (1) helps
(2) benefits
(3) subsidies
(4) increases

17 (1) positive
(2) essential
(3) unavoidable
(4) advantageous

18. (1) shirk
(2) minimise
(3) disrespect
(4) underestimate

19. (1) routinely
(2) periodically
(3) occasionally
(4) intermittently

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END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION 2014
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2 (BOOKLET B)
PRIMARY FIVE

Name: _____ ( ) **Class: Primary 5** ___

Date: 27 October 2014 **Duration of paper: 1h 50 min**

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No.	Contents	Marks	Marks Obtained
1.	Oral	30	
2.	Listening Comprehension	20	
3.	Composition	55	
4.	Language Paper	95	
	Total Marks	200	

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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. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A)	a	(D)	cannot	(G)	from	(K)	it	(N)	of
(B)	and	(E)	do	(H)	how	(L)	more	(P)	on
(C)	can	(F)	does	(J)	is	(M)	most	(Q)	to

All the time you spent memorising multiplication tables may have made you a better mathematician, according _____ (29) a new study. A team of scientists _____ (30) Stanford University, in California, has shown _____ (31) the brain reorganises itself as children learn mathematics.

After a certain amount _____ (32) time spent practising mathematics, children _____ (33) put away the calculator. They do not even need to count _____ (34) their fingers. They simply know the answers to subtraction, addition _____ (35) multiplication facts. The quicker children can recall basic mathematics facts, the easier _____ (36) is for them to solve more complicated math problems.

Studies show that as children get older, their answers rely _____ (37) on memory and become quicker and more accurate. Less brain activity _____ (38) devoted to counting. Some children make this shift quicker than others.

Adapted from *http://www.timeforkids.com/news/math-memory/168636*

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Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (12 marks)

Torrential rains hit Phoenix, Arizona in the United States every year. The monsoon

(39) [ ]

season in Arizona ran roughly from June to September, bringing with it powerful storms with

(40) [ ]

heavy rain and whipping winds. The sevier rainstorms form when winds shift and moisture

(41) [ ] (42) [ ]

producing changes in the weather. As the desert around Phoenix usually experienced

little rain most of the year, the water had nowhere to go when heavy rain started hitting the

Phoenix on Tuesday.

(43) [ ]

The weather sirvis issued a flash flood warning for Phoenix and much of the

(44) [ ] 45) [ ]

serounding areas on Tuesday. Rezidents watched as muddy waters flooded the area.

(46) [ ]

"It's crazy. You'd think, how can the desert flood but it really did," said Kathy Mascaro,

(47) [ ]

who has lived in Phoenix for a long time. "I've been here over two dacedes and it has never

(48) [ ]

flood this bad."

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(49) [ ] (50) [ ]

Up to 16 centimetres of rain had already fallen from noon in some of the mountaines

regions along the main north-south expressway in Arizona.

Adapted from *http://www.timeforkids.com/news/heavy-rain-hits-phoenix/168776*

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15 marks)

My friends and I had just finished lunch at a hotel when it started to pour heavily. When it became (51) _____ , I decided to brave the drizzle to get my car, which was parked at my office three streets (52) _____

My friends argued that I should not go (53) _____ I was seven months pregnant then. I assured them that I would be very (54) _____ One of (55) _____ wanted to come with me but I insisted that she stayed with another friend who needed (56) _____ with her baby.

I walked out of the hotel and started (57) _____ my way to the car. At the traffic junction, a van stopped and the passenger (58) _____ from the van with an umbrella. Before I knew what was happening, the man walked right (59) _____ me and told me he would escort me to my destination. I was very embarrassed and (60) _____ politely, but he was very persistent.

During our walk, he kept telling me to walk (61) _____ , as the ground was wet. When we got to the carpark, I thanked him and we (62) _____ ways. I did not get his name and may not even (63) _____ him now. Did he purposely stop for me? I will never know.

So how did I pay it forward? I was at home when I noticed two Indian construction workers walking in the heavy rain (64) _____ the construction site near my estate, a long walk in. I went out and passed them an umbrella. They were taken (65) _____ by my unexpected gesture. Like me, they probably wondered why a stranger was offering such kindness.

Adapted from *http://www.rdasia.com/passing-on-the-kindness*

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For each of the questions 66 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). (10 marks)

66. Joe has been training very hard. He wants to win the race.

_____ as

_____

67. Larry planned to go out with his friends. However, he fell asleep.

Instead of _____

_____

68. "Don't leave your litter here," Mrs Lim told her neighbours.

Mrs Lim told _____

_____

69. You must drive carefully. You can use my car.

_____ as long as

_____

70. John was diligent. As a result, he did very well in the examination.

John's _____

_____

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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

During my first seven semesters as a medical student at Gadjah Mada University in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, I spent most of my time studying and in classrooms. I rarely spoke with real patients in a hospital setting. Then last year I started visiting a ward at Dr. Sardjito Hospital to gather data for my study. Anita was lying on bed 4B. She looked weak as she was still recovering from her recent fall and stroke. There were no relatives or friends with her. Even the bed beside her was empty. I introduced myself and told her that I wanted to gather additional information from her.

The questionnaire consisted of three simple yes-or-no questions. After I had finished, I prepared to leave so I could go through more medical records. Before I could stand up, Anita spoke up in her weak voice, "I haven't seen you here before, doctor. Are you new?"

"Not really, Ma'am. It's just that I have not been here recently," I replied. She started making conversation, asking where I was from and why I was working so late in the evening. I was surprised someone in her condition would want to talk.

"Doctor, do you think I can get back my normal life?" Anita asked at one point.

Deep in my heart, I thought, I wish I was your doctor so I could answer you properly. I was only a medical student. I told her I was not sure but most patients who had a fall and suffered a stroke like her could recover within a year.

Anita started talking about herself. She told me that she had three children in primary school who were staying with a neighbour. "My husband died a year ago and I'm the sole breadwinner of my family. We are not rich and my pay as a cleaner is just enough for my children and me."

I did not know what to say. Without realising it, I had begun holding Anita's hand. Since I did not have anything to say, I just sat quietly while she talked. That was when it occurred to me that she was not expecting any reply from me. She just wanted me to listen.

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The conversation went on like this for about twenty minutes. She shared her difficulties and sufferings, talked about her husband who was killed in a car accident and her struggles to earn money. She also expressed her fear about what would become of her children if something bad happened to her. All I did was nod my head as a way of showing my sympathy.

Finally, Anita stopped talking. "I'm very sorry for keeping you here to listen to my problems, but I feel relieved now. I had no one to pour out my problems to."

A single tear fell from the corner of her eye. I stroked her hair and continued to hold her hand. Finally, I knew what to say. "Don't worry, Ma'am. It's part of my duty."

"Thank you, doctor. Thank you very much."

She let go of my hand. I stood up, covered her with a blanket, waved goodbye and left her alone in her bed.

Anita taught me the most important lesson a doctor can learn. Sometimes patients do not need expensive medicine or state-of-the-art technology. They just need someone with the patience and willingness to lend an ear and spare a little of their time. For me, that is one of the best things a doctor can do for a patient.

Adapted from *My Unexpected Teacher* by *Muhammad Fairuz Bin Abdullah*

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Why was the author in the hospital? [2m]

_____

_____

72. Which **word** in paragraph 1 has the same meaning as 'extra'? [1m]

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73. Quote a sentence from paragraph 1 that suggests that Anita did not have visitors. [2m]

_____

_____

74. Why was Anita hospitalised? [2m]

_____

_____

75. Explain fully why the author said, "I was only a medical student." [2m]

_____

_____

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

_____ The author was training to be a doctor in Yogyakarta.

_____ Anita thanked the author.

_____ Anita told the author that her husband had passed away.

77. List three actions from line 24 to line 36 the author did to console Anita. [3m]

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

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78. Explain clearly why nobody visited Anita when she was hospitalised. [2m]

79. Based on the passage, 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 author was Anita's doctor.		
Anita's children depend on her for their survival.		
Anita appreciated the author's company.		

80. Do you think the author is a patient doctor? **Support your answer with a reason from the passage.** [2m]

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39)runs 40)severe 41)produce 42)experiences 43)service

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True / She thanked the doctor just before she left.

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(1) call the 24-hour hotline
(2) email the management
(3) make an online reservation
(4) make a reservation at the counter booth

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Anglo-Chinese School (Primary)

END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION 2014
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2 (BOOKLET B)
PRIMARY FIVE

Name: _____ ( ) **Class: Primary 5** ___

Date: 27 October 2014 **Duration of paper: 1h 50 min**

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No.	Contents	Marks	Marks Obtained
1.	Oral	30	
2.	Listening Comprehension	20	
3.	Composition	55	
4.	Language Paper	95	
	Total Marks	200	

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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. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A)	a	(D)	cannot	(G)	from	(K)	it	(N)	of
(B)	and	(E)	do	(H)	how	(L)	more	(P)	on
(C)	can	(F)	does	(J)	is	(M)	most	(Q)	to

All the time you spent memorising multiplication tables may have made you a better mathematician, according _____ (29) a new study. A team of scientists _____ (30) Stanford University, in California, has shown _____ (31) the brain reorganises itself as children learn mathematics.

After a certain amount _____ (32) time spent practising mathematics, children _____ (33) put away the calculator. They do not even need to count _____ (34) their fingers. They simply know the answers to subtraction, addition _____ (35) multiplication facts. The quicker children can recall basic mathematics facts, the easier _____ (36) is for them to solve more complicated math problems.

