



**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
2007 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY 5

PAPER 2: BOOKLET A

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

DO NOT TURN OVER THIS PAGE UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO DO SO.

READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.

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

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

The Singapore Arts Association

*Presents
An amusing musical*

Fat Cats

A production by the English Drama Society



A lively musical that gives us an insight into the lives of seven beautiful but fat cats living in the suburb of Manhattan. Under the leadership of Paw Paw, the seven felines try to create a better world for themselves, from losing weight to getting themselves in catfights in order to carve a niche for themselves in the bustling city.

Date: 5 to 9 June 2007

Time: 2.00 pm (only for the first performance)

7.00 pm (only on 9 June)

8.00 pm (other days)

Price: \$50, \$65, \$100

Venue: Music and Arts Theatre



*Tickets are available at all Sistic Outlets (9 am to 10 pm)
Phone bookings are also available (only for 4 tickets and above)
Please call Sistic Office at 67375588*

**Sponsors: Mix and Match Fashion
Estee & Mac Makeup Studio**

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 musical is proudly sponsored by _____
 - (1) Paw Paw and Music and Arts Theatre
 - (2) Mix and Match Fashion and the English Drama society
 - (3) Estee & Mac Makeup Studio and Mix and Match Fashion
 - (4) Estee & Mac Makeup Studio and Singapore Arts Association

2. The musical performance will last for _____ days.
 - (1) two
 - (2) three
 - (3) four
 - (4) five

3. Which of the following statements about 'Fat Cats' is FALSE?
 - (1) It is a suspense thriller.
 - (2) It is a light-hearted story.
 - (3) The seven cats form the main cast.
 - (4) The performance is accompanied by singing and dancing.

4. This musical is produced by _____
 - (1) Sistic Outlets
 - (2) Music and Arts Theatre
 - (3) The English Drama Society
 - (4) The Singapore Arts Association

5. Telephone bookings of tickets are only available for the purchase of _____
 - (1) one ticket
 - (2) four or more tickets
 - (3) less than three tickets
 - (4) not more than four tickets

Section E: 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. My sister, together with her classmates, _____ going to Australia next week.

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

7. Anna keeps playing the game _____ she loves very much.

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

8. _____ blood all over the floor, the neighbours called for the police.

- (1) See
- (2) Saw
- (3) Seen
- (4) Seeing

9. You will be ignorant _____ the things happening around you if you do not read the newspaper.

- (1) in
- (2) of
- (3) for
- (4) with

10. If Trista had informed me, I _____ early.

- (1) will arrive
- (2) had arrived
- (3) will be arriving
- (4) would have arrived

11. Mr Tan went to work_____ the fact that he felt unwell.

- (1) if
- (2) since
- (3) unless
- (4) despite

12. Mrs Townsend asked Elgin how tall _____.

- (1) he is
- (2) is he
- (3) he was
- (4) was he

Section C: Punctuation (3 × 1m = 3m)

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.

"The rubbish stinks!" Justin cried as he stepped into the house.
"What rubbish (13) asked his sister, looking puzzled.
"The rubbish left behind by some inconsiderate people beside the lift," said Justin indignantly (14)
"It has to be removed or the smell will attract swarms of flies," said Julianne decisively. "Let's do it."
"All right," Justin said (15) first let me tie a handkerchief round my head to cover my nose."

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

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

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

Section D: Vocabulary (5 x 1m = 5m)

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. Aeroplanes and ships are important _____ of transportation.
- (1) modes
(2) methods
(3) mediums
(4) mechanisms
17. You will certainly feel _____ if you overeat.
- (1) puffy
(2) bloated
(3) inflated
(4) enlarged
18. Jonathan _____ the first prize in the oratorical competition.
- (1) clinched
(2) awarded
(3) gathered
(4) rewarded
19. Although she was injured, Sue was _____ to finish the race.
- (1) reluctant
(2) convinced
(3) convicted
(4) determined

20. This room smells _____ because all the windows are shut.

- (1) musty
- (2) humid
- (3) murky
- (4) clammy

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

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.

