



**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
2009 CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT
PRIMARY 5**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2: BOOKLET A

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

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Class: Pr 5 (D)

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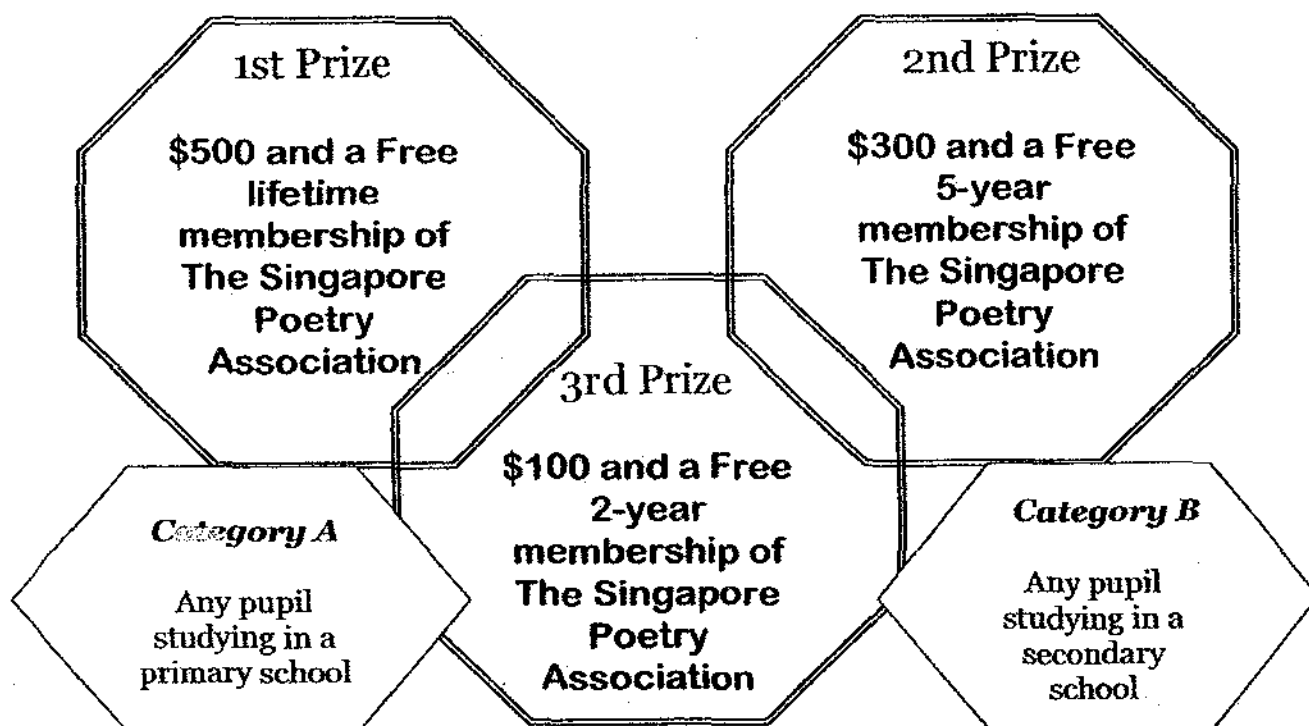
Section A: Graphic Stimulus (5x1m = 5m)

Study the following text and then answer questions 1 to 5.

Poetry Writing Competition for Students

Organised by The Singapore Poetry Association

Submit a poem based on the theme "Emotions" and stand a chance to win attractive prize money and free membership at the Singapore Poetry Association.



Registration Criteria:

- Participants must be 16 years old and below.
- Participants must be Singaporeans or Permanent Residents.
- Participants must be studying at a Singapore primary or secondary school.

All entries must reach The Singapore Poetry Association by 2nd March 2009 at the following address:

The Singapore Poetry Association
457, Baker Street
Singapore 912456

**Membership of The Singapore Poetry Association entitles you to attend free Poetry Writing Courses worth up to \$300 each per year.

Official entry forms are available at all primary and secondary schools.

Winners will be informed through post by 30th March 2009.

