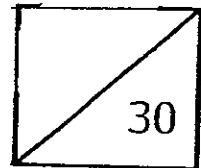




Rosyth School
Semestral Assessment 1
2008
English Language Paper 2
Primary 5

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Booklet A

Instructions to Pupils:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Read the questions and follow all the instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 30 questions (Questions 1 to 30).
4. **Answer ALL the questions and shade them in the correct ovals on the OAS provided.**

* This booklet consists of 8 pages altogether.

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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 carnival is organised by _____
 - (1) Nokia Ltd
 - (2) Best Zenki
 - (3) Singapore Post
 - (4) Tan Brothers Tour Pte Ltd

2. At the carnival, every family will receive free _____
 - (1) popcorns, candies and balloons
 - (2) popcorns, candies, balloons and goodie bags
 - (3) popcorns, candies, balloons, goodie bags and iPod gift set
 - (4) popcorns, candies, balloons, goodie bags and Nokia products

3. The grand prize in the carnival is _____
 - (1) a car
 - (2) packaged tour
 - (3) shopping voucher
 - (4) an electronic product

4. To learn more about the carnival, Samy could _____
 - (1) call Tan Brothers Tour Pte Ltd
 - (2) visit Singapore Post's website
 - (3) e-mail the Singapore Post centre
 - (4) visit any of the Best Zenki outlets

5. If you happen to visit the carnival on the last day, you will be able to _____
 - (1) receive an exclusive iPod gift set
 - (2) participate in 'Letters Hunting' Race
 - (3) witness the grand prize presentation
 - (4) purchase electronic products at discounted price

Study the advertisement and answer Q 1 to Q 5. (5 marks)

Singapore Post proudly presents

SP Family Carnival 2008

Venue: Singapore Post Centre (next to Paya Lebar MRT)

Date: 8th & 9th March 2008

Time: 10.00am - 8.00pm

Admission is Free!

1st Prize: Chevrolet Aveo Sedan
2nd Prize: Packaged tour for 4 to Korea
from Tan Brothers Tour Pte Ltd
3rd Prize: \$2000 Best Zenki Vouchers
5 consolation prizes: Nokia N2310
Prize-giving on 9th March 2008



Free popcorns, candies &
balloons for all!
Free goodie bags for first 200
families.

***Daily Early Bird Special!**
First 50 families will receive an exclusive
iPod gift set worth \$200 each!
No purchase required.

Bring your families down to enjoy fun-filled games such as:

- ✓ Cans Throwing
- ✓ 'Letters Hunting' Race (on 9th March 2008)
- ✓ Best Stamps Design

Registration for 'Letters Hunting' Race online at <http://www.sph.sg/carnival2008> or
mail to Singapore Post Centre by 1st march 2008.

Shop@Post - One Day Hot Deals**
All electronic products at 50% discount.
** Only on 8th March and for first 50 customers.
One piece per customer.

Sponsors:



Co-sponsors:



Tan Brothers

For more information: Visit our website at <http://www.sph.sg/carnival2008>

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. _____ hearing that the plane to Paris had been diverted, Kelly left the airport angrily.
- (1) At
 - (2) By
 - (3) On
 - (4) From
7. By the time he reached the dentist, the pain in his wisdom tooth _____.
- (1) stopped
 - (2) would stop
 - (3) has stopped
 - (4) had stopped
8. Neither Raffi nor his brothers _____ eating durians although their parents have been selling durians for the past ten years.
- (1) enjoy
 - (2) enjoys
 - (3) has enjoyed
 - (4) have enjoyed
9. Mr Tan, together with his wife and daughter, _____ part in the Family Quiz before.
- (1) has taken
 - (2) have taken
 - (3) has been taking
 - (4) have been taking

10. Sally did not attend the party _____ she was invited.
- (1) while
 - (2) unless
 - (3) despite
 - (4) although
11. The group of student leaders knows what to do, _____ ?
- (1) does it
 - (2) do they
 - (3) doesn't it
 - (4) don't they
12. John prefers playing computer games _____ reading books
- (1) or
 - (2) to
 - (3) for
 - (4) than

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)

Linda was walking home from school, when suddenly, an old woman came up to her out of nowhere.

"Excuse me, can you please show me the way to block 535A?" asked the old woman (13) "Sure, no problem," answered Linda politely (14) You have to cross the road first and walk through that sheltered walkway. It's just two blocks away."

The old lady smiled and said, "Thank you. You've been very helpful. May I know your name (15)"

"I'm Linda," she replied with a smile, before continuing on her way home.