Studies show that as children get older, their answers rely _____ (37) on memory and become quicker and more accurate. Less brain activity _____ (38) devoted to counting. Some children make this shift quicker than others.

Adapted from *http://www.timeforkids.com/news/math-memory/168636*

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Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (12 marks)

Torrential rains hit Phoenix, Arizona in the United States every year. The monsoon

(39) [ ]

season in Arizona ran roughly from June to September, bringing with it powerful storms with

(40) [ ]

heavy rain and whipping winds. The sevier rainstorms form when winds shift and moisture

(41) [ ] (42) [ ]

producing changes in the weather. As the desert around Phoenix usually experienced

little rain most of the year, the water had nowhere to go when heavy rain started hitting the

Phoenix on Tuesday.

(43) [ ]

The weather sirvis issued a flash flood warning for Phoenix and much of the

(44) [ ] 45) [ ]

serounding areas on Tuesday. Rezidents watched as muddy waters flooded the area.

(46) [ ]

"It's crazy. You'd think, how can the desert flood but it really did," said Kathy Mascaro,

(47) [ ]

who has lived in Phoenix for a long time. "I've been here over two dacedes and it has never

(48) [ ]

flood this bad."

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(49) [ ] (50) [ ]

Up to 16 centimetres of rain had already fallen from noon in some of the mountaines

regions along the main north-south expressway in Arizona.

Adapted from *http://www.timeforkids.com/news/heavy-rain-hits-phoenix/168776*

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15 marks)

My friends and I had just finished lunch at a hotel when it started to pour heavily. When it became (51) _____ , I decided to brave the drizzle to get my car, which was parked at my office three streets (52) _____

My friends argued that I should not go (53) _____ I was seven months pregnant then. I assured them that I would be very (54) _____ One of (55) _____ wanted to come with me but I insisted that she stayed with another friend who needed (56) _____ with her baby.

I walked out of the hotel and started (57) _____ my way to the car. At the traffic junction, a van stopped and the passenger (58) _____ from the van with an umbrella. Before I knew what was happening, the man walked right (59) _____ me and told me he would escort me to my destination. I was very embarrassed and (60) _____ politely, but he was very persistent.

During our walk, he kept telling me to walk (61) _____ , as the ground was wet. When we got to the carpark, I thanked him and we (62) _____ ways. I did not get his name and may not even (63) _____ him now. Did he purposely stop for me? I will never know.

So how did I pay it forward? I was at home when I noticed two Indian construction workers walking in the heavy rain (64) _____ the construction site near my estate, a long walk in. I went out and passed them an umbrella. They were taken (65) _____ by my unexpected gesture. Like me, they probably wondered why a stranger was offering such kindness.

Adapted from *http://www.rdasia.com/passing-on-the-kindness*

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For each of the questions 66 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). (10 marks)

66. Joe has been training very hard. He wants to win the race.

_____ as

_____

67. Larry planned to go out with his friends. However, he fell asleep.

Instead of _____

_____

68. "Don't leave your litter here," Mrs Lim told her neighbours.

Mrs Lim told _____

_____

69. You must drive carefully. You can use my car.

_____ as long as

_____

70. John was diligent. As a result, he did very well in the examination.

John's _____

_____

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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

During my first seven semesters as a medical student at Gadjah Mada University in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, I spent most of my time studying and in classrooms. I rarely spoke with real patients in a hospital setting. Then last year I started visiting a ward at Dr. Sardjito Hospital to gather data for my study. Anita was lying on bed 4B. She looked weak as she was still recovering from her recent fall and stroke. There were no relatives or friends with her. Even the bed beside her was empty. I introduced myself and told her that I wanted to gather additional information from her.

The questionnaire consisted of three simple yes-or-no questions. After I had finished, I prepared to leave so I could go through more medical records. Before I could stand up, Anita spoke up in her weak voice, "I haven't seen you here before, doctor. Are you new?"

"Not really, Ma'am. It's just that I have not been here recently," I replied. She started making conversation, asking where I was from and why I was working so late in the evening. I was surprised someone in her condition would want to talk.

"Doctor, do you think I can get back my normal life?" Anita asked at one point.

Deep in my heart, I thought, I wish I was your doctor so I could answer you properly. I was only a medical student. I told her I was not sure but most patients who had a fall and suffered a stroke like her could recover within a year.

Anita started talking about herself. She told me that she had three children in primary school who were staying with a neighbour. "My husband died a year ago and I'm the sole breadwinner of my family. We are not rich and my pay as a cleaner is just enough for my children and me."

I did not know what to say. Without realising it, I had begun holding Anita's hand. Since I did not have anything to say, I just sat quietly while she talked. That was when it occurred to me that she was not expecting any reply from me. She just wanted me to listen.

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The conversation went on like this for about twenty minutes. She shared her difficulties and sufferings, talked about her husband who was killed in a car accident and her struggles to earn money. She also expressed her fear about what would become of her children if something bad happened to her. All I did was nod my head as a way of showing my sympathy.

Finally, Anita stopped talking. "I'm very sorry for keeping you here to listen to my problems, but I feel relieved now. I had no one to pour out my problems to."

A single tear fell from the corner of her eye. I stroked her hair and continued to hold her hand. Finally, I knew what to say. "Don't worry, Ma'am. It's part of my duty."

"Thank you, doctor. Thank you very much."

She let go of my hand. I stood up, covered her with a blanket, waved goodbye and left her alone in her bed.

Anita taught me the most important lesson a doctor can learn. Sometimes patients do not need expensive medicine or state-of-the-art technology. They just need someone with the patience and willingness to lend an ear and spare a little of their time. For me, that is one of the best things a doctor can do for a patient.

Adapted from *My Unexpected Teacher* by *Muhammad Fairuz Bin Abdullah*

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Why was the author in the hospital? [2m]

_____

_____

72. Which **word** in paragraph 1 has the same meaning as 'extra'? [1m]

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73. Quote a sentence from paragraph 1 that suggests that Anita did not have visitors. [2m]

_____

_____

74. Why was Anita hospitalised? [2m]

_____

_____

75. Explain fully why the author said, "I was only a medical student." [2m]

_____

_____

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

_____ The author was training to be a doctor in Yogyakarta.

_____ Anita thanked the author.

_____ Anita told the author that her husband had passed away.

77. List three actions from line 24 to line 36 the author did to console Anita. [3m]

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

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78. Explain clearly why nobody visited Anita when she was hospitalised. [2m]

79. Based on the passage, 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 author was Anita's doctor.		
Anita's children depend on her for their survival.		
Anita appreciated the author's company.		

80. Do you think the author is a patient doctor? **Support your answer with a reason from the passage.** [2m]

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4	3	2	1	2	1	4	4	2	3	2	4	3	3	4	2	2

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Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
B	K	L	J

39)runs 40)severe 41)produce 42)experiences 43)service

44)surrounding 45)Residents 46)could 47)decades 48)flooded

49)by 50)mountainous 51)lighter 52)away 53)as

54)careful 55)them 56)help 57)making 58)lighted

59)towards 60)refused 61)carefully 62)parted

63)recognize 64)to 65)aback

66)Joe has been training very hard as he wants to win the rece.

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67)Instead of going out with his friends Larry fell asleep.

68)Mrs Lim told her neighbours not to leave their litter there.

69)You can use my car as long as you drive carefully.

70)John's diligence resulted in him doing very well in the examination.

71)The author needed to gather data from the ward in the hospital for his study.

72)additional

73)The sentence is "There were no relatives or friends with her".

74)She was recovering from her recent fall and stroke.

75)The author was not a doctor and could not answer her question properly.

76)1, 3, 2,

77)1)The author began holding Anita's hand.
2)He nodded his head as a way of showing sympathy.
3)The author stroked her hair.

78)Her husband had passed away and her children were with her neighbours and not able to come to visit.

79)False / The author wished he was Anita's doctor.
True / Anita's husband died in a car accident and her children depends on her their survival.
True / She thanked the doctor just before she left.

80)Yes. He spent twenty minutes talking with Anita about her sufferings and problems in her life.

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CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION 2014

PRIMARY FIVE

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET A

Name: _____ ( )

Class: Primary Five _____

28 October 2014

28Questions
(28 Marks)

Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

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1. Either of the shirts _____ good on you.

   (1) look
   (2) looks
   (3) looked
   (4) are looking

2. The train departs _____ hourly intervals.

   (1) at
   (2) by
   (3) on
   (4) between

3. Mrs Leo wanted to see Mary and _____ after school yesterday.

   (1) I
   (2) me
   (3) my
   (4) mine

4. Gerard is _____ of the twins.

   (1) the clever
   (2) the cleverer
   (3) the cleverest
   (4) cleverer than

5. _____ being injured, Darren completed the inter-class race.

   (1) Apart
   (2) In spite
   (3) Despite
   (4) Even though

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6. All the chidren but one _____ durians. Let's buy some durians later.

