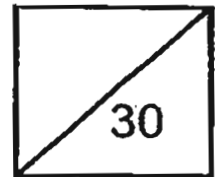




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2011
English Language Paper 2
Primary 5

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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 30 questions (Questions 1 to 30).
4. **Answer ALL the questions and shade them in the correct ovals on the OAS provided.**

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Study the advertisement and answer Q 1 to Q 5. (5 marks)

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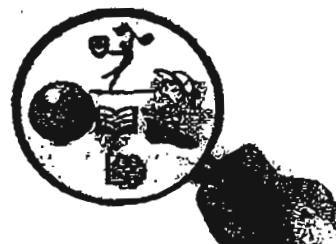
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- 1) Kid's Explorer! bag
- 2) Kid's Explorer! watch
- 3) Kid's Explorer! pen



For each question from 1 to 5, 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.

1. The special subscription price for Kid's Explorer magazine is _____.
 - (1) \$50
 - (2) \$75
 - (3) \$175
 - (4) \$225

2. The subscription offer ends _____.
 - (1) on 31st January
 - (2) after 31st January
 - (3) before 31st January
 - (4) a month after 31st January

3. Besides a 50% discount during this period of subscription, a subscriber can also get _____.
 - (1) a free gift
 - (2) another 50% discount
 - (3) a year of free subscription
 - (4) a free membership certificate

4. Mrs Lim wants to know what kind of articles are featured in the magazine. She should _____.
 - (1) pay cash to Explore!
 - (2) visit the company website
 - (3) send a cheque to Explore!
 - (4) meet Adrian at the Explore! office

5. Which of the following statements is true?
 - (1) You cannot send your order via post.
 - (2) You will receive 75% discount upon subscription.
 - (3) You will get 12 issues of Kid's Explorer for the fee.
 - (4) You can get a bag, watch and pen when you subscribe.

For each question from 6 to 12, 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.

6. Do you want to take time _____ from work to go for your blood test?

- (1) in
- (2) on
- (3) off
- (4) over

7. The pupils _____ already _____ by their teacher when the announcement was made.

- (1) has dismissed
- (2) had dismissed
- (3) had been dismissed
- (4) have been dismissed

8. ~~Neither the twins nor Alison~~ _____ to be the first act for the school concert next week.

- (1) want
- (2) wants
- (3) has wanted
- (4) have wanted

9. ~~Damien, together with his classmates,~~ _____ leaving for their trek in a few hours.

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

10. Chelsea was humming softly to herself _____ preparing the ingredients to bake the chocolate cake.

- (1) as
- (2) while
- (3) during
- (4) despite

11. The gangster threatened to beat up old Mr Chua, _____?

- (1) was it
- (2) did he
- (3) wasn't it
- (4) didn't he

12. The bridge was _____ away during the flash flood that hit the village last night.

- (1) swept
- (2) sweep
- (3) sweeps
- (4) sweeping

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (3 marks)

Bob's knees buckled as he tried to sit down. He said, "You're doing this because of what my father did to you (13) isn't it?"

"What do you think? You should not even ask me such a question (14)" the man with the scar ~~exclaimed~~, somewhat snarling.

"I'm sure we can work something out (15) Bob said calmly, despite the chill that ran down his spine, "as I can see you are quite a reasonable man."

13. (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) ["] inverted commas
(4) [!] exclamation mark

14. (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [?] question mark
(4) [!] exclamation mark

15. (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(4) [. "] full stop and inverted commas

For each question from 16 to 20, 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.

16. During the Outdoor Adventure Camp, the instructors were amazed at the children's ability to _____ the tents on their own.

- (1) build
- (2) pitch
- (3) erect
- (4) fasten

17. As a film _____, I recently reviewed the latest movie starring Justine Beyber.

- (1) critic
- (2) writer
- (3) journalist
- (4) columnist

18. The _____ of the woman begging for money for her baby's eye operation touched many Singaporeans.

- (1) pain
- (2) plight
- (3) dilemma
- (4) suffering

19. The villagers were so relieved to be rid of their tyrannical ruler who had _____ them all these years.

- (1) impressed
- (2) oppressed
- (3) depressed
- (4) compressed

20. Tom managed to stop the car _____ . Another second later and he would have hit the dog.

- (1) out of time
- (2) time after time
- (3) once upon a time
- (4) in the nick of time

For each question from 21 to 25, 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)

The chimpanzee continued with its noisy chatter. One could hear him clearly, his tone (21) denoting a mixture of alarm and surprisingly, rebuke. It was as though it was upset and lecturing someone!

The animal handler was outside the room, speaking (22) gently to the creature through the barred window in an attempt to coax it. As Emily approached the door, she remembered the (23) disquieting fact that it could only be locked from the inside.

