

SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL

FIRST SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2009

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY FIVE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: Primary 5

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET A

30 questions

30 marks

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

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Study the following advertisement and answer questions 1 to 5.

## ROSIE'S CATERING

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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. (5 marks)

1. Mrs Goh intends to cater a buffet for 17 persons. She has a choice of \_\_\_\_\_ menus to choose from.
  - (1) one
  - (2) two
  - (3) three
  - (4) zero
  
2. Helen has catered a buffet for 150 people. Rosie's Catering will charge her \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) the cost of the buffet including GST
  - (2) the cost of the buffet, transport and GST
  - (3) for the disposable ware, serviettes and GST
  - (4) the floral decorations on buffet tables, transport and GST
  
3. The best form of communication with Rosie's Catering after office hours is by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) fax
  - (2) email
  - (3) telephone
  - (4) email and telephone
  
4. Which one of the following statements is true?
  - (1) The service of a waiter can be engaged at \$70 per hour.
  - (2) No changes will be entertained once a booking is made.
  - (3) The person to contact if you have any enquiries is Rosie.
  - (4) Rosie's Catering must be given a minimum of ten days' notice for any booking.
  
5. Mike has about 50 guests coming over to his house for Christmas. They love to eat sushi, udon and tempura. He should cater \_\_\_\_\_ menu.
  - (1) the Premium Italian
  - (2) the Deluxe Western
  - (3) the Royale Japanese
  - (4) none of the above

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. Sam, as well as his brothers, \_\_\_\_\_ playing football in the garden even though it is raining heavily.

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

7. The birthday boy \_\_\_\_\_ his cake and gave a slice each to his friends at his party.

- (1) cut
- (2) cuts
- (3) is cutting
- (4) was cutting

8. The two sisters are so similar that it is impossible to tell one \_\_\_\_\_ the other.

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

9. \_\_\_\_\_ for her lack of experience, she would be the ideal person for the job.

- (1) If
- (2) Lest
- (3) Owing
- (4) Except

10. Helen was not the least interested in all the speeches that she had to sit \_\_\_\_\_

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

11. Fiona was playing with her toys when she felt something hairy \_\_\_\_\_ up her arm.

- (1) crawl
- (2) crawls
- (3) crawled
- (4) was crawling

12. John has lent several books to Susan but she has not returned any of \_\_\_\_\_ to John yet.

- (1) it
- (2) ours
- (3) them
- (4) mine

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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)

A teacher asked a student to look for some flint to light the candles. He waited for a long time and began to hurry the student (13)

The student grumbled (14) It's too dark to find the flint. Can you light a candle and help me to locate it (15)"

*Adapted from Ancient Chinese Humour*

13. (1) [ , ] comma  
(2) [ . ] full stop  
(3) [ ? ] question mark  
(4) [ ! ] exclamation mark
14. (1) [ . ] full stop  
(2) [ ! ] exclamation mark  
(3) [ , " ] comma and inverted comma  
(4) [ : " ] full stop and inverted comma
15. (1) [ , ] comma  
(2) [ - ] hyphen  
(3) [ . ] full stop  
(4) [ ? ] question 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 passengers on the aeroplane were told to fasten their seat belts due to the strong \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) rigour
  - (2) rhythm
  - (3) turbulence
  - (4) occurrence
17. Peter pedalled \_\_\_\_\_ to try and keep up with the rest of the competitors.
- (1) promptly
  - (2) modestly
  - (3) vigorously
  - (4) extravagantly
18. The earthquake victims who have been trapped under the rubble of concrete for the past two days are in \_\_\_\_\_ need of help.
- (1) general
  - (2) desolate
  - (3) moderate
  - (4) desperate
19. The team will need all the strength they can \_\_\_\_\_ to win the game.
- (1) sow
  - (2) muster
  - (3) control
  - (4) harness
20. David has made an appointment to see a \_\_\_\_\_. He has developed red patches on his face and arms.
- (1) physicist
  - (2) philanthropist
  - (3) dermatologist
  - (4) anthropologist

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

Leura is a town in the Blue Mountains region of the Australian state of New South Wales. It is a picturesque town located 100km from Central Sydney and situated at an altitude of 985 metres above sea level. The village you see today is bustling with a constant parade of visitors. They arrive by car, tour buses and by the Blue Mountains train. While known for maintaining its unique heritage village, Leura is a shopper's paradise with charming boutiques, casual cafes and sophisticated restaurants. Leura is framed upon a background of stunning natural wonders, bare sandstone landscape and dense eucalypt forests.

