



Anglo-Chinese School (Primary)

MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2008

P5 ENGLISH LANGUAGE - PAPER 2 (BOOKLET A)

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Study the food packaging below and then answer the questions that follow it.

Microwave it
or cook it the
traditional
way!

 **MCGOWAN** 

The natural taste

At McGowan, we are committed to providing food based on tasty natural ingredients. Our close relations with growers and farmers result in the natural goodness of our food.

Cooking Directions

Traditional Porridge – Serves 4

1. Add 5 cups of milk and 2 cups of Oats in a saucepan.
2. Let stand for 10 minutes.
3. Bring to boil and simmer for 10-15 minutes.
4. Serve with milk, honey, dried or puree fruit.

- Made on equipment that also processes products containing milk, sulphites, tree nuts and sesame seeds
- Store in cool dry place
- Dispose of pack thoughtfully
- Product of Australia

Net Weight: 1 kg

Ingredients

Wholegrain Oats (100%)

Best Before:

31 July 2008

CONSUMER SERVICES:

Toll free 1800 353 1666
www.mcgowan.com.au

For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. Choose the correct answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.
(5 marks)

1. McGowan's oats is probably well-known for _____
- (1) its traditional porridge
 - (2) being grown in Australia
 - (3) containing no preservatives
 - (4) being environmentally-friendly
2. The company's good relations with the farmers mean _____
- (1) the oats' natural taste is guaranteed
 - (2) the farmers can produce milk besides oats
 - (3) the supply of oats is maintained all year round
 - (4) the oats can always be stored in a cool dry place
3. If a person is allergic to peanuts, he should _____
- (1) avoid consuming the oats
 - (2) try cooking the oats the traditional way
 - (3) buy the oats as it is 100 % wholegrain
 - (4) refrain from eating the oats after 31 July
4. The information on the pack shown is useful _____
- (1) as it tells consumers how to prepare the oats
 - (2) to those who have only a microwave at home
 - (3) if a consumer wants to know the date of packing
 - (4) as it provides information on how the oats is grown
5. By providing its contact number and website address, the company _____
- (1) can collect empty packs for disposal
 - (2) can easily be reached by Australians only
 - (3) has shown that it is open to feedback from consumers
 - (4) has found some ways to advertise its growers and farmers

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. The chimpanzee, ~~(as well as its poacher)~~ _____ spotted in the Makai district yesterday.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
7. There is _____ hope for Joan to pass her examinations if she does not bother to study.
- (1) any
 - (2) little
 - (3) none
 - (4) some
8. This is the only way to solve the problem _____ you have a better solution.
- (1) or
 - (2) after
 - (3) unless
 - (4) despite
9. Keep quiet! I _____ to the news on the radio.
- (1) listen
 - (2) listened
 - (3) will listen
 - (4) am listening
10. Mrs Chee took her son to the clinic, _____?
- (1) did she
 - (2) dare she
 - (3) does she
 - (4) didn't she

11. Our plan differs _____ yours in many ways.

- (1) with
- (2) than
- (3) from
- (4) against

12. Where is that lady _____ we talked to this morning? She may know more about the accident.

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

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)

My favourite after-dinner story concerns Nobby Styles (13) the main defender for England in the 1966 World Cup.

In the dressing room before the match against Portugal, Sir Alf Ramsey, knowing that Nobby had a reputation for being a hard tackler, said to him, "They've only got one good player and that's Eusebio (14) Nobby. I'd like you to take him out of the game."

Nobby replied, "What, for this game - or forever (15)

Adapted from '100 Favourite After-Dinner Stories From The Famous' by Phyllis Schindler

13. (1) [:] colon
(2) [,] comma
(3) [.] full-stop
(4) [;] semi-colon
14. (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full-stop
(3) [;] semi-colon
(4) [!] exclamation mark
15. (1) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(2) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
(3) [? "] question mark and inverted commas
(4) [! "] exclamation mark 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. (5 marks)

16. Our guest _____ on footing the bill at the restaurant.
- (1) insisted
 - (2) pressed
 - (3) requested
 - (4) demanded
17. Anyone who spends at least fifty dollars at the book store can _____ a five dollar voucher at the information counter.
- (1) reclaim
 - (2) redeem
 - (3) reconcile
 - (4) reimburse
18. The butter in the refrigerator has become _____ and cannot be used for the chocolate cake.
- (1) rigid
 - (2) toxic
 - (3) rancid
 - (4) rampant
19. "Don't _____ from your main idea in your writing," warned Miss Smythe.
- (1) revert
 - (2) retract
 - (3) deviate
 - (4) diverge
20. The craze for MP3 players has _____ with the pupils in school.
- (1) caught up
 - (2) caught on
 - (3) caught by
 - (4) caught out