The situation was now near (24) catastrophic. It was obvious that the chimpanzee was getting increasingly (25) agitated, hanging desperately onto the bars. The lock would have to be broken and it would take the locksmith a good hour to reach the house. Emily went to the window and stood next to the animal handler. Together, Emily and the handler tried their best to calm down the animal. It was not going to be an easy feat.

21. (1) hinting
(2) implying
(3) indicating
(4) announcing
22. (1) decisively
(2) soothingly
(3) peacefully
(4) convincingly
23. (1) harsh
(2) irritating
(3) noiseless
(4) disturbing
24. (1) riotous
(2) chaotic
(3) hapless
(4) disastrous
25. (1) uptight
(2) frenzied
(3) unhappy
(4) flustered

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

On March 11, a massive earthquake struck northern Japan and triggered a tsunami alarm. Takako Suzuki knew exactly where to find shelter. At least, she thought she did. As instructions were given over loudspeakers, 40-year-old Suzuki, left her computer workstation and followed them without hesitation.

She headed up to the third floor of a nearby community building that her city of Rikuzentakata had designated as a tsunami evacuation point. As she ran up the steps, a 14-metre wave smashed through the building, its swirling black water swallowing people around her. 5

"Black water broke into the building through the windows with a rumbling noise, and I was just helplessly tossed about by the water. I don't even remember how I was swept along." In her recent interview with Reuters News, Suzuki elaborated that she found herself in a cluster of a dozen people, dragged into a room and trapped, where the water kept rising to about 10 cm from the ceiling. 10

"I was thinking 'if the water rises a little bit, I'm finished' - but luckily, the water suddenly stopped rising and began receding." 15

The 12 survivors, still half-submerged as night fell and cold winds blew in through missing windows, huddled together. Around them were bodies of those who did not survive the disaster.

Suzuki said, "The building lurched because it was still filled with water and aftershocks kept shaking the building, sometimes causing debris to fall on us. That was terrifying! We were wondering if help would ever come." 20

Their ordeal ended almost 24 hours later when Suzuki and 10 others were plucked from the building rooftop by a rescue helicopter operated by the Self Defence Force, Japan's military arm. Sadly, one of them, an elderly man, had died during the night. Suzuki discovered that among the 100 or more people who had fled to the community centre for refuge, her group of 11 survivors was the only one which made through it. 25

"It's a mystery to me how I am alive," she said. "I thought I was definitely going to die. However, I remembered my three children waiting for me at home. That gave me strength to wait it through," Suzuki said, her calm voice suddenly cracking.

Rikuzentakata, one of the most devastated towns along the shattered Japanese coastline, counted 1066 fatalities and 2041 missing from a population of 23,000. Suzuki's family home was on elevated ground and untouched by the tsunami that flattened her workplace and virtually every structure near sea level in the small Iwate Prefecture city. 30

Suzuki has since joined her colleagues and volunteers helping out at a shelter. "My life was given back to me," she said and vowed to pour her energy into helping others get back on their feet after Japan's worst humanitarian disaster since World War Two. 35

(adapted from "Japan Tsunami Survivor tells her harrowing Tale" by Paul Eckert, edited by Jon Thatcher)

26. When the tsunami alarm was triggered, Suzuki was _____.
- (1) working at home on her computer
 - (2) huddling in the swirling black water
 - (3) running up the steps of the community building
 - (4) listening for evacuation information to be relayed
27. The evacuation centre caused more danger than offer refuge as it _____.
- (1) was too far away from the coast.
 - (2) became a water trap for the people.
 - (3) was too small to shelter the refugees.
 - (4) became too shaky for air rescuers to land.
28. The word 'it' (Line 26) refers to the _____.
- (1) death of the elderly man among them
 - (2) rescue by the Japanese military forces
 - (3) debris falling down on the terrified survivors
 - (4) ordeal of awaiting help while submerged in water
29. _____ helped Suzuki endure the harrowing experience till help arrived.
- (1) Thinking about her three children
 - (2) Wondering if help would ever come
 - (3) Huddling with the rest of the survivors
 - (4) Discovering that they were the lucky few
30. Suzuki wanted to help others at the shelter because _____.
- (1) her colleagues told her to do so
 - (2) her workplace was flattened by the disaster.
 - (3) she felt she had been given a second chance at life
 - (4) she felt guilty as her family home was on higher ground

End of Booklet A



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Total Duration for Booklets A & B: 1 h 50 min

Date: 10 May 2011 Parent's Signature: _____

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 50 questions (Questions 31 to 80).
4. Answer ALL the questions and write all the answers in this booklet.

	Maximum	Marks Obtained
Booklet A	30	
Booklet B	65	
Total	95	

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

* This booklet consists of 7 pages altogether.