Adapted from <http://wikitravel.org/en/Leura>

21. (1) petite  
(2) scenic  
(3) imaginary  
(4) interactive
22. (1) lively  
(2) swarming  
(3) glistening  
(4) overflowing
23. (1) building  
(2) preserving  
(3) constructing  
(4) rejuvenating
24. (1) created on  
(2) contained by  
(3) sustained on  
(4) surrounded by
25. (1) thick  
(2) sparse  
(3) meager  
(4) deep-rooted



Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

My mother used to ask me what the most important part of the body is. Through the years I would take a guess at what I thought was the correct answer. When I was younger, I thought sound was very important to us as humans so I said, "My ears, Mummy." She said, "No. Many people are deaf. But you keep thinking about it and I will ask you again soon."

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Several years passed before she asked me again. Since making my first attempt, I had contemplated the correct answer. So, this time I told her, "Mummy, sight is very important to everybody so it must be our eyes." She looked at me and told me, "You are learning fast but the answer is not correct because there are many people who are blind."

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Stumped again, I continued my quest for knowledge and over the years, Mother asked me a couple more times and always her answer was, "No. But you are getting smarter every year, my child." Then last year, my grandpa died. Everybody was hurt. Everybody was crying. Even my father cried. I remember that especially because it was only the second time I saw him cry. My mother looked at me when it was our turn to say our final good-bye to Grandpa.

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She asked me, "Do you know the most important body part yet, my dear?" I was shocked when she asked me this now. I always thought this was a game between her and me. She saw the confusion on my face and told me, "This question is very important. It shows that you have really lived in your life. For every response you gave me in the past, I have told you were wrong and I have given you an example why. But today is the day you need to learn this important lesson."

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She looked down at me as only a mother can. I saw her eyes well up with tears.

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She said, "My dear, the most important body part is your shoulder."

I asked, "Is it because it holds up my head?" She replied, "No, it is because it can hold the head of a friend or a loved one when they cry. Everybody needs a shoulder to cry on sometime in life. I only hope that you have enough love and friends that you will always have a shoulder to cry on when you need it."

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It was then that I knew the most important body part is not a selfish one. It is sympathetic to the pain of others.

<http://www.heinpragt.com/wijsheden/stories.php>

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. What did the writer think was the most important part of his body when he was first asked the question by his mother?
- (1) ears
  - (2) eyes
  - (3) face
  - (4) shoulder
27. In line 5, "it" refers to the \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) deaf
  - (2) blind
  - (3) first answer that the writer gave his mother
  - (4) question which the writer's mother had asked him
28. Which phrase in the passage clearly shows that the writer mullied over the question that his mother had asked him? It is "\_\_\_\_\_".
- (1) take a guess
  - (2) stumped again
  - (3) a couple more times
  - (4) contemplated the correct answer
29. The writer knew that his father was saddened by his Grandpa's death as \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) his father told him so
  - (2) he saw his father cry
  - (3) his father cried on his shoulders
  - (4) his mother asked him to comfort his father
30. What valuable message did the writer's mother give him at the end of the story?
- (1) He needed his shoulders to hold up his head.
  - (2) He should have treasured his grandfather more.
  - (3) The shoulders provide relief and comfort to people.
  - (4) Crying should only be done on someone's shoulder.

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: Primary 5

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Booklet A		30
Booklet B		65
Sub-total		95

PAPER 2

BOOKLET B

50 questions

65 marks

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Write your answers in this booklet.

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 in order to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

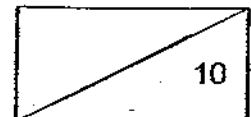
**EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE**

<del>(A)</del> a	<del>(D)</del> with	<del>(G)</del> off	<del>(K)</del> are	<del>(N)</del> upon
<del>(B)</del> for	<del>(E)</del> of	<del>(H)</del> from	<del>(L)</del> their	<del>(P)</del> to
<del>(C)</del> where	<del>(F)</del> in	<del>(J)</del> up	<del>(M)</del> however	<del>(Q)</del> beyond

A fox fell into a deep well one day and could find no means of escape. A goat, overcome (31) \_\_\_\_\_ thirst, came to the same well, and seeing the fox, asked him if the water in the well was good. Concealing his sad plight under (32) \_\_\_\_\_ merry guise, the fox praised the water lavishly, saying that it was excellent (33) \_\_\_\_\_ measure, and encouraged the goat to descend. The goat, mindful only (34) \_\_\_\_\_ his thirst, thoughtlessly jumped down, but just as he drank, the fox informed him of the difficulty they were both in and suggested a scheme for (35) \_\_\_\_\_ common escape. He said, "If, you will place your forefeet upon the wall and bend your head, I will run (36) \_\_\_\_\_ your back and escape, and will help you out afterwards."