The two girls were enjoying themselves in the (21) wealthy lady's beautiful garden. It had been very generous of her to invite the two orphaned girls over for an afternoon at her glorious mansion.

"Look, Natasha. Look at those colourful butterflies!"

"Look here, Sacha! These horses are so (22) tame!"

Natasha and Sacha carried on gaping in awe at the wonderful sights. They only stopped when the lady asked them to join her for tea and cakes.

"So many cakes!" exclaimed Natasha. "I have never had so many things to eat in my entire life!"

Sacha was also (23) thoroughly enjoying the small feast. To have a piece of cake was such a treat for the girls. They did not even get to eat cakes on their birthdays. The two girls were (24) well-mannered. They (25) kept in mind that they had to thank their host before they left to return to their orphanage.

21. (1) well-paid
(2) well-loved
(3) well-to-do
(4) well-meaning
22. (1) wild
(2) docile
(3) lovable
(4) friendly
23. (1) widely
(2) eternally
(3) completely
(4) momentarily
24. (1) polite
(2) uncouth
(3) matured
(4) sophisticated
25. (1) evoked
(2) practised
(3) memorised
(4) remembered

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

Read the passage and answer questions 26 to 30.

They had debated what to do. Their car had developed serious engine trouble. Eventually, they decided it was better to ski to the resort than to wait for a passing vehicle to offer them a ride. There had not been one in the past hour, anyway.

Armed with the necessary gear in their backpacks, Matthew and Victoria began skiing towards the resort. Matthew carried the map in his pocket. As a precaution, he had wrapped it in plastic. They were soon gasping, as the air was thin and bitterly cold at such high altitude. Matthew decided to take a short-cut through a tunnel. They snapped on their battery-powered helmet lights at the entrance and when they reached the end of the tunnel, they strapped on their skis again.

They started up a **crevice***, courageously pushing their ski poles. Then they headed east, through strong wind and walls of snow. Their thick winter clothing did not provide much protection against the **elements**. Matthew was alarmed when his limbs became numb as they made their way through a snowstorm. He checked his compass frequently to ensure that they were heading in the right direction. "Finding the resort in the middle of a snowstorm on a mountain is a tremendously arduous task," he thought.

Distracted momentarily, Matthew slipped on a thin patch of ice and fell into a hole. Victoria, who was trailing behind, gave a muffled cry and sprang into action. She threw a rope to Matthew and tugged on it to help him to climb out. Fortunately, he had suffered only minor bruises. However, when he pulled the compass from his pocket to find their bearings, he was dismayed to see that it was damaged. Victoria saw his expression and felt a chill run up her spine.

For the second time that night, they had an earnest discussion about their next course of action. Victoria was against returning to the car as she felt they would not be able to return to the exact spot without the compass. It would be easier to find the resort even with the blinding snow blowing from all directions.

"Are you guests of the resort?" a booming voice asked. "You seem to be lost."

Matthew and Victoria turned around and saw two figures advancing towards them. A great sense of relief flooded their hearts and they knew they would soon be sipping hot chocolate in front of the fireplace.

* crevice: a narrow opening in the mountain

For each question from 26 to 30, 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.

26. Matthew and Victoria were debating whether

- (1) they could find the resort in the blizzard
- (2) the engine trouble was due to the blizzard
- (3) they should ski to the resort or remain in the car
- (4) they should wait for a passing vehicle or ski to the resort

27. Based on the second paragraph, we can tell that Matthew and Victoria

- (1) took a short-cut through a well-lit tunnel
- (2) took off their skis when they entered the tunnel
- (3) had no problem with the thin air on the mountain
- (4) were not sure what they needed when they set off

28. In line 14, the word 'elements' refers to

- (1) the weather
- (2) Matthew's limbs
- (3) the gear they had packed
- (4) the compass, skis and ski poles

29. Victoria felt very frightened as

- (1) she was trailing behind Matthew
- (2) she realized that the compass was damaged
- (3) Matthew was badly injured after falling into a hole
- (4) she knew they could not locate the car without the compass

30. When Matthew and Victoria met the other two people, they were probably

- (1) still in the tunnel
- (2) close to the resort
- (3) at the foot of the mountain
- (4) heading in the direction of their car