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

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. The gunmen finally agreed to release all the hostages after holding them in _____ for many days.
- (1) custody
 - (2) captivity
 - (3) detention
 - (4) imprisonment
17. The prisoners decided to appeal against the sentence _____ on them.
- (1) inflicted
 - (2) effected
 - (3) imposed
 - (4) enforced
18. Kangaroo mice can construct their _____ in fine sand while termites construct theirs in wood.
- (1) houses
 - (2) shelters
 - (3) burrows
 - (4) habitats
19. Why did you steal? Now that you are caught, you'll just have to _____.
- (1) face the music
 - (2) kick the bucket
 - (3) sit on the fence
 - (4) bury the hatchet
20. Marianne works as a/an _____. Occasionally, she travels overseas to write articles for newspapers and magazines.
- (1) editor
 - (2) journalist
 - (3) illustrator
 - (4) newscaster

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30. (5 marks)

A shark is a primitive creature with a streamlined body. It breathes with the use of five to seven gill slits and has a special covering to protect its skin from damage and parasites. It also has replaceable teeth. As its teeth are constantly replaced throughout its life, some sharks can lose thirty thousand teeth in a lifetime. All sharks have multiple rows of teeth along the edges of their upper and lower jaws. The lower ones are primarily used for holding its prey while the upper ones are for cutting it. 5

Over the years, a shark's teeth are prized by collectors for their beauty, and because they are the only surviving relics of ancient sharks that are now extinct. The skeleton of a shark is very different from that of bony fish. Its skeleton is made from rubbery cartilage, a tissue lighter and more flexible than the bone. 10

A shark also has a keen sense of smell which can detect the blood of any animal at least five hundred metres away. The nerves in its skin can also detect any movement in the water as far away as several kilometres. Furthermore, the shark never sleeps. Unlike most fish, it has no gas-filled swim bladder. So, it relies heavily on its large liver filled with oil. Therefore, it must constantly move about in the water in order to avoid sinking. A peculiar type of shark, Sand Tiger Shark, is known to gulp air from the surface and store it in their stomachs, using the stomach as a swim bladder. 15

Sharks will eat almost anything such as fish, animals, cans, bottles and all kinds of rubbish. Even old car registration plates and watches have been found inside the stomachs of dead sharks. Sharks will attack almost anything, even large boats. It is also not unusual for sharks to attack people in shallow water. The Tiger Shark, for example, is especially fond of swimming in shallow water and is a notorious killer. Another shark, the Mako, can jump six metres into the air and move through the water at fifty kilometres an hour. The Great White Shark, as shown in the film "Jaws", is an enormous man-eating shark. Usually, it can measure up to almost ten metres and weigh as much as a thousand kilograms! The Bull Shark, on the other hand, is rarely more than four metres long, but it is the deadliest of all sharks. 20 25

Contrary to popular belief, only a few sharks are dangerous to humans. These sharks rarely attack humans unless provoked. The perception of sharks as dangerous animals has been popularised by publicity given to a few isolated unprovoked attacks. Popular fictional works about shark attacks, such as the 'Jaws', have also portrayed the image of sharks as man-eating monsters. 30

Adapted from wikipedia on sharks

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)

Ventures Adventure Pte Ltd has already taken a few reservations from experienced hikers as well as (21) beginners in its latest promotional trip to Pulau Ubin. The exciting trip will include a (22) trek up a seventy-five metres high hill, named the Puaka Hill. This will be a meaningful experience as the hikers will have a (23) panaromic view of the island's largest quarry.

During a recent interview, Mr Simon Richard, the company director, mentioned that his company's website promotes the trip as "nativity madness". This is because the hikers will have the opportunity to meet some (24) residents of Pulau Ubin when they spend a few days at the (25) place where holiday-makers gather.

21. (1) recruits
(2) novices
(3) freshmen
(4) newcomers
22. (1) trip
(2) trail
(3) hike
(4) journey
23. (1) vast
(2) broad
(3) bird's eye
(4) widespread
24. (1) locals
(2) natives
(3) campers
(4) occupants
25. (1) resort
(2) hostel
(3) quarters
(4) accommodation

26. A shark's teeth _____
- (1) are replaced once in its lifetime
 - (2) are used to hold and cut its prey
 - (3) support its upper and lower jaws
 - (4) can number up to thirty thousand at one time
27. The word 'they' in line 8 refers to _____
- (1) sharks
 - (2) ancient sharks
 - (3) a shark's teeth
 - (4) the relics of sharks
28. In order to prevent itself from sinking, a shark has to _____
- (1) swim about constantly
 - (2) fill its large liver with oil
 - (3) inflate its swim bladder
 - (4) store water in its stomach
29. The sharks listed in the fourth paragraph (lines 18 - 27) _____
- (1) attack and kill swimmers
 - (2) swim only in shallow water
 - (3) feed on all kinds of rubbish
 - (4) are at least ten metres long
30. The most suitable title for the passage is _____
- (1) Sharks - Friend or Foe
 - (2) Shark attacks on human
 - (3) Different species of sharks
 - (4) Sharks and their adaptations

