

SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)  
FIRST SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2007  
PRIMARY 5

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Class: Primary 5 SY / C / G / SE / P

ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)  
BOOKLET A

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

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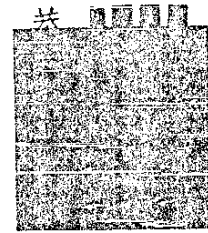
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**ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.**

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Study the following advertisement and answer questions 1 to 5.

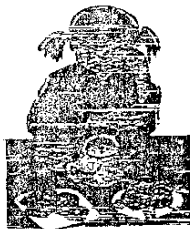
**SHANGHAI CAFÉ**  
*Authentic & Mouthwatering Always!*



**GREAT NEWS!!**

We are open on Chinese New Year with  
**“EXTENDED OPENING HOURS”**

12 noon to 6 a.m.  
Dates: 17, 18, 19 and 20 January 2007\*\*



ONLY @ our FIVO CITY Branch

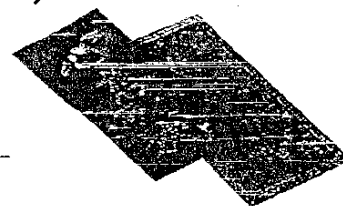


There is no better place to celebrate and enjoy a great meal with families and friends during this festive season than @Shanghai Café. ++

Business as usual from 12 noon to 10p.m. from 21 January 2007.  
For more information, please visit us @  
[www.shanghaicafe.com.sg.](http://www.shanghaicafe.com.sg.), call 6888 8888 or simply visit any of our branches.

*Our three branches in Orchard Road as well as our Gardenville Branch will be closed from 17 to 20 January 2007. Business as usual from 21 January 2007.*

\*\* No service charge during these days.  
++ A surprise gift awaits each table.



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. (5 marks)

1. What is the purpose of this advertisement by Shanghai Café?  
It is to get people to \_\_\_\_\_
  - (1) visit their website
  - (2) spend time with their loved ones
  - (3) dine at its café during Chinese New Year
  - (4) dine at Shanghai Café only after 20 January 2007
  
2. How many more hours will the Shanghai Café Fivo City Branch remain open on each day during the festive period?
  - (1) 6
  - (2) 7
  - (3) 8
  - (4) 9
  
3. There are \_\_\_\_\_ Shanghai Café outlets in all.
  - (1) five
  - (2) two
  - (3) three
  - (4) four
  
4. What incentives will the café use during the festive period to entice customers?
  - (1) surprise gifts only
  - (2) delicious and authentic food
  - (3) no service charge and a free gift
  - (4) longer opening hours at all its branches
  
5. Mr. Tan is away in Taiwan but he wants to find out more about the menu at Shanghai Café. He can \_\_\_\_\_
  - (1) call the café only
  - (2) email the café only
  - (3) email or call the café
  - (4) email or visit the café personally

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. (7 marks)

6. Marie, together with her parents, \_\_\_\_\_ going to France for a holiday next week.

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

7. After the princess \_\_\_\_\_ the ugly frog, it turned into a handsome prince.

- (1) had kissed
- (2) kiss
- (3) kissed
- (4) kisses

8. My mother could tell that my sister was not lying \_\_\_\_\_ the fear in her voice.

- (1) by
- (2) for
- (3) from
- (4) with

9. They were afraid to complain about the noise \_\_\_\_\_ they annoyed the people next door.

- (1) because
- (2) for
- (3) lest
- (4) since

10. We can get \_\_\_\_\_ the problem of space by building an extension.

- (1) into
- (2) over
- (3) round
- (4) through

11. The helpless villagers watched the flood waters \_\_\_\_\_ away all their belongings.

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

12. Samy and his sister, Fiona, love to go to the park early in the morning. Samy jogs while Fiona joins a group of ladies in \_\_\_\_\_ daily "Tai Chi" exercise.

- (1) her
- (2) his
- (3) our
- (4) ~~their~~ my

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For each question from 13 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. (3 marks)

They have a reputation for being pig-headed, but New Yorkers showed they are big (13) hearted too, by finishing first in a global courtesy ratings.

Surprised (14) Not former mayor Ed Koch. Asked to react to the findings, Koch pointed to a rise in New York amiability since the terror attacks on the city five years ago.

"After 9/11, New Yorkers are more caring. They understand the shortness of life (15) said Koch.