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 Singapore Poetry Association will not accept the entry if it is submitted by a _____.
 - (1) foreigner living in Singapore
 - (2) Singaporean primary school student
 - (3) Singaporean secondary school student
 - (4) local student with Permanent Resident status

2. The deadline for the submission of entries is _____.
 - (1) 1st March 2009
 - (2) 2nd March 2009
 - (3) 3rd March 2009
 - (4) 30th March 2009

3. _____ is not an acceptable topic for the competition.
 - (1) Love
 - (2) Sadness
 - (3) Happiness
 - (4) Movements

4. Students who are interested can obtain the entry forms from _____.
 - (1) any public library
 - (2) community centres
 - (3) The Singapore Poetry Association
 - (4) any primary or secondary school

5. If you win the 3rd prize, you will be entitled to _____.
 - (1) a free 5-year membership of The Singapore Poetry Association
 - (2) a free 2-year membership of The Singapore Poetry Association
 - (3) a free lifetime membership of The Singapore Poetry Association
 - (4) a free 3-year membership of The Singapore Poetry Association

Section B: Grammar Discrete (7 x1m = 7m)

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. The shabbily dressed man _____ himself near a newspaper stand and glanced around the station suspiciously every now and then.

- (1) position
- (2) positioned
- (3) positioning
- (4) having positioned

7. Cynthia likes outdoor sports, _____?

- (1) is it
- (2) isn't it
- (3) does she
- (4) doesn't she

8. Some people may miss out _____ some important nutrients if they exclude fruit and vegetables from their diet.

- (1) in
- (2) on
- (3) for
- (4) about

9. _____ from a stale loaf of bread and some cold coffee, the workers had hardly anything to eat for breakfast.

- (1) Apart
- (2) Except
- (3) Without
- (4) Besides

10. As they were going home, Jane and Leila _____
the most horrifying road accident.

- (1) witness
- (2) witnesses
- (3) witnessed
- (4) witnessing

11. "Thank goodness! We've finally solved the puzzle
_____!" exclaimed Jason.

- (1) ourself
- (2) ourselves
- (3) yourselves
- (4) themselves

12. We will miss the first part of the show _____ we
hurry up.

- (1) if
- (2) but
- (3) unless
- (4) although

Section C: Punctuation (3 x 1m = 3m)

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

Hastily, they rushed to the underground bunkers where they knew they would be safe from the enemy soldiers.

Glancing around them(13) the girls saw men, women and children hungrily swallowing what looked like porridge.

In the distance, they saw an elderly man standing in front of a huge steaming pot waving his hands in the air gesturing to them and calling out loudly in Hokkien, "Come and eat!"

"I think we have found a safe place to hide and we don't have to run anymore(14) cried Shufen(15) She knew that her sister who was barely able to stand now, could not bear the pain from the blisters on her feet.

13. (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [?] question mark
(4) [!] exclamation mark
14. (1) [."] full stop and inverted comma
(2) [, "] comma and inverted comma
(3) [? "] question mark and inverted comma
(4) [! "] exclamation mark and inverted comma
15. (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [?] question mark
(4) [!] exclamation mark

Section D: Vocabulary (8 x 1m = 8m)

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. The bridge that stretched across the river caved _____ due to the massive earthquake.

- (1) in
- (2) off
- (3) out
- (4) through

17. The villagers were _____ by the man-eating tigers lurking in the surrounding jungle.

- (1) afraid
- (2) terrorised
- (3) attracted
- (4) mesmerised

18. Jack's father grew more and more _____ when there was no sign of his son even after midnight.

- (1) rude
- (2) ashamed
- (3) distressed
- (4) humorous

19. The doctors _____ the dancer's legs as a result of the spreading infection.

- (1) severed
- (2) removed
- (3) separated
- (4) amputated

20. Jenny's father _____ her to attend the hockey lessons that she had been pestering him about all year during the school holidays.
- (1) tolerated
 - (2) heartened
 - (3) approached
 - (4) encouraged
21. Scientists have discovered an amazing _____ in medicine that has resulted in saving the lives of millions of infected people in the world.
- (1) burst
 - (2) success
 - (3) solution
 - (4) ~~breakthrough~~
22. The main _____ of the campaign is to encourage graciousness among Singaporeans.
- (1) desire
 - (2) outcome
 - (3) objective
 - (4) aspiration
23. The captivated audience _____ the actors for their brilliant performance in the play.
- (1) supported
 - (2) applauded
 - (3) celebrated
 - (4) congratulated

Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1m = 5m)

Read the passage and answer questions 29 to 33.