(1) like
(2) likes
(3) liked
(4) has liked

7. There is only _____ rice left in the sack. Could you please go out and buy some?

(1) any
(2) much
(3) a few
(4) a little

8. The suitcase with the contraband cigarettes, _____ seized by the police yesterday.

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

9. Ravi said, "Either Rani or I _____ attending the function tonight."

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

10. Miss Toh made John _____ up the mess before allowing him to go for his soccer game.

(1) clean
(2) cleans
(3) cleaned
(4) cleaning

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For each question from 11 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

11. My little brother is _____. He refuses to change his opinion and no one can persuade him to do so

(1) definite
(2) insolent
(3) obstinate
(4) immovable

12. The flood did not subside. Many shoppers were _____ in the shopping mall, unable to go home.

(1) forsaken
(2) stranded
(3) deserted
(4) grounded

13. When Jane heard the good news. she could not _____ her excitement. She started jumping for joy.

(1) seize
(2) check
(3) contain
(4) regulate

14. The police received a/an_____ call informing them of a possible bomb attack. The caller did not identify himself.

(1) vague
(2) unnamed
(3) anonymous
(4) unexplained

15. The press and media were present in great numbers to provide live _____ of the historic event at the Istana.

(1) view
(2) coverage
(3) exposure
(4) demonstration

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For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

The pupils poured over their test papers in the stuffy classroom, with the stench of perspiration lingering in the air. The heat was overbearing. Consecutive days of drought were **(16)** **<u>particularly</u>** common in the month of July. The teacher, Ms Najat, tried desperately to cool herself by fanning herself with a flimsy piece of paper but **(17)** **<u>to no avail</u>**. Getting her restless pupils to concentrate in this heat was going to be **(18)** **<u>an uphill task</u>**. To think that she had even organised a class outing after the test in the scorching month of July! Suddenly, a clap of thunder was heard. Everyone **(19)** **<u>instinctively</u>** stopped what he or she was doing. The falling of the first few rain drops on the dusty ground was one of the most **(20)** **<u>significant</u>** moments for the village. It marked the start of the monsoon season.

16. (1) unusually
    (2) extremely
    (3) exclusively
    (4) surprisingly

17. (1) futile
    (2) disastrous
    (3) unfavourable
    (4) inappropriate

18. (1) rigid
    (2) complex
    (3) hopeless
    (4) demanding

19. (1) hastily
    (2) naturally
    (3) earnestly
    (4) unanimously

20. (1) important
    (2) influential
    (3) esteemed
    (4) perceptible

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Study the following flyer and then answer questions 21 to 28.

In conjunction with International Reading Week, the Singapore Reading Society presents...

The Inaugural Children's Book Review Competition

Book reviews allow readers to tell others about the books that they have read as well as share their personal opinions on them. Through this competition, the Singapore Reading Society aims to get children to read more widely. The society hopes that the book reviews written will introduce children to a wide variety of books and encourage them to be more adventurous in their choice of books.

Competition Details

1. The book review submitted must
   - be on a fiction book
   - include title of the book & author's name
   - be between 250 and 300 words
2. Submission by email to: *reviews@srs.org*
3. Deadline: 10 December 2014
4. Top 10 entries will win $100 book vouchers from *The Book People*
5. More information on the participation rules and judging criteria can be found at *www.srs.org/reviews*

Organised by: Singapore Reading Society

Sponsored by: The Book People

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The following book review was one of the winning entries in a similar competition held in Australia last year:

Title: The Way to Live a Million Years
Author: Jean Duncan

This is a story about a ten-year-old boy named Luke. He was untidy, playful, cheeky, a little lazy and very greedy – just like most boys I know. However, Luke had cancer – a disease which made him very sick and might end his life in a few months, if what the doctors said really came true.

For some reason which even Luke's parents could not understand, Luke did not spend his time feeling miserable, whining about the torturous treatment or throwing tantrums about not being able to go outdoors to play with his friends. He told them that he did not want to waste time being unhappy. Instead, he embarked on a project to do something different every day, write about his experience, and post his thoughts on his blog to share with whoever was interested enough to read.

Trying to do something different every day sounded easier than it really was. Some days, Luke stared into space for hours, racking his brain for an idea. Thankfully, many people visited Luke and started to suggest all sorts of things he could do after they heard about his project. Even strangers who stumbled upon his blog while aimlessly browsing the Internet left comments to help him along in his project.

I was deeply saddened when Luke eventually succumbed to the disease. His optimism and zest for life moved me. Nothing seemed to be capable of bringing him down. Because he was such an inspiration to so many people, he will indeed live for a million years when his story gets passed on from generation to generation.

More about this book...
It is based on the life story of Max Li, a thirteen-year-old boy who passed away last year after a courageous three-year battle with cancer.

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For each question from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

21. Based on the flyer, which one of the following is true of the book review competition?

    (1) The book review competition is being held in Australia.
    (2) Entries can be submitted online at www.srs.org/reviews.
    (3) The Book People will form the panel of judges for the competition.
    (4) The Singapore Reading Society will accept entries received on 10 December 2014.

22. According to the Singapore Reading Society, book reviews_____.

    (1) must be below 300 words
    (2) will encourage children to read more adventure books
    (3) may motivate children to try reading different kinds of books
    (4) will improve children's abilities to share their personal opinions

23. The **most** likely reason for the competition details to be given in the form of a list is to present the information _____ to the intended audience.

    (1) clearly
    (2) positively
    (3) accurately
    (4) ambiguously

24. In the first paragraph of the winning book review, "what the doctors said' refers to _____.

    (1) cancer making Luke very sick
    (2) Luke having only a few months to live
    (3) cancer being a life-threatening disease
    (4) Luke having been diagnosed with cancer

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25. According to the winning book review, Luke did not throw tantrums because _____.

(1) many people visited him
(2) his parents were very strict with him
(3) he was too engrossed in his new project
(4) he felt that being unhappy was a waste of time

26. The writer of the winning book review was _____.

(1) one of Luke's friends
(2) touched by Luke's positive attitude
(3) a playful and cheeky boy just like Luke
(4) inspired by Luke to write a story about him

27. Which of the following information from the flyer was made up?

(1) Max Li did not recover from cancer.
(2) Jean Duncan wrote the story about Luke.
(3) Luke was a ten-year-old boy who had cancer.
(4) "The Way to Live a Million Years" is about a boy's battle with cancer.

28. The **main** purpose of the flyer is to _____.

(1) share the goals of The Book People
(2) promote a meaningful book about a boy who was struck by disease
(3) interest children in a competition that is being held for the first time in Singapore
(4) showcase an excellent book review that had won another competition

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CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION 2014

PRIMARY FIVE

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET B

Name:_____ ( )

Class: Primary Five _____

28 October 2014

52 Questions
(67 Marks)

Components	Marks
Booklet A	28
Booklet B	67
TOTAL	95

Parent's Signature:_____

Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

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EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) although	(D) by	(G) into	(K) nonetheless	(N) which
(B) around	(E) had	(H) it's	(L) the	(P) while
(C) as	(F) has	(J) its	(M) where	(Q) with

New York City is nothing like Paris or London. It is the grandest of cities. Known (29) _____ the cultural and financial epicentre of the United States, New York City (30) _____ risen to become a crossroads of the world. It is a place where the air tingles (31) _____ the promise that everything is possible.

The city is divided (32) _____ five districts. The one which is most popular is Manhattan for this is (33) _____ most tourist attractions are located. Despite being the smallest district, it is the most densely populated part of the city. It is estimated that it takes an average of seven hours to swim (34) _____the perimeter of Manhattan though such a quest is not recommended.

Manhattan is fairly easy to navigate since (35) _____ organised on a straightforward grid plan – the streets are numbered from north to south (36) _____ the avenues run east–west. In addition, the city's excellent subway system, (37) _____ is like Singapore's Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) system, connects 468 stations, covering 373 kilometres of tracks. The subway is usually the quickest way of getting around (38) _____ walking may be quicker if you are merely travelling a few blocks. Just remember to walk purposefully and you will fit right in.

Adapted from: Insight Guides New York

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Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in the relevant box. (12 marks)

Have you ever wondered if you could be doing something other than sleeping at

39. [ ]

midnight? Perhaps you could be engaging in activities such as kayaking, fishing or

40. [ ]

golfing? This may not be possible, at leest here in Singapore. It would be too dark, or

41. [ ]

worse, dangerous. On the other hand, if you were around Norway or Sweden in

42. [ ]

summer, such activities might just be a possibility irregardless of the time.This may be

43. [ ]

attributed to the midnight sun, which is a natural finomenon that happens in the

44. [ ]

summer months in places north of the Arctic Circle, where the sun remains visible at

45. [ ]

midnight. It is caused by the tilt in the Earth's axis – an imagination line through the

planet between the North and South Poles around which it rotates. As the Earth orbits

46. [ ]

the sun, the tilt makes the North Pole face towards the sun in summer, keeps it in

47. [ ]

sunlight even as the Earth spins. Consekwently, the sunlight received is continuous,

48. [ ]

given fair whether. At the two poles, the sun only sets and rises one day annually. Your

49. [ ]

laiklyhood of experiencing the midnight sun depends on how close you are to the

Arctic Circle. June and July are peak periods, but if you voyage further north, you can

50. [ ]

experience this unique okurrence from May to August.

Adapted from The Midnight Sun

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Fill in the blanks with the most suitable answer. (15 marks)

This year's National Stop Smoking Campaign takes aim at young adults.The campaign that is organised by the Health Promotion Board (HPB), kicked (51) _____ on 2 May and will last until March next year. This was the result of latest HPB survey findings which threw up some startling figures on (52) _____ rates in young adults.