*Adapted from the article "How Polite Are We?"  
Reader's Digest July 2006*

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

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

The verdict is out.

That gas-guzzling Sports Utility Vehicle (SUV) you drive, the air conditioner that you leave humming through the night – they are responsible for global warming.

Worse, the damage from such human activities that consume fossil fuels is unstoppable and will last for centuries. 5

The result : Worsening killer heat waves and floods, devastating droughts, and stronger hurricanes and tropical storms, say 2500 scientists from more than 130 countries.

Global temperatures and sea levels will also continue to rise, the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change said yesterday in a bleak assessment of the future of the planet. 10

It predicted that by the year 2100, temperatures will rise by 1.8 degree Celsius to 4.0 degree Celsius and sea levels, an area of particular concern to Singapore because of the threat of flooding here, will rise by 18cm to 59cm. 15

It could be another 10cm to 20cm more if a relatively recent phenomenon, the melting of the polar ice sheets, continues.

Scientists also used their toughest language yet to point the finger for such problems at humans, saying that it is "very likely" humans are the cause of global warming. In scientific language, this means they are at least ninety per cent certain of the cause. 20

The report has sounded a dire warning over the impact of greenhouse gases pouring into the atmosphere from burning fossil fuels – they are already at their highest levels in 650 000 years. Leaders, scientists and environmental groups have urged governments and corporations to reduce emissions. 25

Said French President Jacques Chirac, "Faced with this emergency, now is not the time for half measures. It is the time for revolution, in the true sense of the term." 30

The Kyoto Protocol – a plan for cutting emissions of greenhouse gases by 2012 – has been severely weakened since the US, the top source of greenhouse gases, pulled out in 2001.

Responding to the report, Singapore National Environment Agency said that it would make studies on the impact of climate change on Singapore. 35

These studies on rainfall patterns and the effects of extreme weather, among other things, will help in planning measures to deal with the impact of the changing climate.

Singapore Environment Council executive director Howard Shaw said, "Enough has been done as far as legislation can do, but not enough is done by the people. You need a lifestyle change by the people themselves." 40

*Adapted from an article from The Straits Times 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Feb 2007*

For each question 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. (5 marks)

16. The new school \_\_\_\_\_ is so enormous that it left Jane feeling lost.
- 1) concrete
  - 2) compound
  - 3) floor
  - 4) land
17. Betsy and her family have a very close relationship. Their \_\_\_\_\_ means a lot to them.
- 1) company
  - 2) kinship
  - 3) rapport
  - 4) teamwork
18. The survivors were very calm and they waited \_\_\_\_\_ for the rescue team to reach them.
- 1) edgily
  - 2) intolerantly
  - 3) patiently
  - 4) willingly
19. Charlie's teacher told him that he was very \_\_\_\_\_ as he came up with many ways to sell the cookies at the food fair.
- 1) adventurous
  - 2) entertaining
  - 3) enterprising
  - 4) inadequate
20. Marion told the teacher about the stealing incident and her friends \_\_\_\_\_ it as an act of betrayal of trust and friendship.
- 1) misconstrued
  - 2) misheard
  - 3) misjudged
  - 4) misled



For each question 21 to 25, choose a suitable word to replace the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.  
(5 marks)

Mozart held concerts in the afternoons and early evenings. He composed  
(21)  
music in the morning and at night, sometimes working all through the night. He

had no time to take care of himself. As a result, he was often ill.  
(22)

Although Mozart earned a lot of money, he spent what he had on stylish  
(23)  
clothes and expensive parties, and he was often in liability. Then when the  
(24)

money was all gone, he was forced to sell his valuable possessions and to  
(25)  
compose more music.

21. 1) conducted  
2) gave  
B 2) organised  
A 3) planned
22. 1) feeble  
2) pallid  
3) unhealthy  
4) unwell
23. 1) chic  
2) bright  
3) fragile  
4) thin
24. 1) burden  
2) credit  
3) debt  
4) misery
25. 1) coaxed  
2) commanded  
3) compelled  
4) thrust