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)

Never shall I forget the scene around me. The boat seemed to be dangling half-way down the inside surface of a circular, V-shaped hole, almost a kilometre across, and of great depth. Its walls of black water, as smooth as polished wood, were spinning around at a terrible speed. The rays of the full moon streamed in a flood of golden glory along these walls and far away down to the bed of the ocean.

At first I was too bewildered to notice more than just the general view, but in a moment or two, I saw that the water was at an angle of about fifty degrees to the horizontal. The boat lay evenly on the slope – that is to say, in her ordinary sailing position, relative to the water and because of the great speed at which we were moving, I had no difficulty at all in sustaining my foothold.

Adapted from 'The Whirlpool' by Edgar Allan Poe

21. (1) resting
(2) pending
(3) swaying
(4) hanging
22. (1) curving
(2) moving
(3) winding
(4) wheeling
23. (1) unaware
(2) muddled
(3) concussed
(4) traumatised

24. (1) normal
(2) obvious
(3) uninteresting
(4) unimaginative

25. (1) gaining
(2) keeping
(3) boosting
(4) cherishing

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

"Second to the right and straight on till morning."

That, Peter had told Wendy, was the way to Neverland; but even birds could not have sighted it with these instructions. Peter just said anything that came into his head. At first his companions trusted him and so great were the delights of flying that they wasted time circling round church spires or any other tall objects on the way that look their fancy 5

That was not so long ago but how long ago? They were flying over the sea before this thought began to disturb Wendy seriously. John thought it was their second sea and their third night. Did they really feel hungry at times or were they merely pretending because Peter had such a novel way of feeding them? His way was to pursue birds which had food in their mouths suitable for humans and snatch it from them. Wendy was concerned that Peter did not seem to know that this was rather an odd way of getting one's food. 10

They were also sleepy, and that was the danger, for the moment they popped off, down they fell. The awful thing was that Peter found it funny. He cried gleefully when Michael suddenly dropped like a stone. 15

"Save him, save him!" cried Wendy, looking with horror at the cruel sea far below. Eventually Peter flew through the air and caught Michael just before he could strike the sea. He waited till the last moment and it was his cleverness that intrigued him rather than the saving of human life. 20

Peter sometimes left them for a while. He would suddenly shoot out of sight to have some adventure which they had no part in. He would come down laughing over something he had been saying to a star or he would come up with mermaid scales still sticking to him. Yet, he might not be certain about what had been happening. On some occasions, he did not even remember them, so it seemed. Wendy was sure of it. Once she even had to tell him her name. He would then apologise and try to make amends. 25

After many moons, they finally reached Neverland. A million golden arrows pointed out the island to the children. The sun, their friend, wanted them to be sure of their way. 30

Adapted from 'Peter Pan' by JM Barrie

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. (5 marks)

26. At the beginning of their journey, the children were so preoccupied with _____ that they were not conscious of time.

- (1) flying
- (2) falling
- (3) eating
- (4) sleeping

27. It was difficult to find their way to Neverland because _____.

- (1) they had lost track of time
- (2) Peter's directions were vague
- (3) the birds were not very helpful
- (4) Peter had left them to see the mermaids

28. Peter had made the children feel _____.

- (1) secure at first
- (2) afraid of flying
- (3) excited as they fell through the air
- (4) confident of getting their own food

29. As time passed, Wendy discovered that Peter _____.

- (1) had good memory
- (2) had the tendency to disappear
- (3) took the safety of the children seriously
- (4) could direct arrows to point to Neverland

30. Peter's behaviour and actions in the story are considered _____.

- (1) brave
- (2) cowardly
- (3) immature
- (4) imaginative



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MARKS AVAILABLE		
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2.4 Comprehension Cloze	15	
2.5 Synthesis & Transformation	10	
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3. Listening Comprehension	20	
4. Oral Communication	30	
Total	200	

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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.