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There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, 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) can	(G) may	(K) these	(N) through
(B) also	(E) in	(H) of	(L) they	(R) so
(C) but	(F) into	(J) the	(M) this	(Q) which

New Zealand is home to some unusual underwater creatures. One of them is (31) _____ elephant fish. A large fleshy trunk protrudes from the snout and together with large wing-like pectoral fins combine to give a rather grotesque deformed appearance. This "nosey" fish uses its long trunk to sift (32) _____ the sandy ocean bottom (33) _____ search of snails, shrimp and crabs to eat. Some scientists believe the elephant fish's nose (34) _____ contain electrical receptors (35) _____ help it to find hidden food.

The elephant fish is (36) _____ a night feeder so its large eyes make it easier for this fish to see in the dark waters. Not only does this fish have an elephant-like snout, (37) _____ its large side fins also may remind you of Dumbo's ears! (38) _____ large fins help the elephant fish move through the water slowly but gracefully. The skeleton of an elephant fish is made (39) _____ cartilage, not bone. (40) _____ is also true of sharks, so sometimes this creature is called "the elephant shark".

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box. (10 marks)

(41)

It was a horrible day. Torrential rain fell relented as thunder crashed and

(42)

wind lashed. The thunderstorm was keeping me waking. Gradually, the storm

(43)

subsided and only the soft pattering by the drizzle could be heard. Slowly, I

drifted into a restless sleep.

(44)

Suddenly, I found me at the edge of a cliff and the next moment, I was

(45)

falling. "Help!" I screamed **hestarically**, thrashing my limbs wildly with fear. I

(46)

shut my eyes tightly, preparing for my **deemice**.

(47)

To my relief and astonished, I landed gently on a deserted and dark road.

(48)

The eerie etmostpat was frightening me. I noticed hideous faces grinning at me.

(49)

It was a **grousofie** sight. Some of them were badly scarred while others were

(50)

horribly **distaughted**. A wave of nausea washed over me. I emitted a horrifying

shriek that pierced the silence of the night.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Randy alighted from the bus with the rest of his classmates. It was the day they had been eagerly (51) _____ for since their teacher had informed them of the excursion. The pupils were standing in front of the Victoria Concert Hall, one of the oldest colonial (52) _____ in Singapore. "Hurry up everyone. Otherwise we'll be (53) _____," Mdm Rani announced. Randy looked at his watch. Only ten minutes (54) _____ before their scheduled arrival at Parliament House.

As Miss Choo made a (55) _____ of the number of pupils, Mdm Rani quickly lined them up. "All present, Mdm Rani!" she called out. The group then made its (56) _____ towards the destination. Mdm Rani (57) _____ the group whilst Miss Choo brought up the rear. Randy felt excited as he had (58) _____ been to the civic district before. Along the way, Randy kept a (59) _____ for the elephant sculpture that Mdm Rani had told his class about. "Look! Over there!" Sammy shouted, (60) _____ out the sculpture to Randy. Randy looked towards the direction indicated. Disappointed, he sighed. "It's much (61) _____ than I had imagined. I had thought it was larger."

Mdm Rani explained, "This sculpture was (62) _____ located in front of Victoria Theatre before being placed here at the old Parliament House. Did you know that following his party's (63) _____ in the 1955 General Elections, David Marshall was given an office here after he was (64) _____ as Chief Minister? The building was known as Assembly House at first but renamed in 1965 after Singapore had (65) _____ independence."

Soon, they arrived at Parliament House. "Remember to be on your best behaviour," Miss Choo reminded the pupils as they entered.

For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentences, using the words provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s). (10 marks)

66. Betty likes to listen to the news on the radio. Betty likes to read newspapers more.

_____ prefers _____

67. Nico will go to the party if he does not have to look after his baby brother.

Unless _____

68. Everyone escaped from the fire unhurt. Jeremy is the only one who was hurt.

_____ except _____

69. Mrs Tan has gone to the supermarket. Her neighbours have also gone to the supermarket

_____ as well as _____

70. The fact that he was careless caused Paul to fall into the lake.

_____ carelessness _____

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

"All out of juice," groaned Milly, closing the door of the refrigerator. "How could Mummy and Daddy leave me alone with Pauly without stocking up?" As she made her way back to the living room, she called out to her younger brother, "Looks like we have to make do with milk." Pauly, who was nestled comfortably on the sofa, replied, "Can't hear you. What did you say?" Visibly annoyed with her brother, Milly retorted loudly, "You can if you turn the volume down!"

5

Sensing his sister's annoyance, Pauly reached for the remote. Before he could press the button, the television screen went blank together with all the lights in the apartment. "Hey! What did you do?" Milly yelled in surprise, almost dropping the bottle she was holding. "I almost made a mess on the floor." Before Pauly could say another word, a loud knock on the door broke the silence. Pauly nearly jumped out of his skin.