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26. Which of the following is **not** a result of global warming?
- (1) floods
  - (2) heat waves
  - (3) severe droughts
  - (4) emission of greenhouse gases
27. According to the passage, what is the root cause of global warming?
- (1) human activities
  - (2) climatic changes
  - (3) geographical changes
  - (4) lack of government support
28. What does French President Jacques Chirac mean when he said, "***Faced with this emergency, now is not the time for half measures. It is the time for revolution, in the true sense of the term.***" (lines 28 – 30)?
- (1) We need not hurry to find a solution to the problem.
  - (2) He is asking all nations to go to war with one another.
  - (3) There is an urgent and immediate need to address the situation.
  - (4) The world needs to play a passive role in dealing with global warming.
29. A word from the passage that suggests that the future of the world looks "depressing" is "\_\_\_\_\_".
- (1) bleak
  - (2) extreme
  - (3) weakened
  - (4) devastating
30. Scientists fear that the sea level will rise **more than expected** due to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) changes in rainfall pattern
  - (2) lifestyle changes by the people
  - (3) continuous melting of the polar ice sheets
  - (4) the use of air conditioners through the night

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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) are	(D) but	(G) from	(K) on	(N) where
(B) as	(E) by	(H) with	(L) since	(P) which
(C) at	(F) for	(J) is	(M) so	(Q) have

In developed countries, such as the UK and the USA, machinery and large farms mean that farming is big business. \_\_\_\_\_ contrast, in poorer areas, farming is small-scale, (31)

providing enough food only for the farmer and his family. Animal farming \_\_\_\_\_ meat, (32)

milk, wool and leather is also vitally important. The world's most widely drunk beverage is tea, made \_\_\_\_\_ a plant cultivated in China and India \_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> century AD. (33) (34)

Coffee was first drunk in Ethiopia in the 15<sup>th</sup> century. \_\_\_\_\_ it became popular in (35)

Europe, the plant was taken to Brazil and the Caribbean \_\_\_\_\_ it is now farmed on a (36)

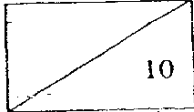
massive scale.

Different cultures \_\_\_\_\_ distinctive diets. Developed nations eat more meat (37)

than \_\_\_\_\_ healthy, while Hindus in India view animals as sacred and (38)

\_\_\_\_\_ eat vegetables only. A Mediterranean diet centres \_\_\_\_\_ seafood, (39) (40)

fruit and vegetables whereas Asian cultures often cook with spices.



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

Operations were so dangerous 150 years ago that most people did not survive.

(41)   
Shock was a big killer, so **physicians** gave their patients anaesthetics to numb the pain, such as wine and laughing gas!

(42)

(43)

Though ~~eeffective~~, patients still died. Scottish **surgen** Joseph **Lister** realized that

(44)

(45)

germs are the problem. After he had ordered that everything, include the doctors, must

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be kept **absolootly** clean, fewer people died.

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Another major breakthrough came with the **innishial** use of the heart-lung machine

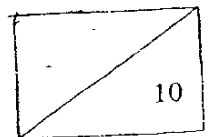
(48)

(49)

in 1953. A heart can be stopped while the machine took over, give doctors time to

(50)

operate. In the 1960s, doctors begin transplanting hearts and other organs.



Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

We had no torch. The \_\_\_\_\_ that came through the chinks in the boards was pale and weak. We blundered \_\_\_\_\_ the dark. We held hands and \_\_\_\_\_ our free hands out in front of us. We walked into the wall. We caught our toes on the loose floorboards. We \_\_\_\_\_ as we climbed the stairs. We shuffled \_\_\_\_\_ the first landing. We felt for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the door to the room where we thought we had left Skellig. We inched the door open. We whispered, "Skellig! Skellig!" No \_\_\_\_\_ We moved forward \_\_\_\_\_, arms outstretched, feeling forward with our feet before we took each \_\_\_\_\_ Our breath was fast, shallow and trembly. My \_\_\_\_\_ was thundering. I opened my eyes \_\_\_\_\_, glared into the dark, \_\_\_\_\_ seeking the shape of his body on the floor. Nothing there, just the blankets, the pillow, the plastic dish, the beer bottle rolling \_\_\_\_\_ from my stumbling feet.

"Where is he?" whispered Mina.

"Skellig," we whispered. "Skellig! Skellig!"

We turned \_\_\_\_\_ to the landing again. We stumbled up the next \_\_\_\_\_ of stairs. We opened many doors, we stared past them into pitch black rooms, we whispered his name, we heard \_\_\_\_\_ but our own breath, our own uncertain feet, his name echoing back to us from bare floorboards and bare walls.

