



NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL  
CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT 2 - 2009  
PRIMARY 5

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2  
(BOOKLET A)

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Class: Pr. 5 \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 20 August 2007

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Parent's Signature & Date

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

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

1. Write your Index Number in the boxes at the top right-hand corner.
2. Do not turn over the page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions carefully.
5. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

**Section A – Graphic-Stimulus Comprehension (5 x 1mark)**  
 Study the following poster and answer questions 1 to 5.

Asian Civilisations Museum

**Fantastic Creatures**

25 JAN - 7 JUNE 2009  
 ASIAN CIVILISATIONS MUSEUM

Admission FREE

It's our first exhibition for kids!

Get ready for an exciting safari of mythical animals - fantastic creatures from all over Asia are waiting to meet you!

Curated specially for kids, *Fantastic Creatures* will introduce young visitors to the symbolism of some of the weird and wonderful artefacts from the museum's collection. The exhibition brings together colourful creatures ranging from *fabulous flyers* to *delightful dragons*, and *mythical monsters* to *clever creations*.

Catch a glimpse of watery wonders like the *Makara* - an animal made up from parts of different animals such as a crocodile, elephant, fish and goat! Also, see if you can spot the oldest artefact in this exhibition - a Chinese winged dragon that is more than 2000 years old.

**DON'T MISS..**

Follow the Kids' Trail to explore more fantastic creatures in the galleries and redeem specially designed stickers for activities.

<http://www.acm.org.sg/learning/learning.asp>

**For Schools**  
 Organise a class outing and draw at the museum! Drawing materials will be made available onsite.

Bring your class on a **FREE** Rainbow Safari tour!  
 Limited tours are available once a week.

Advanced booking is required.  
 Kindly contact:  
 Ms Adibah Daud  
 Tel: 65-6332-7886  
 Email: adibah.daud@nhb.gov.sg

Main sponsors:  
 MUSEUM SHOP  
 ANGSAWA

**GETTING TO US**

We are a 5-minute walk from the Raffles Place MRT station.

Parking is available at:  
 - New Parliament House  
 - Six Battery Road  
 - One Fullerton  
 - Empress Place

**Opening Hours**  
 Mon: 1pm - 7pm  
 Tue - Sun: 9am - 7pm (till 9pm on Fri)

**Admission**  
 Admission fees to other galleries apply for the public and non-NHB member schools.

For more information:  
 Asian Civilisations Museum | 1 Empress Place, S(179555) | Tel: 6332 7798 / 6332 2982 | Email: nhb\_acm\_vs@nhb.gov.sg | Website: www.acm.org.sg

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

1. The exhibition advertised on page 2 is held specially for \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1) Asians
  - 2) tourists
  - 3) schools
  - 4) children
- ( )
2. \_\_\_\_\_ will not be featured at the exhibition.
- 1) Dragons
  - 2) Makaras
  - 3) Elephants
  - 4) Phoenixes
- ( )
3. Students can get additional learning materials by \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1) calling 6332 7798
  - 2) emailing Ms Adibah Daud
  - 3) emailing [adibah\\_daud@nhb.gov.sg](mailto:adibah_daud@nhb.gov.sg)
  - 4) visiting <http://www.acm.org.sg/learning/learning.asp>
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4. Which of the following events is not held at the exhibition?
- 1) An art competition.
  - 2) A Rainbow Safari tour.
  - 3) A performance by live animals.
  - 4) A Kid's trail of mythical creatures
- ( )
5. Which of the following statements is not true of the event?
- 1) Not all schools will get to go on the Rainbow Safari tour.
  - 2) All the exhibitions at the Asian Civilization Museum are free.
  - 3) NHB schools do not have to pay for admission to other exhibits.
  - 4) Prizes for "My Fantastic Creature!" are sponsored by the Museum Shop and Angsana Hotels & Resorts.
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**Section D – Vocabulary (5 x 1mark)**

For each question from 16 to 20, 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.