London, the capital of England, is one of the most exciting places to be in. With a rich and diverse history, it is truly a city worth experiencing. Buildings from centuries ago can be found right next to modern twentieth-century structures. With almost seven million people living in London itself, there is a great variety of people – British, Indians, Chinese and different East Europeans all living side by side. For the average tourist, it is at times hard to stop a Londoner for directions as anyone could be a tourist!

There is also plenty to do in London. First of all, it is a shopper's paradise. Along Oxford Street are so many different shops that everyone will be satisfied. Book lovers should head to Charing Cross Road, where the street is lined with one bookshop after another. One can find the latest novel in a modern bookstore, or an old, dusty book from a second-hand bookshop. What must not be missed is a trip to Camden Lock where a huge market is located. Imagine our normal pasar malam, only several times bigger and with an incredible variety of products.

Of course, there is plenty to do apart from shopping, for example, visiting the various neighbourhoods of London. Among them, the most interesting is Covent Garden. Located there are pedestrian malls and narrow streets, but what sets Covent Garden apart from any other place are the buskers – musicians, magicians and comedians entertaining passers-by.

Then there are such famous tourist attractions as Westminster Abbey, where past kings and queens of England are buried; Hyde Park with its Speakers' Corner, a place for anyone and everyone to get up and speak before the crowds there; and Buckingham Palace, the residence of the Queen of England. One can also visit the National Gallery with works of art by famous artists such as Michelangelo, Monet and Rembrandt. The best part is that admission is free!

Adapted from Over 1000 Questions English 3 in 1 by Katherine Barg

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1m = 5m)

For each question from 24 to 28, 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.

I had always been rather tardy when it came to homework. A few years ago, I learnt an invaluable lesson about time management. As a student, I usually had a lot of work to do. My teachers would always give us plenty of homework, so I would be really busy.

(24)

(25)

It was common to find students detesting homework. Usually, my parents had to urge me to do it.

(27)

(26)

One Friday, my father asked me if I had any homework for the weekend. It was a familiar routine every weekend. I wanted to spend that weekend lazing around so I decided to tell a lie.

(28)

24. (1) essential
(2) important
(3) expensive
(4) indispensable

25. (1) ~~heaps~~
(2) ~~wealth~~
(3) enough
(4) masses

26. (1) Normally
(2) Routinely
(3) Habitually
(4) Repeatedly

27. (1) push
(2) demand
(3) support
(4) command

28. (1) ritual
(2) practice
(3) tradition
(4) ceremony

29. Which of the following words has the same meaning as 'diverse' in paragraph 1?
- (1) long
 - (2) funny
 - (3) varied
 - (4) complex
30. Why is it hard to tell apart a Londoner from a tourist?
- (1) People live side by side.
 - (2) There are too few of them.
 - (3) There are seven million people living in London.
 - (4) Londoners are made up of people of different races.
31. If you want a one-stop shopping area, where would be a good place to go in London?
- (1) Hyde Park
 - (2) Camden Lock
 - (3) Covent Garden
 - (4) Charing Cross Road
32. Which of the following best describes what buskers are?
- (1) Stand-up comedians and magicians
 - (2) Passers-by who walk along the streets
 - (3) Actors who dress themselves up as sculptures
 - (4) Performers who entertain people in the streets
33. Explain what "tourist attractions" in the last paragraph means.
- (1) They are places that are interesting to tourists.
 - (2) They are places for people to stand up and speak.
 - (3) They are places where works of art are located.
 - (4) They are Westminster Abbey and Buckingham Palace.



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Booklet A	33
Booklet B	67
Total	100

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Section G: Grammar Cloze (10 X 1m = 10m)

There are 10 blanks, numbered 34 to 43, 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) as	D) for	G) into	K) on	N) these
B) and	E) from	H) its	L) our	P) them
C) because	F) in	J) many	M) that	Q) until

The Great Auk was the first species of bird to disappear during historical times in North America. _____ extinction was a natural one like the disappearance of ⁽³⁴⁾ sabre-toothed tigers or dinosaurs _____ once roamed parts of this continent too. ⁽³⁵⁾ The Great Auk is lost forever because of human greed and a complete disrespect _____ nature. ⁽³⁶⁾

The Great Auk was the only flightless bird _____ the Northern Hemisphere ⁽³⁷⁾ and the only flightless bird known to Europeans _____ the exploration of South ⁽³⁸⁾ Africa and Antarctica in the early 1600's.