In the Ministry of Health's most recent National Health Surveillance Survey, more young adults (53) _____ 18 and 29 years old were found to be lighting up. The number of daily smokers in this age group (54) _____ by 4.9%, from 2004 to 17.2% this year. The jump in the (55) _____ of young women who smoke daily was particularly significant – roughly a 50 per cent increase from 2004.

Dr Chan, a consultant at a local hospital was not surprised by these findings. The youth are subject to peer (56) _____ and are into pop culture, where smoking is (57) _____ to be cool," said Dr Chan, who also heads the smoking cessation clinic at SGH. "They also tend to be more curious and will experiment with smoking."

That was the case with Ms Riduan, 28, who tried her first cigarette at the (58) _____ of 15. "I had a history exam and my friends said smoking would help me to (59) _____ the stress, so I just tried it out," she said. However, the long-time (60) _____ had the jolt of her life when she was hospitalised in SGH for severe bronchitis last November. She added, "I never thought such a thing would happen to me but it did and it was really serious."

Ms Riduan, who used to smoke two packs of (61) _____ a day, was surprised that she had not touched a single stick since she was (62) _____ from hospital. Instead, she now distracts herself from the nicotine cravings by eating chocolate.

(63) _____ in cigarettes is highly addictive. These nicotine cravings give smokers a rush and giving up smoking produces withdrawal symptoms. Smoking also (64) _____ one's image as it can cause bad breath, poor complexion and yellow teeth and nails. (65) _____ the negative effects, some young people are not dropping the habit and the feel-good effects of nicotine could well be the reason. "Nicotine's lure is so powerful it is estimated that about three-quarters of those who quit eventually return to the habit," Dr See said.

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For each of the questions from 66 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).(10 marks)

66. We cannot watch the magic show. We do not have tickets.

_____ unless

_____

67. I am going fishing with Kenny tomorrow. He is my childhood friend.

_____ whom

_____

68. "Could you please pass me that bottle of water?" Nancy said to Eva.

Nancy requested Eva _____

_____

69. Ravi is not interested in swimming. Michael is not interested in swimming.

Neither _____

_____

70. The pies were burnt. Mother forgot about them baking in the oven.

_____ therefore

_____

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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

Mum has swiped a huge paper calendar from work and taped the month of April to the kitchen wall. She used a fat green marker, also swiped from work, to draw a pyramid on 27 April with dollar signs and exclamation marks all around it. She made a quick run to the supermarket to buy a fancy egg timer that can accurately measure half a minute. I suppose there are no fancy egg timers in the supply cupboard at her office.

27 April is also Rachel's birthday. Naturally, Mum wonders if this is a good omen, having her best friend's special day fall on such **a potentially life-changing date**. Rachel and I are going to help Mum practise every single night, which explains why I am sitting at my desk instead of watching after-school television shows – a birthright of every latchkey child. "Latchkey child" is a term for a kid with house keys who spends time alone after school until a grown-up gets home to make dinner. Mum hates that expression. She said it reminds her of dungeons and she assumed it must have been coined by someone strict and awful with unlimited childcare budget. "Probably someone German," she remarked, grinning at Rachel, who is German but uncharacteristically so.

"You're lucky," Rachel tells me. "Keys are power. Some of us have to knock," I suppose she was referring to the two occasions where the sound of the doorbell had been masked by the loud television.

Rachel is tall, blonde and very polished. Her legs go on for miles so they do not really fit under our kitchen table. She looks especially big next to Mum, who is vertically-challenged and so petite that she has to buy her belts in the kids' department and make an extra hole in her watchband to prevent it from slipping off her wrist

Mum calls Rachel "Miss Perfect" because of how she looks and how knowledgeable she is. Yet, every time she does that, Rachel taps her right knee. The instinctive reaction is due to her right leg being shorter than her left. All her right-foot shoes have two-inch platforms nailed to the bottom so that her legs are of the same level. When barefooted, she limps a little.

Rachel aside, we have exactly twenty-one days to get Mum ready for the game show. Instead of watching television, I am copying words for her practice session tonight. I write each word on one of the index cards Mum swiped from work. When I

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have seven words, I bind the cards together with a rubber band. Hearing Mum's key in the door, I flip over my word piles to prevent her from peeking.

"Miranda?" She clomps down the hall – she is on a clog kick lately – and sticks her head into my room. "Are you starving? I thought we'd hold dinner for Rachel." I think it is a good sign that Mum is hosting dinner. There have been times where we had to survive on just bread. Going to bed hungry is normal for me.

"I can wait." The truth is that I have just munched my way through a whole bag of potato chips. After-school junk food is another fundamental right of the latchkey child.

"Great!" She smiles and reaches into her coat pocket. "Catch." She lobs something towards me, and I grab a bundle of brand-new markers in rainbow colours.

Rachel and I figure that the number of items Mum swipes from the office reflects the amount of stress she faces at work. I look at the markers for a second before getting back to my word piles.

Mum has to win this money.

Adapted from: When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead

71 Which word in the first paragraph tells you that the author's mum was stealing items from her workplace? [1m]

72. Why does the author's mum refer to Rachel's birthday as "a potentially life-changing date" (lines 8-9)? [2m]

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73. What does the phrase "uncharacteristically so" in line 16 tell you about Rachel? [2m]

_____

_____

74. Which four-word phrase in paragraph 4 suggests that Rachel is very tall? [1m]

75. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [5m]

	True/False	Reason
The game show is in April.		
The author's mum is short.		
Rachel has the key to the author's house.		
The author's mum has to make an extra hole in her watchband as she is too fat to squeeze into it.		
The author's mum has a sudden liking for clogs.		

76. What does the word 'that' in line 26 refer to? [1m]

_____

_____

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77. State two things the author feels 'latchkey children' are entitled to. [2m]

1. _____

2. _____

78. Describe Rachel's physical impairment and what she does to overcome it. [2m]

_____

_____

79. Write **1, 2 and 3** in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events took place in the story. [1m]

_____ The author's mum threw a bundle of brand-new markers towards her.

_____ The author ate a bag of potato chips.

_____ The author came home after school.

80. Do you think the author is a helpful child?
Support your answer with 2 evidences from the passage. [3m]

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_____

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LEVEL: PRIMARY 5
TERM: SA 2

PAPER 2 BOOKLET A

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
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Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
3	2	3	3	2	3	1	4	2	1
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28		
4	3	1	2	4	2	3	3		

BOOKLET B

Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
C	F	Q31	G	M	B	H	P	N	A

Q39 engaged
Q40 least
Q41 in
Q42 regardless
Q43 phenomenon
Q44 when
Q45 imaginary
Q46 keeping
Q47 Consequently
Q48 weather
Q49 likelihood
Q50 occurrence
Q51 off
Q52 smoking
Q53 between
Q54 rose
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Q56 influence
Q57 thought
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Q61 cigarettes
Q62 discharged
Q63 Nicotine
Q64 spoils
Q65 Despite

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Q66 We cannot watch the magic show unless we have tickets.

Q67 Kenny, whom I am going fishing with tomorrow, is my childhood friend.

Q68 Nancy requested Eva to pass her that bottle of water.

Q69 Neither Ravi nor Michael is interested in swimming.

Q70 Mother forgot about the pies baking in the oven; therefore they were burnt.

Q71 swiped

Q72 It was Rachel's birthday and Mum is going for a game show and if Mum won, they will get the cash prize that will make them richer.

Q73 Rachel is neither strict nor awful, which differs from the author's mother's assumption that all Germans are such.

Q74 go on for miles

Q75 True. Reason: It falls on the same day as Rachel's birthday which falls on 27 April.
True. Reason: The author's mum is vertically challenged.
False. Reason: She has to knock on the door to get into the house.
False. Reason: She has to make an extra hole in her watchband as to prevent it from slipping off her wrist.
True. Reason: She was on a clog kick lately.

Q76 It refers to Mum calling Rachel "Miss Perfect".

Q77 1. She feels that they are entitled to after-school junk food.
2. She also feels that they are entitled to watching after-school television shows.

Q78 Rachel's right leg is shorter than her left lef so her right-foot shoe have two inches platforms nailed to the bottom so both her legs are on the same level.

Q79 3, 2, 1

Q80 Yes, I think she is a helpful child. The author stops watching her after-school shows and help her mother to prepare for her game by writing words on the index cards and she also helps her mother to practise for the game every single night.

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PAPER1 (WRITING)

20 October 2014

Dear Mr Tan,

I am writing this letter to explain why I was late for school today. This time I was late as on the way to school, the bus that I was taking broke down. The timing of the bus breakdown was 7.20am and the bus broke down along Goodwill Road. Today, to avoid being late, I had even skipped breakfast. Only after about 15 minutes, the next bus arrived to take me to school. I was very worried about being late for the third time. I hope you can accept my sincere apologies.

Yours sincerely,
Tom Chan
Pupil of 5Loyalty

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CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

Primary 5

Semestral Assessment 2

27 October 2014

English Language

Paper 2 Booklet A

Duration of Paper (Booklets A & B): 1 h 50 min

28 questions
28 marks

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Answer all questions.

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For each question from 1 to 10, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(10 ma

1 I _____ to the supermarket when I saw an old woman pushing a heavy trolley.

(1) walk
(2) am walking
(3) was walking
(4) were walking

2 "You _____ have listened to me! Now you have to be punished," scolded Lila's mother.