End of paper



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BOOKLET B

Instructions to Pupils:

1. DO NOT open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 50 questions. (Questions 31 to 80)

	Maximum	Marks Obtained
Booklet A	30	
Booklet B	65	
Total	95	

Component	Qn Numbers	Marks Obtained
Comprehension Cloze	51 - 65	
Comprehension Open-ended	71 - 80	

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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) this	(D) from	(G) the	(K) her	(N) is
(B) its	(E) when	(H) for	(L) it	(P) or
(C) was	(F) an	(J) nor	(M) of	(Q) had

Jim McMillan was a veterinarian. Last April, when he reached deep inside a cow to deliver a calf, he got more than he bargained (31) _____. "I felt two different noses. (32) _____ was amazing!" he remarked. "But then I felt only one set of feet, and only one head. I thought, "(33) _____ feels unusual."

The Holstein calf, named Reflections, (34) _____ born with two heads, four eyes, and three ears. (35) _____ the calf licked, two tongues moved at the same time. "This is the type of thing you might see once in a lifetime," McMillan says. Reflections lived for three short days and died, probably (36) _____ pneumonia.

Reflections is now refrigerated and soon to be preserved. Could the calf's fate be that of a travelling exhibit? With (37) _____ tartling weirdness, it might just intrigue, baffle (38) _____ repel you enough to take a look.

Farmer Gary Slife treated the calf like (39) _____ exceptional child. He said, "She (40) _____ two-and-a-half strikes against her when she was born." Slife was saddened by the calf's death.

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

A 28-year-old man was arrested last night at his home. He was later

(41)

charged in connection with a series of **berglaryes** in the area.

(42)

For a press conference this morning, the detective who led the police

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investegashen explained that details of the crimes were broadcasts last night on the

(45)

television programme, *Crimestop*. He reported how, after a witness's **deskribshen** of

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(47)

the burglar was given by the show, dozens of people telephoned the police, provide

information about the same suspect.

(48)

A police car was sent straight to the man's house, when they found him in

(49)

front of the television. When he was asked how the unsuspecting man did not try to

escape, the detective laughed and said, "He was not watching *Crimestop* – he was

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watching his favourite **docquementary** *The Trials of Life* on the other channel!" It's

no wonder the man was caught unawares.

Source: Adapted from Generation 2000
Workbook

Fill in the blanks with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

The Singapore Press Holdings (SPH) is the leading media organisation in Singapore. Through its comprehensive range of newspapers and magazines, SPH continues to dominate (51) _____ Singapore advertising market. Circulation of SPH newspapers is growing (52) _____ the increasing popularity of the Internet.

The success of SPH is built (53) _____ the strong history of its two flagship newspapers: The Straits Times and Lianhe Zaobao. The Straits Times, has been in (54) _____ for more than 160 years while Lianhe Zaobao started in 1983 (55) _____ the merger of Nanyang Siang Pau and Sin Chew Jit Poh, which dates back (56) _____ 1923. Lianhe Zaobao is trusted as the authoritative source of news (57) _____ information for the Chinese-speaking community while Berita Harian and Tamil Murasu remain the only newspapers for Malay and Indian readers (58) _____.

Over the years, SPH has continued to upgrade and re-design the newspapers to (59) _____ the lifestyle changes of (60) _____ readers. It has introduced supplements such as Digital Life, Urban and Mind Your Body to (61) _____ The Straits Times. Two other supplements, IN and Little Red Dot, (62) _____ to young readers in schools.

SPH prints all its (63) _____ in-house. Its state-of-the-art printing presses are (64) _____ of producing up to 100 percent colour pages for any newspaper (65) _____. SPH also prints regional editions of international newspapers like the International Herald Tribune.

Source : Adapted from 'The SPH story'

For each of the question from 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. Joseph hopes to do well in the physical fitness test. He exercises on a regular basis.

By _____

67. Miss Wong said, "Children, submit your application forms tomorrow."

Miss Wong told _____

68. We must be back by midnight or we will be locked out.

_____ unless _____

69. David, as well as his sister, prefers spending his weekends by the beach.

Both _____

70. Sherlock Holmes allowed the police inspectors to take credit for his work. His superior deductions often baffled them.