16. The students decided to \_\_\_\_\_ their lunch in order to complete their project on time.
- 1) forgo
  - 2) forfeit
  - 3) forbid
  - 4) forsake
- ( )
17. The burglar checked the surroundings for passers-by before telling his accomplice, "Let's do it. \_\_\_\_\_. Soon, we'll be rich!"
- 1) The coast is clear
  - 2) Throw in the towel
  - 3) Come out of your shell
  - 4) Time and tide wait for no man
- ( )
18. The cowardly Joel \_\_\_\_\_ of his agreement with his friends to visit the haunted house last night.
- 1) backed up
  - 2) backed out
  - 3) backed away
  - 4) backed down
- ( )
19. The \_\_\_\_\_ natural resources on Earth have been wasted by Man and we must act now to stop the waste.
- 1) abandon
  - 2) absolute
  - 3) abundant
  - 4) abominable
- ( )
20. Chek Jawa is the home to \_\_\_\_\_ organisms ranging from tiny marine animals and plants to huge sea mammals like the dugong.
- 1) certain
  - 2) diverse
  - 3) assorted
  - 4) significant
- ( )

**Section E – Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1mark)**

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Chico Mendes was a Brazilian man who led a simple life, (21)without a care in the world. One day, the rubber plantation that he was working in was suddenly (22)forced to shut by the local authorities. Mendes immediately headed for the plantation owner's office. The plantation owner informed him that the plantation had been sold to cattle ranchers, who had been buying up plantations and chopping down rainforests at a (23)shocking rate. Mendes decided to form a group to stop the cattle ranchers. They went to stop the ranchers but their efforts were (24)in vain. However, Mendes' (25)unwavering <sup>steady</sup> efforts were soon noticed by people around the world. Sadly, some ranchers plotted against Mendes and he was assassinated by them. Nonetheless, his death brought about great attention to his cause, and more than 8 million acres of rainforest became protected from destruction.

21. 1) callous  
2) cautious  
3) careless  
4) carefree ( )
22. 1) closed in  
2) closed up  
3) closed off  
4) closed down ( )
23. 1) painful  
2) steady  
3) gradual  
4) alarming ( )
24. 1) unnoticed  
2) insufficient  
3) incomplete  
4) unsuccessful ( )
25. 1) noble  
2) powerful  
3) steadfast  
4) conscious ( )

**Section F – Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1mark)**

Read the given passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Pangolins live in tropical jungles in Asia and Africa. *Their backs and sides are covered in sharp scales made of thick hair. In fact, pangolins look like small armoured tanks!* They eat termites, ants and other insects. They do not have teeth, but they have long sticky tongues. When they find an insect nest, they break *it* open with their claws and lick up the insects.

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Scared pangolins curl up into a ball. Their sharp scales protect them from attacks, and they also spray nasty-smelling urine on their enemies to fend them off. Pangolins are threatened because of habitat destruction. They are also killed for their meat for making traditional Chinese medicine. Although pangolins are a protected species, officials around the world confiscated 100 tonnes of pangolin meat last year. Wildlife experts believe that poachers smuggle more than 500 tonnes of pangolin meat to China every year.

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In Singapore, there is a small population of pangolins living in nature reserves like the Central Catchment Area and the Bukit Timah Nature Reserve. Many hikers are fascinated by these shy and slow-moving creatures. Due to the dwindling natural habitat here, pangolins do stray outside the safety of the forests onto pavements and roads. As a result, these slow-moving creatures are often hurt or killed by traffic. In the past 10 years, the local authorities have been putting in effort to rescue these creatures, and more than 27 stray pangolins have been rescued and returned to the nature reserves. As these shy nocturnal creatures are difficult to see in the wild, the Singapore Zoo's Night Safari is launching the world's first pangolin exhibition in June this year.