(1) should
(2) would
(3) might
(4) must

3 Stella _____the piano since she was three years old and she is going to perform at the concert.

(1) plays
(2) played
(3) had been playing
(4) has been playing

4 Eating _____ prohibited in the library now due to the previous littering incidents.

(1) is
(2) was
(3) has been
(4) had been

5 The air pollution will continue to worsen _____ we find a way to clean the air.

(1) so
(2) but
(3) unless
(4) although

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6 John was eliminated _____ the third round of the competition after he lost the match to Sam.

(1) off
(2) from
(3) away
(4) against

7 Each of the tourists_____ handed a luggage tag by their tour guide the previous day.

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

8 Mothers usually prefer shopping at supermarkets to wet markets, _____ they?

(1) do
(2) are
(3) don't
(4) aren't

9 _____ the haze situation, schools in Singapore are still in operation.

(1) Until
(2) Despite
(3) Regardless
(4) Nonetheless

10 If Jack had known that football training was so time-consuming, he _____ another sport instead.

(1) will join
(2) would join
(3) will have joined
(4) would have joined

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For each question from 11 to 15, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(5 marks)

11 Although they are of the same rank, John thinks that he is better than his _____ because he gets the favour of his boss.

(1) superior
(2) assistant
(3) colleague
(4) subordinate

12 We are facing financial problems so we have to _____ our expenditure.

(1) cut off
(2) cut out
(3) cut away
(4) cut down

13 The celebrity_____in with her hips swaying with confidence as thousands of fans screamed at her.

(1) sashayed
(2) lumbered
(3) marched
(4) bolted

14 Giving Amy advice is like _____. She never listens.

(1) seeing eye to eye
(2) beating around the bush
(3) casting pearls before swine
(4) making a mountain out of a molehill

15 The pianist's _____ performance earned her little applause.

(1) trivial
(2) lacklustre
(3) insignificant
(4) conventional

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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.

(5 marks)

The world is indeed getting smaller every day. It feels as though Earth is diminishing (16) in size due to overpopulation. The good news is, there is a vast space out there for us to explore.

Commercial space travel not only makes space transportation more convenient for astronauts, but it is also a once-in-a-lifetime (17) outer space exploration for the rich. Typically, a space tourist is blown away (18) by the rare experience of a wonderful space holiday.

Bookings for some space tourism operators are now on-going. Space travel entails questions that a savvy (19) tourist always asks. How long will it take? Is it safe? What is the cost of a trip to outer space? It is even speculated (20) that space travel might allow us to live on other planets one day. For now, we just have to be contented with space tourism.

Adapted from 'Space Tourism: How Much Should You Save For A Space Trip?' by Julia Trello

16 (1) depleting
(2) decreasing
(3) depreciating
(4) deteriorating

17 (1) irreplaceable
(2) unbelievable
(3) incredible
(4) unique

18 (1) awed
(2) petrified
(3) shocked
(4) intimidated

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19 (1) thrifty
(2) shrewd
(3) cautious
(4) seasoned

20 (1) argued
(2) declared
(3) guessed
(4) observed

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

Bring Out The Thoughtful You!

Come up with your very own cartoon character to nudge commuters into being more thoughtful!

Deadline: 5 November 2014, 12pm!

Introducing Stacey, Martin and Glenda, our Thoughtfulness Heroes! Their mission is to promote thoughtful acts on public transport. Can you think of a cartoon character, apart from Stacey, Martin and Glenda, to encourage more thoughtfulness on public transport? Come up with a Thoughtfulness Hero and give it a suitable name and tagline.

Miss Koh Ling Ling
Director of Advertising Committee

Q21

(Whilst listening to music or indulging in smart phone games,) we sometimes forget to look out for people who may need a seat or give way to fellow commuters. Deep inside, we are actually gracious and thoughtful!

Top 3 schools with the most entries stand a chance to win up to $1,000 worth of prizes. These schools will be featured in the public transport network advertising campaigns!

(The top 5 best entries will win $100 worth of vouchers each!)

Q22

Tips for submission:

- Competition is only open to students. Each student is allowed to submit **1 entry** only.
- Teachers are to submit their students' entries collectively as a school, accompanied by a completed registration form. The form and students' scanned artworks are to be emailed to lta-happenings@lta.gov.sg.

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Designing Your Character

When designing your character, keep in mind one good habit that you want commuters to adopt or one annoying behaviour that you want commuters to stop.

Kelly Chen, 12.
(Past-year winner)
Q23

Since the public transport network is for everyone, I created Stand-Up Stacey to remind the public to be responsible and gracious so that everyone can enjoy their ride.
Below are some examples of good habits and annoyances to guide you in your creation. (Create a more impactful character by just keeping in mind that your character should promote courtesy and mindfulness among commuters.) It is the key to winning the competition!

When using the escalator

- Keep left and let others pass on your right
- Give way to children, pregnant women and the elderly

When waiting for the train

- Stand behind the yellow line at the platform
- When the train arrives, stand to the side of the door and give way to alighting passengers

During the train journey

- Move to the middle of the car to make room for others to board
- Offer your seat to someone who needs it more
- Respect others by not playing music or talking too loudly

DO NOT

- Block the landing of the escalator or the landing of the staircase
- Use the escalator if you are carrying bulky items, in a wheelchair or are feeling unwell (Please use the lift instead.)

DO NOT

- Rush to board the train when you hear the train door closing announcement or chime

DO NOT

- Hog priority seats not meant for you
- Sit on the floor as you will obstruct passengers entering or alighting the train
- Litter and leave your trash behind

Adapted from 'Graciousness On Public Transport' by Land Transport Authority

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For each of the questions from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make a choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(8 marks)

21 According to Miss Koh Ling Ling, why do we sometimes forget to look out for people who may need a seat?

(1) We wait for others to give way first.
(2) We are not gracious and thoughtful.
(3) We engage in conversations with our friends.
(4) We are engrossed in playing smart phone games.

22 For the competition, students with winning entries will _____.

(1) be featured in the public transport network advertisement
(2) be rewarded with vouchers
(3) win $1000 worth of prizes
(4) win $100 cash

23 Based on the poster, which one of the following is **true**?

(1) This competition has been held before.
(2) Teachers can participate in the competition.
(3) Students cannot submit their entries to their teacher.
(4) Each student can submit more than one cartoon character.

24 What does the word 'It' on page 9 refer to?

(1) encouraging the good habits
(2) creating a more impactful character
(3) being courteous and mindful of others
(4) reminding the public to be responsible and gracious

25 Which of the following is **not** one of the things you want your character to promote?

(1) using the lift when unwell
(2) keeping left on the escalator
(3) giving up seats to the needy
(4) using the escalator when carrying bulky items

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26 Why is part of the text on page 9 presented in bulleted points?

(1) to make the poster more attractive
(2) to highlight importance of the words
(3) to help readers read the information easily and quickly
(4) to ensure that there is enough space on the poster for all the information

27 What is the **main** purpose of this poster?

(1) to remind commuters to be thoughtful on train rides
(2) to showcase the three Thoughtfulness Heroes and their mission
(3) to promote the competition of creating another Thoughtfulness Hero
(4) to inform students not to show annoying behaviours on public transport

28 Some of the information in this poster expresses facts; others are opinions. Which of the following information is **not** a fact?

(1) It can be annoying when everyone rushes to board the train. O
(2) Students may submit their artwork to the organisation through email. F
(3) Give-Way Glenda is created to remind the public to queue and let others alight first. F
(4) The Thoughtfulness Heroes' mission is to promote thoughtful acts on public transport. F

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Primary 5

Semestral Assessment 2

27 October 2014

English Language

Paper 2 Booklet B

Duration of Paper (Booklets A & B): 1 h 50 min

52 questions
67 marks

Booklet A	28
Booklet B	67
Total	95

Instructions to Candidates:
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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.

(10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

(A) back	(D) by	(G) does	(K) is	(N) with
(B) because	(E) despite	(H) from	(L) up	(P) who
(C) but	(F) did	(J) had	(M) were	(Q) whose.

Typhoon Haiyan nearly wiped a city in the Philippines off the face of the earth eight months ago. It left behind a wasteland of bodies, collapsed buildings and blocked streets.

Today, the city is bouncing _____ (29) For businessman Neil Quintero, _____ (30) family owns the Rosvenil Hotel, things are returning to normal after months of struggle. During the typhoon, the Quintero family survived the massive storm _____ (31) the aftermath was 'like a war'

"I rode my bicycle downtown and saw looters and people running," Quintero recalled. "I _____ (32) to hit a looter with a shovel to keep them away _____ (33) the hotel. There _____ (34) neither the army nor police at that time."

It took the Quintero family a month to clear dirt and debris from its property. Overall, the disaster has benefitted them _____ (35) the hotel was fully booked for months by people whose homes had been destroyed.

These days, life in the city _____ (36) back on track and children in school uniforms are a common sight on the street. Almost all of the schools in the city were damaged _____ (37) the storm and until now, one school still _____ (38) not have a roof. Since schools reopened in June, the students have been doing extra work to catch up on missed classes.

Adapted from 'Historic Typhoon Nearly Wiped Philippines City off the Map, but now it's Building Back' by Seth Robson

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

(12 marks)

I once knew a ninety-two-year-old lady who was always well-dressed. Every morning, she

(39) [ ] (40) [ ]

would make sure that her hair was fashionable styled and make-up was perfectly applied because

(41) [ ]

she was blind. She had to move to a nursing home because her husband had recently pass away.