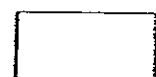
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| (A) along | (D) during | (G) on | (K) was | (N) which |
| (B) are | (E) of | (H) the | (L) were | (P) whose |
| (C) at | (F) off | (J) up | (M) where | (Q) with |

A giant species of crested duck-billed dinosaur has been unearthed in Mexico. The discovery (31) _____ the 72-million-year-old fossil adds to the rich gallery of dinosaurs that scientists now know lived in western North America (32) _____ the latter part of the dinosaur era.

The newly discovered species (33) _____, named *Velafrons coahuilensis*, in honour of the state of Coahuila in north-central Mexico (34) _____ the fossil was found. Reaching lengths of (35) _____ to 10 metres long, the new-found dinosaur was a plant-eater that roamed the region.

Specimens of this group of dinosaurs (36) _____ some of the most common found in Coahuila. (37) _____ specimen consists of a mostly complete skull (38) _____ a bony crest on its forehead and a partial skeleton.

The animal was a youngster (39) _____ the time of death, measuring about 7 metres. *Velafrons*, (40) _____ means "sailed forehead" in Latin, represents the first occurrence of a crested duck-billed dinosaur in this region of North America.



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

Dogs have the well-earned reputation of being a human's best friend.

(41)

When Hazel Woodget lie on the couch, only three of her four pet Chihuahuas

(42)

(43)

snuggle beside her. Coco, the most devoted pup, purches on her tummy

(44)

stared at her eyes, and kept sniffing her armpit instade. Annoyed, she pushed

(45)

him away. Then the determined dog pounce on her chest. That was when Hazel

(46)

felt a pain that prompted her to visit a doctor.

(47)

Days later, a biopsy reveeled a fast-growing cancer in her body. Hazel

(48)

undergone surgery, and as soon as she was home and recovering, Coco would

(49)

curl up into her affectionately. Months later, however, he started staring as he had

(50)

done before. Sure enough, Hazel's cancer had spreaded. Again, she was treated successfully.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

O Henry's life was full of unexpected twists as any of his stories. He was
_____ William Sidney Porter in 1862, in Greensboro, North Carolina.

(51)

At the age of fifteen, he _____ school to work in a local pharmacy.

(52)

After four years, he moved to Austin, Texas and held a _____ of

(53)

jobs: book-keeper, draftsman, bank-teller and a newspaper reporter.

O Henry lost his _____ as a bank-teller when \$1000

(54)

was discovered to be missing from his accounts. _____ many

(55)

people's belief that he was innocent, the bank decided to _____

(56)

charges against him. Rather than _____ trial, O Henry fled to

(57)

Honduras. However, when he heard that his wife was ill, he returned to Texas.

There he was tried, _____ and sent to prison.

(58)

In prison, O Henry started writing short stories using the pen name 'O
Henry'. Scholars think that he got this name _____ Orrin Henry,

(59)

captain of the guards where O Henry was imprisoned. After _____

(60)

three years of a five-year sentence, O Henry was _____ for

(61)

good behaviour. He moved to New York and _____ himself

(62)

by writing.



O Henry's stories were very _____ during his lifetime.
(63)

Many people liked reading his stories. His life out West and in New York provided him with the _____ materials for his stories. His experiences
(64)

gave him _____ for the underdog – the poor, reformed criminals.
(65)

His stories affectionately describe the lives of shop-girls, typists, clerks and occasionally the rich.

Adapted from 'An O Henry Reader – adapted classic tales' by Lou P Bunce



For each of the 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. I did not know that Mulan was sick. I would have sent her home.

Had _____

67. "Julian, do not tell anyone that you saw the bag in the room yesterday," warned Jake.

Jake warned _____

68. Benjo likes to listen to country music. His friends like to listen to country music too.

_____ as well as _____

69. I brought along an umbrella when I went on my excursion. It might rain.

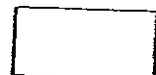
lest _____

70. George studied hard for the test. He scored poorly.

_____ although _____



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Totto-chan had never laboured so hard in her life. What a day that was when she dropped her favourite purse down the toilet! It had no money in it, but Totto-chan loved the purse so much she even took it to the toilet with her.

Now Totto-chan had a curious habit. Ever since she was small, whenever she went to the toilet, she made it a point to peer down the hole after she had finished. Toilets, in those days, had no flushing systems, only a sort of cesspool underneath, so items lost were usually left floating there. Mother was always telling Totto-chan not to peer down the hole after she had finished using the toilet. "You might get sick. Besides, it is such an odd habit to pick up. It is highly impolite!"