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PAPER 2: BOOKLET B

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

Booklet A	/30
Booklet B	/65
Total	/95

Name: _____ () Pr 5 ()

Parent's Signature: _____

Instructions to pupils:

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- 2. Follow all instructions carefully.**
- 3. Answer all questions.**

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

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

Use each WORD once ONLY

A) a	D) however	G) its	K) than	N) their
B) and	E) in	H) most	L) that	P) who
C) have	F) is	J) or	M) the	Q) with

Dolphins belong to the family Delphinidae. Dolphins possess distinct beaks and _____ teeth are conical _____ shape. The males are usually larger _____ the females. The family Delphinidae _____ the largest and _____ diverse family of the cetacean order. There are a total of twenty-six living species.

Anyone _____ has the opportunity to watch dolphins perform in a show can see that, dolphins have an impressive ability to learn _____ imitate behaviours. This ability, together _____ their large brain size, has led to numerous studies on dolphin intelligence. Dolphins' brains are about _____ size of humans. Size alone, however, is not always a reliable indicator of intelligence. Elephants, for example _____ brains four times the size of humans, but we do not consider them to be four times as smart!

(Adapted from *Earthtrust's Project*)

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

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar.

"Bravo! Encore!" These are the words you would hear if you had a chance to attend the Holten Middle School's performance of "The Wizard of Oz."

(41)

"The Wizard of Oz is by far one of the best know tales among the children," said Jan Evans, one of the teachers.

(42)

More than a hundred students from the school participate as cast, crew

(43)

and chorus. According to the students, **reherse**s started as early as last July and

(44)

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the students meet for three hours weekly. However, since **Febury** this year, they practised far more frequently. The students worked very hard and their hard work definitely paid off.

(46)

Parents, relatives and friends gathers to watch performances that ran for

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three consecutive days. All four performances were sell out. All performances

(48)

recived standing ovations. I attended the Saturday performance, starting with

(49)

back stage tour an hour before the show. I had the **opurtonity** to see students rushing about, putting on costumes and make-up. I could definitely feel the intense

(50)

excitment just before curtain time.

(Adapted from *They're off to see a wizard!* by Melanie Fleming)

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Section I: Synthesis/Transformation (5 x 2m = 10m)

For each of the questions 51 to 55, 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).

51. Thousands of people turned up for the football match. The weather was bad.

In spite of _____

52. Denise was not hungry. She ate the burger.

_____ although _____

53. John likes coffee. He likes tea better.

John prefers _____

54. The telephone rang for a long time. There was no answer.

55. "Do you need my help to look for the book?" the librarian asked Peter

The librarian asked Peter _____

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Section 3: Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1m = 15m)

In the following passage, there are 15 blanks numbered 56 to 70. Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

I had always been a great admirer of Uncle Harry who used to visit us at our home whenever he was on what he called 'vacation from the wilds'. We would sit around him as he _____ in the big armchair, telling us _____ of his many adventures.

Year after _____, Uncle Harry used to come for a visit. But one particular year, he _____ not appear. We were worried for we had received no _____ from him either.

Six weeks later, a letter arrived. We could _____ wait to open it for we had recognized Uncle Harry's _____. In the letter, Uncle Harry apologised for not visiting nor contacting us recently.

"You see, folks," wrote Uncle Harry, "recently, on one of my hunting _____ I encountered a gorilla. It was fiercer _____ I had expected. I was _____ aback for a while. Suddenly, the gorilla rushed at me. I was hurled violently to the _____. For a moment, I felt as if I were falling headlong down a cliff. Then everything went _____."

When I regained consciousness, I found _____ at the bottom of a large pit."

Uncle Harry then _____ on to describe how he was rescued. What a _____ it was that he was well again. We hoped he would visit us again soon.

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

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

Once there was an elderly widow, Chen Ma, who lived with her only son inside a forest in the Shanxi Province. Her son was one of the tiger hunters licensed by the local magistrate. All was well until a particularly bitter winter. During a snowstorm, Chen Ma's son was separated from his fellow hunters and became food for a hungry tigress.