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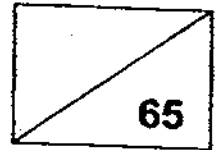
*Adapted from "A Living Armoured Tank" by Ellen Whyte, Little Red Dot, July 7, 2009.*



For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the correct answer and shade the corresponding oval on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

26. The information in sentences 2 & 3 in paragraph 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 1) tells us that pangolins are tropical animals
  - 2) describes how pangolins protect themselves
  - 3) provides us with a physical description of pangolins
  - 4) reminds us that pangolins are a threatened species of animals ( )
27. The word "it" in line 4 refers to \_\_\_\_\_
- 1) an insect nest
  - 2) a tropical jungle
  - 3) an armoured tank
  - 4) the tongue of a pangolin ( )
28. Based on the information in paragraph 3, pangolins are hurt or killed because \_\_\_\_\_
- 1) hikers find them a nuisance
  - 2) they are hunted by poachers
  - 3) their natural habitat has been destroyed
  - 4) they wander onto roads and are not able to move quickly ( )
29. Based on the information in the text, which of the following statements is **TRUE**?
- 1) Pangolins stray out of the forest to avoid hikers.
  - 2) To some people, the pangolin is of medicinal value.
  - 3) 500 tonnes of pangolin meat is smuggled to China yearly.
  - 4) In Singapore, pangolins are found only in the Bukit Timah Nature Reserve. ( )
30. Why is the Night Safari holding the first-ever Pangolin exhibition?
- 1) It is part of their effort to rescue pangolins.
  - 2) They want to educate the public on pangolins.
  - 3) Pangolins are difficult creatures to spot in the wild.
  - 4) Not many people know that there are pangolins in Singapore. ( )

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**Section G – Grammar Cloze (10 x 1mark)**

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40 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) against	D) by	G) more	K) then	N) under
B) and	E) however	H) most	L) though	P) which
C) but	F) many	J) than	M) to	Q) who

One of the most powerful civilisations the world has ever known is the Ancient Egyptian civilisation. Ancient Egypt was founded around 3150 BC when a pharaoh named Menes unified the land of Egypt. Egypt began to prosper (31) \_\_\_\_\_ the rule of the powerful pharaohs. As the kingdom of Egypt became richer, the pharaohs had to fight many wars (32) \_\_\_\_\_ its enemies to defend itself. The Egyptians were finally defeated (33) \_\_\_\_\_ the Persians in 525 BC. Even (34) \_\_\_\_\_ the pharaohs were defeated, the Egyptian civilization continued to flourish. The city of Alexandria became the (35) \_\_\_\_\_ important centre of learning in the world. Many scholars and leaders around the world travelled to learn at the Library of Alexandria, (36) \_\_\_\_\_ was the largest library in the world. Experts believed that the library contained (37) \_\_\_\_\_ than a million scrolls. Sadly, the library was burned (38) \_\_\_\_\_ the ground accidentally by Julius Caesar in 48 BC. The Alexandrians managed to rebuild part of the library's collection (39) \_\_\_\_\_ another attack by the Emperor Aurelian three hundred years later destroyed the library again. The great library of Alexandria was lost for more (40) \_\_\_\_\_ a thousand years. In 1974, plans were made to build a new library. The library was finally opened in 2002 after spending more than \$400 million to construct it.

**Section H – Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1mark)**

Correct each word in bold for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

Tommy picked up a magazine from a shelf in the room. He was very excited by the

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photograph of a **wferd** creature on the cover. He flipped the page and was startling to find

that it was a creature which was believed to have been found frozen in ice near the North

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Pole. The person who found the "Ice Demon" was a well-known **amature** adventurer, and he

had found many strange artefacts and creatures in the past.