That day, when Totto-chan went to the toilet before school had started, she had forgotten Mother's warning, and before she knew it, she found herself peering down the hole. She must have loosened her hold on the purse at that moment, for it dropped down the hole with a splash. Totto-chan let out a cry as it disappeared into the darkness below. Totto-chan refused to shed tears or give up the purse. She went to the janitor's shed and got a large, long-handled wooden ladle used for watering the garden. The handle was almost twice as long as she was, but that did not deter her in the least. She went around with it to the back of the school and tried to find the opening through which the cesspool was emptied. She imagined it would be on the outside wall of the toilet, but after searching in vain she finally noticed a round concrete manhole cover. Lifting it up with difficulty, she discovered an opening that was undoubtedly the one she was looking for.

Then she began her task. She started lading out the contents of the cesspool. She tried the area in which she had dropped the purse but the tank was deep, dark and quite extensive. Moreover, she was in danger of falling in herself if she put her head in too far, so she decided to put in the ladle and empty it onto the ground around the hole. She inspected each ladleful to see if it contained her purse.

The bell rang for the beginning of class. Having gone so far, she decided to continue with renewed vigour. There was quite a pile on the ground by then. Time went by and she still had not found her purse. The foul-smelling pile was a real mountain by now and the tank almost empty, but there was still no sign of her purse. Maybe it had stuck to the rim of the tank or to the bottom. Totto-chan did not care. She was satisfied she had done all she could.

After that incident, Totto-chan never peered down the hole again after using the toilet. That night before she went to bed, she thought about the beautiful purse she had dropped into the darkness. She was sad about losing it but the day's exertion had made her so tired it was not long before she was fast asleep.

Adapted from *Totto-chan, The Little Girl at the Window* by Tetsuko Kuroyanagi
(Translated by Dorothy Britton)



ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Which word in the first paragraph has the same meaning as 'worked really hard'?

72. Which action by Totto-chan tells us that the purse she dropped into the toilet was her favourite?

73. Explain clearly why Totto-chan's mother was always telling her not to peer down the hole in the toilet.

74. Quote the three-word expression in lines 11 – 15 that described how Totto-chan lost her purse.

75. Refer to lines 15 – 23 and explain why Totto-chan 'refused to shed tears or give up the purse' (line 15 - 16).

76. Give two reasons to explain why Totto-chan had difficulty finding her purse.



77. What does 'it' in line 28 refer to?

78. Explain clearly why Totto-chan was determined to find her purse 'with renewed vigour' (line 31).

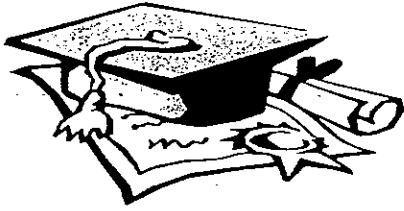
79. How did Totto-chan feel about the way she searched for her purse? Give a reason to support your answer.

80. State one character trait that can be observed about Totto-chan. Give a reason to support your answer.

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ANSWER SHEET

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SCHOOL : ACS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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TERM : SA 1

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
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Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
J	B	H	Q	C	N

- 41)lay 42)snuggled 43)perched 44)instead
- 45)pounced 46)prompted 47)revealed 48)underwent
- 49)against 50)spread 51)born 52)quit
- 53)string 54)position 55)Despite 56)press
- 57)undergoing 58)convicted 59)from 60)serving
- 61)released 62)supported 63)popular 64)raw

65)sympathy

66)Had I known that Mulan was sick, I would have sent her home.

67)Jake warned Julian not to tell anyone that he had seen the bag in the room the day before.

- 68) Benjo, as well as his friends, likes to listen to country music.
- 69) I brought along an umbrella when I went on my excursion lest it rained.
- 70) George scored poorly although he studied hard for the test.
- 71) The word is "Laboured."
- 72) Totto-chan even took the purse to the toilet with her.
- 73) It was a bad or rude habit she was afraid that Totto-chan will fall sick.
- 74) The expression is "loosened her hold."
- 75) She was not determined to lose her purse, she believed she could find it.
- 76) It was deep dark and extensive, she was in danger of falling in herself if she put her head in too far.
- 77) "It" refers to each ladleful of the contents in the cesspool.
- 78) She is determined, even after the bell rang, she continued to look for her purse.
- 79) She was satisfied as she searched half of the cesspool.
- 80) Even though the bell rang, she kept searching for her purse.