Comprehension Open-ended (20 marks)

Three years ago on the last day of January, I had a big problem. I can't forget this day forever. The story began when my uncle, my cousin, and I decided to go hunting. My uncle was the oldest at 72 years old, but he was still strong. My cousin at that time was 10 years old, and I was 25 years old. All of us liked hunting. Usually we went hunting on the weekends.

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On 25 January, we decided to go hunting. Everything was in the car, a Range Rover with four-wheel drive. We began on Thursday afternoon, and it took us three hours by car. We reached the place we were looking for at half-past five. First, we pitched the tent, then we made coffee and had a few minutes of rest. After that, we left to go on the hunt. We hunted using a falcon. Often, we hunt birds and rabbits. We had spent two hours hunting, but without success. On our way back, my cousin saw a rabbit. He cried, "Rabbit!! Rabbit! Quick!" I removed the falcon's hood and flung it off aggressively. When the rabbit saw the falcon, it ran fast, but my falcon was a **professional hunter**. He flew up and, plummeting with terrific speed, struck a blow so violent that it killed the rabbit at once. We went back to the camp where we cooked our dinner. We ate the delicious food, drank Arabic coffee, and sat around the fire talking until midnight. Then we went to bed.

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We left camp the next day at seven in the morning. We went north and found two kinds of birds and caught them. However, we soon faced trouble because the car got stuck in the sand! We spent about three hours trying to pull out the car without any progress. Finally, we decided that it was best to walk. It was then that I **was faced with a dilemma**. I had to convince my uncle about how hard it is for an old man or a young boy to walk more than forty kilometres in the desert. Reluctantly, he agreed to let me go. So I took a bottle of water with me and started to walk south alone. I knew the way well, but it was a long way in the sand. I walked for more than four hours without stopping. I felt tired and thirsty. I drank all the water which was in the bottle. I stopped to rest, sleeping around two hours.

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When I got up, darkness had covered the area. "What should I do?" I asked myself. I continued to walk south. I was worried about my uncle and cousin. Suddenly, I met a Bedouin man who was riding his camel. He gave me a lift to his house. When I had had enough rest, he took me to the road where I hitched a ride from a passing car that took me to the city. I had one day to get back to my uncle and cousin. When I got back to them, they were so happy because I had returned.

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I learned a lesson from this experience, which was that the desert is very dangerous. Next time, when we go hunting, we must go in groups with two or more cars. If we go together, we can keep one another safe. We know the desert is dangerous, but we will never quit hunting.

Source: Online Reading Exercises (adapted)

Answer the questions in complete sentences.

71. Which word in paragraph 1 describes the physical quality of the writer's uncle?

72. What did the writer, his uncle and cousin do once they arrived at their destination?

73. What animals did the writer often hunt?

74. Why did the writer describe his falcon as a 'professional hunter' (line 14)?

75. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'plunging'?

76. Why did the writer decide to walk when their vehicle was stuck in the sand?

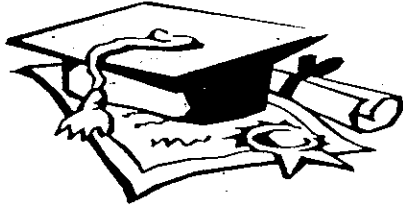
77. What was the "dilemma" faced by the writer in line 23?

78. What time of the day was it when the writer woke up from his rest? How do you know?

79. How did the writer make his way to the Bedouin man's house?

80. What advice did the writer give to those who hunt in the desert?

End of paper



ANSWER SHEET

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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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Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
3	1	2	2	3	2	1	1	2	3	1	1	4	H	A	L	C

Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
E	M	K	P	F	Q

41)burglaries

42)At

43)investigation

44)broadcasted

45)description

46)on 47)providing

48)where

49)why

50)documentary

51)the

52)despite

53)on 54)circulation

55)for

56)to

57)and 58)respectively

59)meet

60)its

61)complement

62)cater

63)newspaper

64)capable 65)editions

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- 69) Both David and his sister prefer spending their weekends by the beach.
- 70) Sherlock Holmes whose superior deductions often baffled the police inspectors allowed them to take credit for his work.
- 71) The word is "strong".
- 72) They pitched the tent made coffee and rested.
- 73) The writer often hunted birds and rabbit.
- 74) The falcon flew up plummeting with terrific speed and struck a blow so violent that it killed the rabbit at once
- 75) The word is "plummeting."
- 76) They spent about three hours trying to pull out the car without any progress.
- 77) The dilemma was having to leave his elderly uncle and young cousin behind in the desert so that could go look for help.
- 78) The are was covered in darkness when he woke up.
- 79) He got a lift from the Bedouin man on his camel.
- 80) His advice was to hunt in groups without least two cars.