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Tommy continued reading and slip into a daze. He began to imagine that he was the

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adventurer who found the creature and how wonderful that **expiarence** would be. As his

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thoughts wandered of, he began to fall into a deep sleep. When he regained conscious, he

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found himself in a cold and dark place. He saw that there were many pairs of eyes stare at

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him and he could see colourful lights flickering in the distance. Were his eyes **desleaving**

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him? He tried to head towards the lights but he felt an **eerte presance** next to him. It was the

"Ice Demon". Tommy screamed with all his might, but not a sound could be heard...

**Section I – Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1mark)**

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

A young boy named Alexander sat under a tree and watched his father being thrown off a horse repeatedly. Each time he fell, King Phillip would utter curses under his 51)\_\_\_\_\_. Alexander laughed each time he heard his father's roar. King Phillip 52)\_\_\_\_\_ tired and he eventually gave up trying to ride the horse.

"Father, I thought you were a good 53)\_\_\_\_\_. Why do you keep falling 54)\_\_\_\_\_?" Alexander asked his father.

"Oh my son, why are you 55)\_\_\_\_\_ fun of your poor father? I am in such pain. Besides, this horse cannot be tamed," King Phillip shook his head.

"I am not, Father. Tell me the horse's 56)\_\_\_\_\_ and I will ride him for you," Alexander replied calmly.

"We call him 'The Beast'. You can call him anything you want. If you can ride him, I will give him to you. If not, I will just set it 57)\_\_\_\_\_ and let it run in the wild," King Phillip challenged Alexander.

Alexander 58)\_\_\_\_\_ his head in agreement and walked towards the horse. He raised his 59)\_\_\_\_\_ and stroked the horse's neck gently. The horse gave off a soft 60)\_\_\_\_\_ and Alexander knew that the horse was no longer frightened. Alexander soon 61)\_\_\_\_\_ the horse and held on to the reins tightly. He gave the horse a gentle nudge and the horse 62)\_\_\_\_\_ away into the distance, as fast as the wind.

King Phillip and the palace guards were surprised at the sight of the young boy who could control such a wild horse. As Alexander rode the horse back, he asked his father, "Is the horse 63)\_\_\_\_\_?"

"Yes, he is yours. Son, you are indeed great. I am 64)\_\_\_\_\_ that my kingdom is too small for you. You have to conquer and rule over your own lands," King Phillip said proudly.

Twenty years from that 65)\_\_\_\_\_, Alexander had conquered half the known world, and became known as Alexander the Great.

**Section J - Synthesis / Transformation (5 x 2marks)**

**For questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the given one(s).**

66. The boy was innocent. We thought he had committed the theft.

\_\_\_\_\_ whom  
\_\_\_\_\_

67. Mr Lim teaches English. He also teaches Science.

\_\_\_\_\_ both \_\_\_\_\_

68. You may leave the room once you have finished the assignment.

\_\_\_\_\_ until  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. "Did Sally oversleep this morning?" Mrs Tan asked John.

Mrs Tan asked John \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70. Mr Lim went on a diet. He wanted to lose weight.

In order to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Section K – Comprehension (10 x 2marks)**

**Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.**

The rain had stopped. It was a moonless night and a haunting silence filled the air. John and Sally were on their way home from a party. As they walked, John could sense that the air was getting colder and he wondered why the frogs that usually croaked after a thunderstorm were strangely silent. "John, something is wrong. Why is the whole street silent? Where are the people? I am scared," Sally whimpered.

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"Bah, it's nothing. Don't be afraid, I am here!" John tried to comfort her, but his hands were trembling as he spoke. Fear had also crept into him.

As they carried on their way, they suddenly felt small pieces of ice falling on their skins. "This is strange! It's raining ice!" John exclaimed, "Let's find a shelter quickly!"

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They ran as fast as they could towards a dilapidated bus stop about a hundred metres ahead of them. As they ran, they could feel that the tiny pieces of ice had begun to fall in larger pieces, some of them the size of a tennis ball. John and Sally were both struck by some of the falling hail. When they arrived at the bus stop, John's shirt was soaked with blood and a gaping wound had appeared on his forehead. Sally only suffered minor cuts but she gasped and fainted at the sight of blood. "Sally, are you hurt? Get up! It's not safe here! It is falling through the roof," John yelled.