(42) [ ]

On that day, after waiting paytionly in the lobby of the nursing home for many hours, she

smiled when told that her room was ready. As she moved her walker to the lift, I provided a visual

(43) [ ] (44) [ ]

diskreepsion of her tiny room, including the colour of the curtains that had been hang on her

window.

(45) [ ]

"I love it!" she exclaimed with antuziasim.

(46) [ ]

"But Mrs Jones, you hadn't gone into the room yet. How do you know you would love it?" I

asked.

(47) [ ]

She replied, "Happiness is something you decide on ahead of time. Weather I like my room

(48) [ ]

or not doesn't depend on how the fernichure is arranged. It's how I arrange my mind. I've already

(49) [ ] (50) [ ]

deciding to love it. Every day, I can spend the day recounted the difficulties I have with the parts

of my body that no longer work, or get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do. It's all up to

me."

Adapted from 'Happiness is a Choice' http://www.beliefnet.com/Inspiration/2003/01/Happiness-Is-A-Choice.aspx

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15 marks)

Abraham Lincoln was born in Kentucky in the United States. When Lincoln was _____ (51) up, he had less than a year of schooling. Books were scarce and so _____ (52) paper. He worked his arithmetic problems on a board and would even clean the board with a knife so he could use it _____ (53)

_____ (54) he was seventeen, he wanted to be a lawyer. He would walk miles to the courthouse in _____ (55) to watch the lawyers work. He sat at the back of the courtroom and watched them argue before the court. Then, he would go home and think about _____ (56) he had seen.

When he was twenty years old, he started _____ (57). Over the years, he held various jobs. Every time he got a new _____ (58), he would try to work on a skill which would _____ (59) him when he became a lawyer. When he was a shopkeeper, he tried to be honest and fair. Once he short-changed a woman by six cents, and he followed her home so he could give the _____ (60) back to her. When he was a postmaster, he learned how to get along with people _____ (61)

He worked hard to be a lawyer, at times going _____ (62) sleep so that he could have more time to study. He would borrow books from a neighbour in the evening, _____ (63) them by the light of the fireplace, and take them back in the morning. In 1836, he passed the law examination and became a lawyer.

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In 1861, Lincoln became the President of the United States. As the President, he spoke up against slavery. In 1863, he issued an order to free the _____ (64) in some of the states. This paved the _____ (65) for all the slaves to be freed.

On April 14, 1865, Lincoln was assassinated by an actor while watching a performance. He died nine hours later.

Adapted from 'Abraham Lincoln' by Patsy Stevens

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For each of the questions 66 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).

(10 marks)

66 We could hardly see because it was dark.

_____ so

_____.

67 I will go to Japan should I have enough money.

If _____

_____

68 Mrs Lee went to the movies with her friends after ironing the clothes.

Having _____

_____.

69 Ravi's form teacher encouraged him and so he excelled in his examination.

_____ with

_____.

70 Siti went straight to bed without doing her homework as she was very tired.

Too _____

_____.

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Read this passage and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

I thought I had no recollection of my primary school days, but a recent gathering where I met my primary schoolmates brought back memories of school.

Ah Huat was one of my closest friends in school. He almost had to stop school, but a dedicated teacher, Miss Lim, found a solution for him to continue pursuing his education while fulfilling his duties as a son. He came from a very poor family. When he got home every night, he had to help his father make shoes. He had to complete several pairs each evening before he was allowed to go to bed. One day, we had a spelling test. Ah Huat did not look very well on arriving at school and when Miss Lim mentioned the test, he turned pale.) Q72

After marking the spelling test, Miss Lim called Ah Huat to see her. 10

"Ah Huat, you haven't spelt a single word correctly," Miss Lim said.

"I know, teacher," was all Ah Huat said.

"Then you know you must do better than **this**. Do you think you can succeed in your studies if you continue to score so badly in your test?" Miss Lim reprimanded.

At that, Ah Huat burst into tears, saying, "I'm sorry, teacher, but I had to work last night." 15

"Work? For whom?" Miss Lim asked.

("My father. I had to help make twenty pairs of shoes before going to bed. I wanted to study, but my father wouldn't let me.) He said I had to help him earn some money and (I was wasting his money by going to school," Ah Huat answered. 20

"Never mind," Miss Lim finally said a little uneasily, as her face turned red. "Just try to use your time in school carefully, and do as much homework as possible here."

We thought Miss Lim handled the situation rather well. She was a new teacher, and did not know much about our different backgrounds.

Besides this, I also recalled an incident when I was nearly punished. A very tall student used to sit in front of me, and I could not see the blackboard. I tried to see, by moving to the left or the right of him but every time I did that, he would also move left or right and continue, quite deliberately, to block my view. One day, I got so frustrated that I jabbed a pencil into his back. I did it so hard that the pencil lead was stuck in his skin! Mr Tan, the teacher, wanted to send me to the principal. I was scared and clung to the wire mesh by the window. Mr Tan saw red. After some time, he gave up and did not move me physically. He was not that harsh on me as he knew the circumstances and had seen the student in front of me blocking my view on many occasions. 25 30

Not long after, **I had a taste of my own medicine**. It was only when I got jabbed with a pencil myself when playing in the school playground that I realised how painful it was. Another boy did it - he was making a gesture with his pencil and I just happened to get in the way. It bled and hurt. The scar remains, serving as a reminder for me to treat everyone with patience and kindness. 35

Adapted from 'A Singapore Boyhood' by Michael Smithies

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

71 What made the author remember about his primary school days? [1m]

_____

_____

72 Which three-word phrase from paragraph 2 tells us that Ah Huat was not prepared for the spelling test? [1m]

73 What does **'this'** in line 13 refer to? [1m]

_____

_____

74 Why did Miss Lim suggest Ah Huat finish his homework in school? [2m]

_____

_____

75 Write 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story. [1m]

_____ The author jabbed the student sitting in front of him.

_____ The author clung to the wire mesh by the window.

_____ Mr Tan threatened to tell the principal about the author's behaviour.

_____ The student sitting in front of the author blocked his view.

76 Choose words from lines 25 to 33 which are synonyms to the words below. [3m]

irritated	
clutched	
knowingly	

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77 Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is '**True**' or '**False**', then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	True/False	Reason
Ah Huat's father did not want him to continue studying.		
Mr Tan was aware that the tall boy sitting in front was blocking the author's view.		
The author was accidentally jabbed by the boy in the playground.		

78 Explain clearly what the author meant by '**I had a taste of my own medicine**' (line 34). [2m]

_____

_____

79 The table below shows the expressions used to describe the characters' feelings. Fill in the blanks to describe how each character felt and the reasons for feeling that way. Use the information from the story. [4m]

Expression	Feeling	Reason
Miss Lim's face turned red.		
Mr Tan saw red.		

80 Do you think the author regretted jabbing his classmate with a pencil? Support your answer with information from the passage. [2m]

_____

_____

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Exam Paper 2014 Answer Sheet

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Subject: PRIMARY 5 ENGLISH
Term: SA2

1) 3	6) 2	11) 3	16) 2	21) 4	26) 3
2) 1	7) 3	12) 4	17) 4	22) 2	27) 3
3) 4	8) 3	13) 1	18) 1	23) 1	28) 1
4) 1	9) 2	14) 3	19) 2	24) 2	
5) 3	10) 4	15) 2	20) 3	25) 4	

29) A	31) C	33) H	35) B	37) D
30) Q	32) J	34) M	36) K	38) G

39. fashionably

40. although

41. passed

42. patiently

43. description

44. hung

45. enthusiasm

46. haven't

47. Whether

48. furniture

49. decided

50. recounting

51. growing

52. was

53. again

54. When

55. Kentucky

56. what

57. working

58. job

59. help

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60. change

61. easily

62. without

63. read

64. slaves

65. way

66. It was dark so we could hardly see.

67. If I have enough money, I will go to Japan.

68. Having ironed the clothes, Mrs Lee went to the movies with her friends.

69. Ravi excelled in his examinations with his form teacher's encouragement.

70. Too tired to do her homework, Siti went straight to bed.

71. A recent gathering where the author met his primary schoolmates made him remember about his primary school days.

72. He turned pale.

73. It refers to Ah Huat did not spell a single word correctly for the spelling test.

74. Miss Lim suggested him to finish his homework in school so he had enough time to help his father make shoes and to revise his schoolwork.

75. 2, 4, 3, 1

76. Frustrated; clung; deliberately

77. True – Ah Huat's father thought that he was wasting his money by going to school.
True – Mr Tan knew the circumstances and had seen the student in front of the author blocking his view on many occasions.
True – He just happened to get in another boy's way.

78. He was jabbed by a pencil and finally realized how painful it was for the tall boy sitting in front of him to get jabbed.

79. Miss Lim felt embarrassed. – She had wronged Ah Huat.
Mr Tan felt angry. – The author clung on to the wire mesh by the window.

80. Yes, I think the author regretted jabbing his classmate with a pencil. The author was jabbed with a pencil by another boy while playing in the playground and realized how painful it was as it bled and hurt.