After her initial shock and grief had subsided, Chen Ma took stock of her own utterly desperate situation -- an old woman left all alone. She implored the magistrate to provide her with compensation for the loss of her son, who was her only source of support. [The magistrate decreed that she would have a small share of profits from the kill of each tiger by the hunters.] His decision, however, was not taken well by the hunters. They had plenty of mouths of their own to feed -- both old and young.

Not long after, when the hunters succeeded in killing the tigress that ate Chen Ma's son, they decided not to give her a share of the profits. Instead, they brought her the tigress' newborn cub. He was a small quivery ball of fur with wobbly legs and toothless gums. The rope they tied around his neck was so tight that it was practically choking him. Instantly, Chen Ma's heart went out to this helpless creature. The elderly widow looked at the tiger baby, untied the rope from the little tiger's neck and fed him a paste of cooked roots with her fingers. They spent their first winter sharing the remaining food.

At first her neighbours did not find the little tiger's presence alarming. However, when spring came, he had grown into the size of a calf, showing a full set of teeth and claws. The men decided to kill the young tiger.

"I've lost both husband and son. This tiger is the only companion I have now. I shall go to the magistrate and request to adopt him as my son," Chen Ma told the villagers.

The magistrate did not have the heart to refuse the old woman's pleas. So he drew up a document for the tiger's adoption. In order to protect the tiger, the magistrate ordered a large copper pendant made to hang around the beast's neck. The words "Fu Chi" were engraved on the pendant meaning Tiger Son.

By next winter, Fu Chi had grown into his maximum size. Chen Ma reluctantly allowed Fu Chi to make his home inside a cave nearby, as her hut was too small for him. However, the affectionate tiger came back to visit his adopted mother often, always bearing a gift in his mouth -- a dead deer or boar. Chen Ma's needs were being cared for just as if her natural son was still alive!

After Chen Ma died at the ripe old age past one hundred, the hunters noticed Fu Chi guarded her tomb nightly. As he had never attacked any humans or domestic animals, they decided to leave him alone. This went on for a number of years and then one day the tiger was seen no more. Out of admiration for the filial tiger son, the hunters erected a small stone monument at Chen Ma's tomb. Fu Chi's story was engraved on it.

(Adapted from *Tiger Son* written by Teresa Ng)

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Why did Chen Ma ask for compensation for the loss of her son?

72. Quote the sentence to show that the other hunters were unhappy with the magistrate's decision for them to share their profits with Chen Ma.

73. In line 12, what does the phrase 'plenty of mouths' refer to?

74. Why did the men decide to kill the young tiger?

75. How did Chen Ma feel when she first saw the cub?

76. Why did the magistrate hang the large copper pendant around the tiger?

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77. Which word in the passage tells you that Chen Ma was unwilling to let Fu Chi leave her house?

78. How did Fu Chi look after Chen Ma?

79. Which word in the last paragraph has the opposite meaning as 'wild'?

80. What did the people in the village do to show their respect for Fu Chi?

Marks

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Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14
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Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21
3	1	2	1	4	2	3
Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28
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| 36. P | 37. B | 38. Q | 39. M | 40. C |
| 41. known | 42. participated | 43. rehearsals | 44. met | 45. February |
| 46. gathered | 47. sold | 48. received | 49. opportunity | 50. excitement |
| 56. rested | 57. one | 58. year | 59. did | |
| 60. news | 61. not | 62. writing | 63. tries | 64. than |
| 65. taken | 66. ground | 67. black | 68. myself | 69. carried |
| 70. relief | | | | |

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72. The sentence is "His decision, however, was not taken well by the hunters."
73. It refers to the hunters families.
74. They were afraid that the young tiger might harm the neighhours as it had developed a full set of teeth and claws.
75. She felt pitiful for the cub as he was helpless with the tight rope choking him.
76. It was to protect the tiger from being killed.
77. The word is "reluctantly".
78. He visited her often. Always bringing a dead deer of boar for her.
79. The word is "domestic".
80. They erected a small stone monument at Chen Ma's tomb and Fu Chi's story was engraved on it.