The Great Auk was a large bird, approximately 5 kg in mass _____ 70 cm ⁽³⁹⁾ in height. It has a black back and head. _____ the word "penguin" means ⁽⁴⁰⁾ "white patches in front of its eyes", the Great Auk was considered the original penguin. The Auk's bill was large and black. Its stomach and breast were white. The white belly protected the bird _____ predators swimming below it and the black ⁽⁴¹⁾ protected it against predators flying overhead.

The Great Auk was an excellent swimmer. It used its stubby featherless wings to "fly" through the water. Unlike many seabirds which plunge _____ the ⁽⁴²⁾ sea while in flight, the Auk dove from a floating position on the ocean's surface to pursue its prey. _____ land, the Auk was slow. Its waddle ⁽⁴³⁾ walk made it an easy target for hunters.

Adapted from *The Great Auk; An Extinct Species* by Jim Cornish

Section H: Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1m = 10m)

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

Subject: Collette Candy

Dear Nicky,

I have to share this with you! I recently discovered a **confeksionery** (at Jurong Point level 1) called Collette Candy. It is famous for their Flavour Favourite Chocolate Candy, which comes in six different flavours with creamy chocolate centre. The candy pieces are stored in an **exckuisit** pentagonal tin.

The candy is yummy – **delisously** rich chocolate encase in orange, strawberry cream, mango, raspberry, peppermint, milk flavoured hard candy! You know, I think Flavour Favourite chocolate would be the **prefect** treat for you and your family.

From now on until 31 July 2009, you can buy a box of Flavour Favourite for only \$9.99 (the usual price are \$12.80). You can get one free box with every purchase of three box!

Don't **hesitake**, Nicky! You should get your Flavour Favourite candy from Collette Candy today. I am thinking of go there to buy more! Do you want to join me?

Love,

Jue Ping

Adapted from Focus on Situational Writing

Section I: Synthesis/Transformation (6 x 2m = 12m)

For each of the questions 54 to 59, 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).

54. We cannot leave the classroom. Someone must be around to take care of the belongings.

_____ unless

55. The photocopier had broken down. John was unable to print the worksheets.

as _____

56. Mr Kheng attended the meeting. Mr Kheng was unwell.

Although _____

57. Ahmad is not a good swimmer. His two good friends are not good swimmers too.

Neither _____ nor _____

58. Joshua remained calm even though the pressure from his friends was great.

Despite _____

59. Cheryl looked around her. She wondered how she would find her way out of the forest.

Looking _____

Section J: Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1m = 15m)

In the following passage, there are 15 blanks numbered 60 to 74. Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

The sky over the 20-hectare farm, located deep in the Canadian country-side, had turned a strange murky green. Albert looked _____ of the window
(60)
in astonishment. A huge tornado had ripped through a nearby town, _____
(61)
several people. Another twister could be on the _____, thought the
(62)
father of three teenagers, who runs a foster home _____ his wife,
(63)
Darlene. He had better make sure that all the children were _____
(64)

Albert hurried around the nine-bedroom bungalow, shepherding children of every size _____ the family room downstairs. Since this section of the
(65)
_____ had been built into the side of a hill, with only one wall facing
(66)
outside, it seemed like the best _____. His 17-year-old son, Josh,
(67)
_____ him get the five younger children seated on the sofa in front of
(68)
the television. Soon, the youngsters were happily _____ a children's
(69)
programme.

Albert beckoned his son into the foyer to _____ him the green sky.
(70)
It was an unusual meteorological event that can signal the approach of a tornado or severe thunderstorm. Seconds later, lightning _____ across the sky.
(71)
This was immediately _____ by a low rumble of thunder. The heavy
(72)
rain, hard as sheets of metal, _____ slamming against the front
(73)
walkway.

Darlene, who was with Arista in the study room, was too busy to _____ the change in the weather. Arista was showing Darlene the
(74)
pictures on her blog when a sudden blue flash shot up under the computer. Arista felt electric current flowing out of her fingertips.