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The hail continued to pound the roof of the bus stop and many of the bigger pieces created huge holes on the roof. John reacted quickly and shielded Sally from the hail by pushing her under a bench at the bus stop. Unfortunately, the gap under the bench was not big enough for both John and Sally. Thus John held his hands over his head and curled up into a ball.

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John realised that the hailstorm was over when he heard some frogs croaking in the distance. He remembered that his Science teachers had told him animals such as frogs and dogs could sense a sudden change in the weather. The croaking of the frogs meant that they know that it is safe to return to the surface from their burrows underground. John gave Sally a hard shake and yelled into her ears, "Wake up, you sleepy head!"

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Sally turned over and looked at John with bleary eyes. "Is it over? What happened just now?" John explained about the events which occurred in the last few minutes. Sally noticed that she had only suffered very minor cuts and that John's body was filled with many deep wounds. Tears flooded her eyes and she hugged her brother tightly, uttering, "Thank you! Thank you!"

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"Don't be silly! I was only doing my duty as a brother. Come on! Stop crying. We'd better rush home. I am sure we'd have a lot of explanation to do when we see Mum and Dad," said John calmly, and he grabbed his sister's hand and started heading home.

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For each question from 71 to 80, write your answer in the space provided. All answers must be in complete sentences.

71. Why did John find the absence of frogs croaking strange?

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72. What made Sally think that something was wrong as they were heading home?

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73. Why did John's hands begin to tremble as he spoke?

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74. How was John related to Sally?

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75. Which sentence in paragraph 4 tells you that John suffered serious injury from the falling hail?

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76. What does "it" in line 17 refer to?

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77. How did John protect Sally when she was unconscious?

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78. How did John know that the hailstorm was over?

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79. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as "in a run-down condition"?

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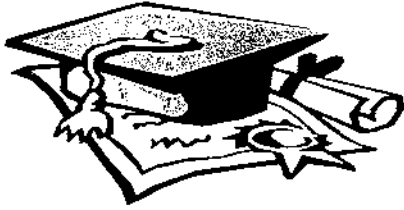
80. Explain clearly why Sally began to cry in line 32?

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**End-of-Paper**



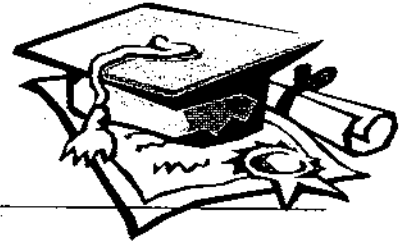


# ANSWER SHEET

**EXAM PAPER 2009**

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**TERM : CA2**



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

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
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Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
H	P	G	M	C	J

41)weird      42)startled      43)amateur      44)slipped      45)experience

46)off      47)consciousness      48)staring      49)deceiving      50)presence

51)breath      52)was      53)rider      54)off      55)making      56)name

57)off      58)nodded      59)hand      60)neigh      61)mounted

62)galloped      63)mine      64)sure      65)day

66)The boy whom we thought had committed the theft was innocent.

68)Mr Lim teaches both English and Science.

69)Mrs Tan asked John if Sally had over slept that morning.

70)In order lose weight, Mr Lim went on a diet.

71)They usually croaked after a thunder storm.

72)The street was silent and there was no one around.

73)He was fearful.

**74)There were sibling.**

**75)The sentence is "When they arrived at the bus stop, John's shirt was soaked with blood and a gaping wound had appeared on his fore head."**

**76)It refers to the hail, the size of a tennis ball.**

**77)He pushed her under a bench at the bus stop.**

**78)He heard the frogs croaking which meant that it was safe to be in the open which signaled the change in the weather.**

**79)The word is "dilapidated."**

**80)Sally was touched by her brother's action.**