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2014 SEMESTRAL EXAMINATION TWO
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY 5
PAPER 2 BOOKLET A

NAME : _____

CLASS : P5 _____

INDEX NO : _____

28 QUESTIONS

28 MARKS

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 HOUR 50 MINUTES

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

Parent's signature: _____

Booklet A :	_____ / 28
Booklet B :	_____ / 67
TOTAL :	**_____ / 95**

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Section	Marks	
Grammar		10
Vocabulary		5
Vocabulary Cloze		5
Visual Text Comprehension		8
Total		28

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For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

1. Macy, as well as her friends, _____ for the excursion next week.

   (1) is going
   (2) has gone
   (3) are going
   (4) have gone ( )

2. This is the student _____ pencil case was stolen.

   (1) who
   (2) whom
   (3) whose
   (4) which ( )

3. The soldiers must press on _____ treacherous the journey is.

   (1) although
   (2) because
   (3) however
   (4) unless ( )

4. The mouse scurried past the bench, _____ the tunnel and onto the road.

   (1) on
   (2) up
   (3) from
   (4) through ( )

5. He has finished his homework, _____ ?

   (1) has he
   (2) hasn't he
   (3) have he
   (4) haven't he ( )

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6. "We _____ not have put together a well-planned event without your help. I am grateful for your assistance," the manager thanked Mr Li.

(1) can
(2) shall
(3) could
(4) should ( )

7. "Be quiet, the results of the Speiling competition _____ now," said Ali.

(1) are announcing
(2) have announced
(3) are being announced
(4) have been announced ( )

8. Sean prefers badminton _____ soccer.

(1) to
(2) or
(3) nor
(4) than ( )

9. The injuries he sustained while skiing _____ extremely painful and prevented him from enjoying his holiday.

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

10. I take my vitamins daily to prevent myself from _____ a cold.

(1) catch
(2) caught
(3) catching
(4) having caught ( )

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For each question from 11 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

11. Several bank officers were taken as _____ during the attempted robbery.

(1) hostages
(2) witnesses
(3) customers
(4) participants ( )

12. Sheila does not manage her time well. You will often find her rushing to complete her homework _____.

(1) in due time
(2) in good time
(3) at the earliest hour
(4) at the eleventh hour ( )

13. Siti is so heavily in debt that she is in _____ straits.

(1) dire
(2) severe
(3) terrible
(4) extreme ( )

14. In order to prevent the spread of the Aedes mosquito, the Town Council carries out _____ of the neighbourhood regularly.

(1) fumigation
(2) sterilisation
(3) observation
(4) investigation ( )

15. The customer service manager assured Mr Lim that he would _____ the matter.

(1) look up
(2) look for
(3) look out
(4) look into ( )

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

Singapore celebrates its National Day on 9th August annually. The National Day Parade is a much anticipated event that (16) commemorates Singapore's independence. The parade consists of different (17) segments, including a traditional ceremony, followed by a spectacular show.

The Flypast is often a (18) highlight of the celebration. This is where we get to see the RSAF's Black Knights* demonstrating both the country's offensive and defensive capabilities using various military aircrafts. The pilots' skilful manoeuvring never fails to (19) captivate the crowd.

Locals and tourists can often be seen in the vicinity of the parade, hoping to catch a glimpse of all the action in person. The parade cuiminates in an (20) elaborate display of fireworks. What a fitting way to end the celebration!

16. (1) proves
(2) regains
(3) upholds
(4) remembers ( )

17. (1) parts
(2) pieces
(3) phases
(4) partitions ( )

18. (1) most stressful
(2) most enjoyable
(3) most noticeable
(4) most glamorous ( )

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19. (1) capture
(2) contain
(3) animate
(4) fascinate ( )

20. (1) long
(2) elegant
(3) expensive
(4) spectacular ( )

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Study this flyer carefully and answer questions 21 to 28.

ANNUAL CREATIVE WRITING COMPETITION

Write a short story about any animal that can be found in the Singapore Zoo.

- Your story could be inspired by any interesting facts about animals, or simply by your own imagination.

Eligibility
The Creative Writing Competition is open to Primary School pupils who have an interest and aptitude in creative writing.

Application Procedures
Your story must reach the following address by 5pm, 30 November 2014:

Creative Writing Competition
Singapore Zoo
1 Mandai Road
Singapore 123456

You Could Win!
Lower Primary Category
Merit Prizes: 16 GB thumb drive + Friends of the Zoo family pass
Distinction Prizes: 32 GB thumb drive + $100 book vouchers

Upper Primary Category
Merit Prizes: 16 GB thumb drive + Friends of the Zoo family pass
Distinction Prizes: 32 GB thumb drive + $100 book vouchers
High Distinction Prizes: A digital camera + $200 book vouchers

More information on the rules and regulations of the competition can be found at www.sporezoo/creativewriting/contest.

If you have any queries, you may call Mr Jacob at 62001234 or email him at Jacob@sporezoo.com

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Fun Facts

(You may make use of any point(s) mentioned here in your writing.)

Zebras

- Zebras are part of the equidae family along with horses and donkeys.
- Every zebra has a unique pattern of black and white stripes.
- Zebras run from side to side when being chased by a predator.
- Zebras stand up while sleeping.
- The ears of a zebra show its mood.
- A zebra named Marty starred in the 2005 animated film Madagascar.

(Adapted from http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/sciencefacts/animals/zebra.html)

Animal Fable

How the Zebra Got His Stripes?

Long ago, when animals were still new on earth, the weather was very hot, and there was very little water left in pools and pans. One of these was guarded by a boisterous baboon, who claimed that he was the 'Lord of the water' and forbade anyone from drinking at his pool.

When a zebra and his son came down to have a drink, the baboon, who was sitting by his fire, jumped up. 'Go away, intruders,' he barked. 'This is my pool and I am the Lord of the water.'

'The water is for everyone, not just for you, monkey-face,' retorted the zebra's son.

'If you want it, you must fight for it,' returned the baboon in a fine fury and in a moment, the two were locked in combat. Back and forth they went, until with a mighty kick, the zebra sent the baboon flying high up among the rocks of the cliff behind them. The baboon landed with a smack on his seat, and to this day he carries the bare patch where he landed.

The zebra staggered back through the baboon's fire, which scorched him, leaving stripes across his white fur. The shock sent the zebra galloping away to the grasslands, where he has stayed ever since. The baboon and his family, however, remain high up among the rocks where they bark defiance at all strangers, and hold up their tails to ease the smarting rock-burn of their bald patched bottoms.

(Adapted from http://www.gatewayafrica.com/stories/How_the_Zebra_Got_his_Stripes_San.html)

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For each question from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

21. How often is the Creative Writing Competition held?
It is held _____

(1) every year
(2) every two years
(3) every three years
(4) every four years ( )

22. The main purpose of the flyer is to _____

(1) explain why zebras have stripes
(2) attract tourists to the Singapore Zoo
(3) advertise the animated film Madagascar
(4) attract participants for the Creative Writing Competition ( )

23. Based on the flyer, which of the following is true of the Creative Writing Competition?

(1) The Creative Writing Competition is held at the Singapore Zoo.
(2) Participants must make use of the Fun Facts printed in the flyer for their story.
(3) The Creative Writing Competition is open to all primary school pupils who are interested.
(4) The stories must be sent in via the website www.sporezoo/creativewriting/contest. ( )

24. Some of the information in this flyer about the zebras is factual; other information is made up. Which of the following information is factual?

(1) Zebras stand up while sleeping.
(2) Zebras tend to fight with the baboons.
(3) Zebras can only be found at grasslands.
(4) Zebras are able to help the baboons fly. ( )

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25. Sam wanted to find out if his eleven year old cousin who is living in America is eligible for the competition. What should he do?
He should _____.

(1) ask his form teacher
(2) call Mr Jacob at 62001234
(3) write a letter to the Singapore Zoo
(4) send an email to Mr Jacob at www.sporezoo/creativewriting/contest

( )

26. What would a Primary 6 pupil win if his story is the best among all the stories submitted to Singapore Zoo?
He would win _____.

(1) a digital camera and $200 book vouchers
(2) a 32 GB thumb drive and $100 book vouchers
(3) a 32 GB thumb drive and $200 book vouchers
(4) a 16 GB thumb drive and Friends of the Zoo pass ( )

27. According to the fable 'How the Zebra got his Stripes', which word has the same meaning as noisy and rowdy?

(1) combat
(2) forbade
(3) defiance
(4) boisterous ( )

28. According to the fable 'How the Zebra got his Stripes', why did the baboon forbid anyone from drinking at the pool?

(1) The baboon disliked zebras and was waiting for a chance to pick a fight.
(2) The water in the pool belonged to the baboon and the zebra did not ask for his permission.
(3) There was very little water left and the baboon wanted to keep the remaining water for himself.
(4) The baboon wanted to claim ownership of the pool so that he could be the Lord of the zebras.

( )

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2014 SEMESTRAL EXAMINATION TWO
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY FIVE
PAPER 2 BOOKLET B

Name: _____ ( ) Class: P5 _____

Section	Marks	
Grammar Cloze		10
Editing for Spelling and Grammar		12
Comprehension Cloze		15
Synthesis / Transformation		10
Comprehension Open Ended		20
Total		**67**

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There are 10 blanks, numbered 1 to 10, 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.

(10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

(A) is	(E) as	(J) in	(N) of
(B) are	(F) to	(K) into	(P) were
(C) from	(G) and	(L) but	(Q) can
(D) these	(H) with	(M) where	

The modern Olympics have developed traditions, just as the ancient ones did. One (29) _____ the most famous of these is the Olympic torch. The torch is lit at Olympia and then taken (30) _____ the country where the Olympic Games will be held next. Athletes (31) _____ several countries take turns to run, carrying the torch, until they reach the stadium (32) _____ the Opening Ceremony is to be held. The flame is often carried across several countries, sometimes even across the sea. The last of the runners lights a flame (33) _____ the stadium from the torch. At the end of the Games, the flame (34) _____ put out.