Adapted from *Sometimes When Lightning Strikes* by Lisa Collier Cool

Section K: Comprehension (10 x 2m = 20m)

Read the passage below and answer questions 75 to 84.

The sun popped up over the hills and blazed across the Lake Baringo in Kenya. Shirley checked her bedside mat for scorpions and snakes before getting out of bed. Her island house, with no walls and a high thatched roof, was a home to many birds and beasts.

As Shirley sipped a cup of hot water with lemon, birds darted around her and eagles shrieked over the lake. Hippopotamuses grazing on her lawn during the night had uprooted clumps of grass. Making the most of the morning coolness, Shirley replanted them and did her gardening for a couple of hours. By 9.30 a.m. the heat was suffocating. Tucking her short dark hair into a plastic shower cap, the 70-year-old walked down into the brown milky lake with a shawl and sandals.

Launching herself into the water, Shirley plunged into the deep. Crocodiles in the lake were usually well-fed on fish. According to local legend, they did not attack human beings. But after a long dry spell, many crocodiles had emerged from the drying swamps to find fish that were **dangerously decreasing** in number.

Happy with her world and thinking about the letters she had to write before lunch, Shirley headed back to shore. She was about to put her feet down when it happened. **Something massive** locked on her right arm.

With breathtaking speed and power, it wrenched her into the murky water, tearing her arm apart at the elbow.

Though shocked, she thought, "A hippopotamus, would attack like a butcher, hacking with its mighty jaws. Only one sort of beast would tear and drown its prey like this." Shirley struggled to the surface to breathe. Filling her lungs, she let loose a piercing scream for help.

Running out of the acacia trees, Peter and Paolo saw the huge tail churning the surface. The creature was twice Shirley's size. Peter snatched two stones and waded towards Shirley. Both men had hunted lizards with stones since they were boys and could throw with deadly speed and accuracy. Using an old trick to rescue small animals, Peter threw one stone at each side of where he thought the crocodile must be. Distracted by the throwing of stones and the wild noise made by the men, the crocodile stopped thrashing and swam away.

The two men lifted Shirley and carried her ashore, wrapping the shawl round her body. The island had no telephone or radio. So, while Peter tended to Shirley, Paolo launched a boat towards the clinic.

Shirley's friend, Elizabeth, who ran the clinic on the mainland, gave instructions to call the air ambulance service, grabbed a bag of bandages and medicine and ran for the boat. There was little she could do for her friend on the island except administering painkiller and ensuring that Shirley did not fall asleep. Once her body began to shut down, she would die quickly.

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Adapted from Too Tough to Die by John Dyson

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

75. Why was Shirley in the garden for a couple of hours in the morning?

76. Which sentence in paragraph 2 explains why Shirley swam in the brown milky lake?

77. Why did Shirley swim in the lake despite knowing that there were crocodiles?

78. Why was the number of fish 'dangerously decreasing'?

79. Why did Shirley head back to shore?

80. What does the phrase 'something massive' in line 17 refer to?

81. Which word in paragraph 6 has the same meaning as 'sharp'?

82. According to the passage, what was the difference in the way a hippopotamus and the crocodile attacked their preys?

83. Why did Peter throw the stones?

84. Explain clearly how the boat was used to get help.

END OF BOOKLET B

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64) Safe 65) to 66) Building 67) idea
68) helped 69) Watching 70) show 71) flashed
72) followed 73) Started/began 74) Notice
- 75). She spent time to use the coolness of the
morning to do gardening ~~and~~ including
replanting the uprooted clumps of grasses.
- 76) The sentence is "By 9.30 am the heat
was suffocating."
- 77) There was a legend that said the
crocodiles did not eat human beings
and she write letters before lunch.
- 78) The hippopotamus and Crocodile
both eat the fish.
- 79). She wanted to write the letters before
lunch and according to the Crocodile in
the Swamp do not attack humans.
- 80). It refers to the Crocodile.

- 81) The word is deadly"
- 82) A hippopotamus attacks by hawking with its jaws while a ~~crocodile~~ crocodile fears and draws its prey.
- 83) Peter threw stones on each side where he fought the crocodile he so Shirley could escape
- 84) The boat was used to transport Shirley to the mainland.
- 85) Peter used it to get the doctor Elizabeth ^{on} the mainland.