-Adapted from 'Skellig' by David Almond-

For each of 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 Boy Scouts went hiking. They also visited a farm.

\_\_\_\_\_ not only \_\_\_\_\_  
but also \_\_\_\_\_

67 We lost the netball match. We are not disappointed.

\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68 Joan plays the violin ~~and~~ the piano.

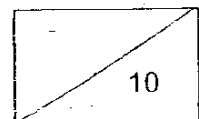
\_\_\_\_\_ besides \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69 Uncle Mani cannot dive. He cannot even swim.

\_\_\_\_\_ let alone \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70 "William," said Jane, "did you call me last night?"

Jane asked William \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

Indonesia's Komodo National Park covers several small islands in the Java Sea. The Komodo dragon takes its name from one of these islands where it is mostly found.

Zoologists say that the Komodo is the largest of the monitor lizards which are a species of the lizard group. A full-grown adult may measure up to three metres and weigh about one hundred and thirty kilograms. Its teeth are serrated. Like a snake, it has a forked tongue. With muscular legs that can carry its body off the ground, Komodo dragons can run quite fast. They can live up to fifty years.

Komodo dragons sleep at night in the burrows they make. These burrows are where the females lay their eggs. Komodo dragons forage during the day, especially in the mornings.

Young Komodo dragons spend most of their time on trees during the hot afternoons. The larger ones, unable to climb, would laze away behind bushes. Their green and brown bodies **put them in good stead**.

Though Komodo dragons may eat **carrion**, they much prefer live prey; wild pigs, goats, deer and even larger animals like buffaloes. The larger ones may even eat the smaller ones and they do attack human beings. Their bites can transmit deadly toxins and its tail can be just as deadly with a flick. Komodo dragons can also hold their prey down with their tails. Unlike most reptiles which swallow their prey whole, the Komodo will tear chunks of meat off.

The local people have **given these creatures a wide berth**, choosing to stay close to the sea. Even so, there are still reports of missing villagers. At the National Park Headquarters, there are gruesome pictures depicting savage attacks by these reptiles. These serve as a reminder to tourists who are warned to be careful and not to wander around the park alone.

In their native habitat, Komodos have hardly any predators and yet their numbers seem to be dwindling. Poaching may be a possible reason as these creatures are much sought after. Another reason is perhaps man's hunting of the animals which the dragons prey on.

Now, the Komodo dragon is a **protected animal**.



ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71 What is the name of the island where Komodo dragons are found?

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72 Which characteristic of the Komodo dragon may remind one of snakes?

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73 What evidence from the passage tells you that Komodo dragon is NOT a nocturnal animal?

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74 How do the colours of the bodies of the Komodo dragon '*put them in good stead*' (Line 12)?

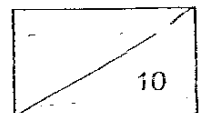
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75 What do you think the word '*carrion*' (Line 13) means?

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76 How is the Komodo dragon able to tear off chunks of meat from its prey?

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77 Explain the phrase "given these creatures a wide berth" (Line 18).

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78 "Gruesome pictures were put up at the National Park Headquarters" (Line 20 ).  
Suggest a possible reason for this.

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79 Explain clearly why the Komodo dragon hardly has any predator.

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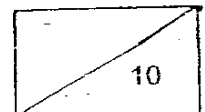
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80 Why is the Komodo dragon a "protected animal" (Line 25) now ?

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E	F	G	L	B	N	Q	J	M	K

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| 41. physicians | 46. absolutely | 51. light    | 56. knob     | 61. wider   |
| 42. effective  | 47. initial    | 52. through  | 57. answer   | 62. away    |
| 43. surgeon    | 48. could      | 53. put      | 58. together | 63. back    |
| 44. were       | 49. giving     | 54. stumbled | 59. step     | 64. flight  |
| 45. including  | 50. began      | 55. towards  | 60. heart    | 65. nothing |

66. The Boy scouts not only went hiking but also visited a farm.
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70. Jane asked William if he had called her the night before.
71. It is the Komodo Island.
72. It is the forked tongue.
73. It sleeps at night.
74. They help them to camouflage themselves.
75. It means dead animals.
76. It has serrated teeth.
77. It means to avoid the Komodo dragons.
78. They remind tourists to be careful, and not to wander around the park alone.
79. They are big and strong.
80. Their numbers are dwindling.