The goat agreed and the fox leaped (37) \_\_\_\_\_ his back. Steadying himself with the goat's horns, he safely reached the mouth of the well and made (38) \_\_\_\_\_ as fast as he could. When the goat scolded him (39) \_\_\_\_\_ breaking his promise, he turned around and said, "You foolish old fellow! If you had some brains in your head, you would never have gone down before you had inspected the way up, nor have exposed yourself (40) \_\_\_\_\_ dangers from which you had no means of escape."

*Adapted from "The Fox and the Goat" by Aesop*



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

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A heavy snowstorm caused **kayos** at Barajas Airport in Madrid where flights were suspended for hours before it reopened in the late afternoon. The

airport has 1,205 daily inbound and outbound flights but for the first time in history, the airport halts operations due to a weather problem.

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(43)

The storm was as intense that the airport's snow clearing and de-icing

equipment could not keep up and **vizibility** was at a record low. Pilots and

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airport crew could hardly see five fingers put up in front of their faces. The

delays of the storm affected hundreds of travellers at the airport. Many others

could not even reach the airport because of **edverse** road conditions.

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As children and even some adults gleefully tossed snowballs, city officials appeafs to motorists to stay off the roads and use public

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transportation. Massive traffic **conjesions** formed on the major highways

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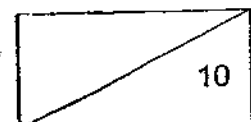
between cities. It was predictable by weather forecasters that the snow would

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continue for a while, albeit diminishing in **intarsity**.

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Adapted from an article published online at <http://www.cnn.com>



Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

A study conducted by scientists has shown that worker ants in colonies with a queen are physically attacked by their peers if they try to reproduce. In ant society, workers (51) \_\_\_\_\_ give up reproducing to care for the queen's offspring, who are also their brothers and sisters. The researchers found that some sneaky worker ants cheated (52) \_\_\_\_\_ producing chemicals from their bodies that announced their readiness to reproduce.

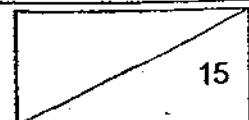
Researchers (53) \_\_\_\_\_ the theory that the ants gave off various chemicals when they wanted to reproduce. They applied a synthetic compound typical of (54) \_\_\_\_\_ ants to infertile ants. The infertile ants (55) \_\_\_\_\_ to the species *Aphaenogaster cockerelli*.

In (56) \_\_\_\_\_ of ants where a queen was present, the workers with the chemical (57) \_\_\_\_\_ to them were attacked by other ants. The researchers (58) \_\_\_\_\_ that deceitful ants were attacked by their peers.

However, this did not take place in colonies without a (59) \_\_\_\_\_ ant where workers were free to reproduce. For cheating to be a successful strategy for some ants, the researchers say, (60) \_\_\_\_\_ conditions would need to be satisfied. Firstly, worker ants would need to control the hydrocarbon signals on (61) \_\_\_\_\_ bodies to avoid detection by other ants. Secondly, they would need to amend the signal on their eggs so that their young could not be distinguished (62) \_\_\_\_\_ those of the queen.

Some ant species are known to not (63) \_\_\_\_\_ attack cheating workers but also to destroy their eggs. Like human societies, ant colonies also possess strict (64) \_\_\_\_\_ to prevent and punish cheating individuals. In many (65) \_\_\_\_\_ ants and humans are similar. Think about that the next time you decide to kill an ant.

Adapted from an article published online at <http://www.news.bbc.co.uk>



For each of the items 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 Selina shouted, "I am not going hiking tomorrow!"

Selina shouted that \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

67 Yvonne promised to turn over a new leaf. She was still late for school.

Despite promising \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68 The two drunkards were arrested. They were making a nuisance of themselves.

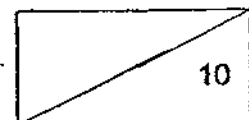
\_\_\_\_\_ for  
\_\_\_\_\_

69 Daisy is not going to the class gathering. Joan is also not going to the class gathering.

Neither \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70 Teddy's poor results did not qualify him for the scholarship.

Teddy was not eligible \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



On one of the upper branches of the Congo River in Africa, lived an ancient family of hippopotamuses, which boasted a pedigree dating back beyond the days of Noah--beyond the existence of mankind--far into the dim ages when the world was new. They had always lived upon the banks of this same river so that every curve and sweep of its waters, every pit and shallow of its bed, every rock and stump and wallow upon its bank was as familiar to them as their own mothers. Not long ago, the queen of this tribe of hippopotamuses had a child which she named Keo because it was so fat and round. 5

Keo was the jolliest hippopotamus that ancient family had ever known. His little red eyes were forever twinkling with fun, and he laughed often, whether there was anything to laugh at or not. Therefore the black people who dwelt in that region called him "Ippi"--the jolly one, although they dared not come near him on account of his fierce mother, and his equally fierce uncles and aunts and cousins, who lived in a vast colony upon the river bank. 10