10

Although it was dark, Pauly's eyes had gradually adjusted to the darkness and could make out the front door. He stood up and headed towards it. "What are you doing?" Milly asked. "Isn't it obvious?" Pauly replied. Milly cautioned Pauly that their parents had told them to be careful when alone at home. "And don't you think it is odd that the knock on the door came immediately after the power failure? Just ignore it."

15

Pauly ignored his sister's objection and looked through the peep-hole. He could not see anyone standing by the door. Puzzled, he looked at his sister, who was standing beside him by that time. "Is anyone there?" he called out but there was no reply. He decided to open the door. Milly cautioned him once again but he did not heed her warnings. As the door slowly creaked open, Milly grabbed hold of a vase from the side table next to the door. She raised it above her head in anticipation.

20

All of a sudden, Pauly felt a strong push and as the door swung open, it hit him in the face and he was knocked off his feet. Milly saw the figure of a man charging towards her and her instincts took over. The vase made contact with his forehead. The man cried out in pain and was knocked down instantly. Milly took this opportunity to grab hold of her brother. However, the man grabbed hold of her ankles. She tried to wriggle free but his hold was firm. Pauly, who was still on the ground, bit the man's wrist which caused him to cry out once more. His grip loosened and Milly was able to run out of the apartment with Pauly in tow.

25

30

"Quick! Let's try Mrs Chan's place!" Milly told Pauly. Although the corridor was dark, they were able to find their way courtesy of the full moon. Mrs Chan's door was open. "Call the police immediately! A man just broke into our house. He may be coming after us," Pauly told Mrs Chan, as Milly kept a look out. However, she did not see anyone heading in their direction. Mrs Chan did as Pauly instructed but told him to close the door first. "They are on the way," she announced after she put the telephone down. "You should stay here whilst we wait."

35

Ten minutes later, there was a knock on the door. The siblings felt relieved this time round when Mrs Chan opened the door. At the same time, the lights flickered and came on. "We have caught the intruder," the two policemen informed them. "It was he who had cut the power."

40

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. In the first paragraph, why was Pauly unable to hear what Milly said?

72. How was Pauly able to sense Milly's annoyance?

73. Explain fully how Milly might have made a 'mess on the floor' (line 10).

74. What caused Pauly to react suddenly in the second paragraph?

75. What was "obvious" in line 14?

76. What does "it" (line 16) refer to?

77. Which word in paragraph four means "protest"?

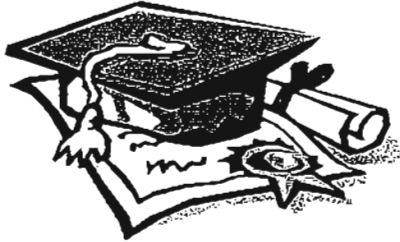
78. ^{What} ~~Which~~ did Milly do to cause the man to cry out in pain?

79. How did Milly and Pauly find their way to Mrs Chan's apartment despite the darkness?

80. Explain clearly why Mrs Chan told Pauly to close the door.

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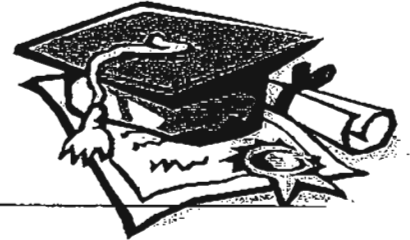


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- 41)relentlessly 42)awake 43)of 44)myself 45)hysterically
- 46)demise 47)astonishment 48)atmosphere 49)gruesome
- 50)distorted 51)waiting 52)buildings 53)late 54)remained
- 55)count 56)way 57)led 58)not/never 59)lookout
- 60)pointing 61)smaller 62)previously 63)win 64)elected
- 65)gained/achieved
- 66)Betty prefers reading newspapers to listening to the news on the radio.
- 67)Unless Nico has to took after his brother, he will go to the party.
- 68)Everyone except Jeremy escaped from the fire unhurt.
- 69)Mrs Tan, as well as her neighbours, has gone to the supermarket.
- 70)Paul's carelessness caused hin to fall into the lake.
- 71)The volume of the television was too loud.
- 72)He could tell from Milly's loud retort.

73)She might have dropped the bottle of milk.

74)A loud knock on the door had broke the silence.

75)Paul was going to open/answer the door.

76)It refers to the loud knock on the door.

77)The word 'objection' means 'protest'.

78)Milly threw the vase on his forehead which caused the man to cry out in pain.

79)They were able to find their way to Mrs Chan's apartment by the light of the moon.

80)She did not want the man/intruder to follow them into the flat.