It has become a tradition to make the Opening Ceremony of the Games more (35) _____ more spectacular. To begin with, there were just a few speeches and the athletes who had come to compete marched around the stadium (36) _____ the flag of their country. Pigeons were released (37) _____ the sky from cages as the ceremony ended. However from 1928 onwards, more events (38) _____ added to the ceremony. First the Olympic flame, then national anthems and many colourful performances from entertainers.

(Adapted from The Olympics by Jane Shuter)

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Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (12 marks)

39 [ ]

Alice was not at all hurt. She jumped up onto her feet in a flesh. She looked up but

40. [ ]

it was all dark overhead. Before her was another long pairsage and the White Rabbit

41. [ ]

was still in sight, hurrying down it. There was not a moment to be lose. Away went

42. [ ] 43. [ ]

Alice like the wind and was just on time to hear it say, as it turned a corner, Oh your

44. [ ]

ears and whiskers, how late its getting!' She had been close behind it when she

45. [ ]

turned the corner but the Rabbit had disepeered. She found herself in a long,

46. [ ]

narrow hall who was lit up by a row of lamps hanging from the roof. There were

47. [ ]

doors all around the hall but they were locked. Alice has been all the way down one

side and up the other, trying every door. She walked sadly down the middle,

48. [ ]

wandering how she was ever to get out again. [ ]

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49. [ ]

Sunddenly, she came upon a little three-legged table, made of solid glass. There

50. [ ]

was nothing on it accept for a tiny golden key. "Could that be the key?" she thought to herself.

(Adapted from 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland' by Lewis Carroll)

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15 marks)

Researchers in the US had expected male shrimps which have larger snapping claws to behave more aggressively. However, despite their (51)_____ claw size, female shrimps snapped more often when (52)_____ their territory.

"We're so (53) _____ to seeing animals in which males have larger weapons than females: bigger antlers, bigger teeth, bigger horns, etc. And in many of these species, males are more aggressive (54) _____ females," said Dr Melissa Hughes, from the College of Charleston in South Carolina, US who led the study.

Snapping shrimps use their larger claw as a deadly weapon to kill their (55) _____ and opponents. They can kill with one deadly snap and (56) _____ known to stun potential food with a jet of bubbles by rapidly opening and (57) _____ their larger claw.

The researchers wanted to see how different sexes use their claws to defend (58) _____ territory. They observed these interactions and counted the (59) _____ of snaps - a sign of aggression - by each shrimp.

In both species, female shrimps contradicted the researchers' expectations (60) _____ snapping more and behaving more aggressively towards other females. Conversely, males were just as (61) _____ to both male and female intruders.

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Dr Hughes admitted the reasons (62) _____ females' more aggressive behaviour are unclear. "Female aggression has not been (63) _____ nearly as much, so we don't understand it nearly as well," she told BBC Nature.

"One possibility here is that females are competing with each other for males, (64) _____ through direct competition by fighting over males or by defending large territories (65) _____that the distance between females is too large for one male to easily move between multiple females," explained Dr Hughes although she clarified that more research has to be carried out.

(Adapted from BBC Nature News)

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For each of the questions 66 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). (10 marks)

66. The charity bazaar was hosted successfully by the Society for the Aged.

The Society for the Aged _____

_____

67. Samuel loved to watch soccer. He did not watch the World Cup.

Although _____

_____

68. Sandy bought a dress. Sandy bought a pair of shorts.

In addition to _____

_____

69. Bala has homework to complete. Bala cannot play computer games till he completes it.

Unless _____

_____

70. "I am going on a holiday tomorrow!" exclaimed the little boy.

The little boy exclaimed _____

_____

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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

I was a late August evening in 1898 when the Scotsman took a ride through the newly laid track from the main road to his coffee plantation. The track was still soft and rather lumpy as well as being punishingly steep.

Wearied by the slope, Mr Robertson dismounted and began pushing his bicycle. Then he heard what sounded like a powerful creature. 5

"I thought it was some big game," he later told the British Central African Gazette, "but as I felt a certain amount of uneasiness, I moved away as quickly as I could."

A distance away, he took a glance behind. There, in the moonlit road, was a fully-grown lion. For a moment, man and beast stood frozen as they eyed each other warily. Then the lion charged. 10

"I attempted to mount my bicycle but owing to the slope and my excitement, I failed twice," said Mr Robertson. "Once I succeeded, I pedalled for all I was worth."

Off he rode, every muscle straining to coax the most speed from his rickety bicycle. But when he risked another look, he was perturbed to see that not only was the lion still in pursuit but the gap between them had been halved. 15

"I think I could easily have outstripped him if it had been level ground, but the machine kept up a rattle over the uneven track, and once or twice I was almost thrown off." 20

At the point when the lion was almost close enough to leap and dine on the Scotsman, Mr Robertson made it to the crest of the hill and got a kindly kick from gravity.

He tore down the slope, using every inch of his strength to keep from being thrown off and steered so hard that his knuckles turned white. Suddenly he remembered a short cut - a sewerage canal. There was no time to dismount, so he rode right into it, his bicycle bouncing off a curb and the shock flung him out 25

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of the saddle, but thankfully he fell back on it.

"It was the kind of stunt performed by men who worked as stunt doubles," recounted Mr Robertson who survived and emerged from the tunnel unscathed, 30 but the same could not be said for his bicycle.

That was when he realised that the blood-curdling growl had faded away to silence. Whether exhausted or bored, the lion was nowhere to be seen.

The Edinburgh Evening News later called it "one of the most extraordinary adventures of a Scotsman." The Illustrated Police News billed the story as a 35 "Mad Ride For Life"

As for Mr Robertson, he had learnt his lesson. "No more moonlight rides for me," he vowed.

(Adapted from http://www.bbc.com/news/blogs-magazine-monitor-28056499)

71. Where was Mr Robertson heading to on his bicycle? (2m)

_____

_____

72. State the correct number of newspapers that published an article on Mr Robertson's experience. (1m)

[ ] newspapers published an article on Mr Robertson's experience.

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73. Order the sentences below according to what had happened to Mr Robertson in the story. Number the sentences (1, 2 and 3) in the boxes provided. (1m)

i)	Mr Robertson took a short cut through the sewerage canal.	
ii)	Mr Robertson suspected that the lion had given up the chase due to either exhaustion or boredom.	
iii)	Tired from cycling up the slope, Mr Robertson dismounted and began pushing his bicycle.	

74. State two reasons why it was difficult for Mr Robertson to outstrip the lion. (2m)

Reason One	
Reason Two	

75. 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)

Statement	True / False	Reason
Mr Robertson was taking a morning stroll to his coffee plantation.		
The strange sound worried Mr Robertson so he immediately distanced himself from the sound.		
Mr Robertson made a single successful attempt to mount his bicycle when the lion charged at him.		

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76. What did Mr Robertson notice when he ventured to turn and take a look at the lion after he had mounted his bicycle? (2m)

_____

_____

77. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as unharmed? (1m)

[ ]

78. Why do you think that there was no time for Mr Robertson to dismount and push his bicycle into the sewerage canal? (2m)

_____

_____

79. What does the phrase 'but the same could not be said for his bicycle' (line 31) tell us about Mr Robertson's bicycle? (2m)

_____

_____

80. What does the word 'it' in line 34 refer to? (2m)

_____

_____

81. State with evidence from the passage how the incident had impacted Mr Robertson. (2m)

_____

_____

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ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2014
SCHOOL : HENRY PARK
PRIMARY : P5
SUBJECT : ENGLISH
TERM : SA2

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

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
3	4	4	1	4	3	1	2	1	4	3	N	F	C	M	J	A

Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
G	H	K	P

39)flash 40)passage 41)lost 42)in 43)my

44)it's 45)disappeared 46)which 47)had 48)wondering

49)suddenly 50)except 51)smaller 52)defending 53)used

54)than 55)prey 56)are 57)closing 58)their

59)number 60)by 61)aggressive 62)for 63)studied

64)either 65)so

66)The Society for the Aged hosted the charity bazaar successfully.

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67)Although Samuel loved to watch soccer, he did not watch the World Cup.

68)In addition to a dress, Sandy bought a pair of shoes.

69)Unless Bala completes has homework, he cannot computer games.

70)The little boy exclaimed that he was going on a holiday the next day.

71)Mr Robertson was heading to his coffee plantation on his bicycle.

72)3

73)i)2 ii)3 iii)1

74)The level was not even
The machine kept up a rattle over the uneven track and once or twice he was almost thrown off.

75)False : It was late evening when Mr Robertson cycled to his coffee plantation.

True : He heard what sounded like a powerful creature, he felt a certain amount of uneasiness, so he moved away as quickly as he could.

False : He failed to mount his bicycle twice.

76)Mr Robertson noticed that not only was the lion still in pursuit but the gap between them had been haired.

77)The word is 'unscathed'

78)I think that there was no time because the lion was catching up and if he dismounted and pushed his bicycle, the lion could have caught him.

79)It tells us that even though Mr Roberson came out of the tunnel unscathed, his bicycle broken.

80)It refers to the lion chasing Mr Roberson.

81)He vowed that he would not have any more moonlight rides.

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