While these black people, who lived in little villages scattered among the trees, dared not openly attack the royal family of hippopotamuses, they were amazingly fond of eating hippopotamus meat whenever they could get it. This was no secret to the hippopotamuses. And, again, when the blacks managed to catch these animals alive, they had a trick of riding them through the jungles as if they were horses, thus reducing them to a condition of slavery. 15 20

Whenever the hippopotamuses smelled the oily odour of people, they were accustomed to charge upon them furiously, and if by chance they overtook one of the enemies **they would rip him with their sharp tusks** or stamp him into the earth with their huge feet. It was continual warfare between the hippopotamuses and the black people. 25

Gouie lived in one of the little villages of the blacks. He was much attached to the idea of capturing the hippopotamuses and frequently considered many ways to catch them. Once, he set about digging a great pit in the ground, midway between two sharp curves of the river. When the pit was finished he covered it over with small branches of trees, and strewed earth upon them, smoothing the surface so artfully that no one would suspect there was a big hole underneath. Then Gouie **laughed softly to himself** and went home to supper. 30

That evening the queen said to Keo, "I wish you'd run across the bend and ask your Uncle Nikki to come here. I have found a strange plant and want him to tell me if it is good to eat." 35

The jolly one laughed heartily as he started upon his errand for he felt as important as a boy does when he is sent for the first time to the grocery shop at the corner to buy a pound of sugar.

*Adapted from "The Laughing Hippopotamus" by L. Frank Baum*



ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71 Where did this story take place?

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72 Why was Keo nicknamed "Ippi"?

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73 Which three-word phrase in Paragraph 2 has the same meaning as the phrase "due to"?

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74 What does 'This' in line 17 refer to?

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75 How did the hippopotamuses react towards the villagers?

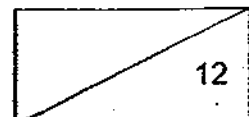
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76 What does the phrase "they would rip him with their sharp tusks" in line 23 suggest about the hippopotamuses?

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77 How did Gouie plan to catch the hippopotamuses?

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78 Why did Gouie "laugh softly to himself"? (Line 32)

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79 According to the passage, the queen hippopotamus wanted to seek Uncle Nikki's advice. What does this tell you about the queen's opinion of Uncle Nikki?

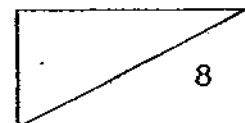
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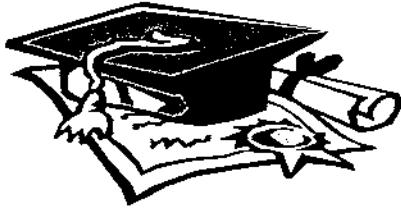
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80 Explain clearly what Keo felt towards his errand.

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# ANSWER SHEET

**EXAM PAPER 2009**

**SCHOOL : SCGS PRIMARY  
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**TERM : SA1**

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
1	1	2	4	3	1	1	4	4	4	1	3	2	3	4	3	3

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
4	2	3	2	1	2	4	1	1	4	4	2	3	D	A	Q	E

Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
L	J	N	G	B	P

- 41)chaos      42)halted      43)so      44)visibility      45)from
- 46)adverse      47)appealed      48)congestions      49)predicted
- 50)intensity      51)would,must will      52)by      53)tested, proved
- 54)fertile      55)belonged      56)colonies      57)applied
- 58)discovered      59)queen      60)these      61)their
- 62)from      63)only, just      64)laws      65)ways, areas
- 66)Selina shouted that she were not going hiking the next day.
- 67)Despite promising to turn over a new leaf, Yvonne was still late for school.
- 68)The two drunkards were arrested for making a nuisance of themselves.

**69)Neither Daisy Joan is going to the class gathering.**

**70)Teddy was not eligible for the scholarship because of his poor result.**

**71)This story took place on one of the upper branches of the Congo River in Africa.**

**72)"Ippi" means "Jolly one" and Keo was jolly.**

**73)The three-word phrase is "on account of ."**

**74)It refers to the fact that the black people living in little villages were amazingly fond of eating hippopotamus meat whenever could get it.**

**75)The hippopotamus would charge upon the villagers furiously whenever they smelled the oily odour of people and would rip him up with their sharp tusks or stamp him into the earth with their huge feet if they over took one of the enemies.**

**76)It suggests that the hippopotamuses are very fierce.**

**77)He dug a pit and waned for them to fall into the pit.**

**78)Gouie had managed to complete his task so smoothly that no one would suspect there was a big hole underneath.**

**79)It tells me that the queen respects Uncle Nikki.**

**80)He felt very proud to be given the errand as he valued the responsibility placed upon him by his mother.**

