



NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL
2016 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1
PRIMARY 5

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Name: _____ ()

Class: Pr. 5 _____

Date: 9 May 2016

Booklet A	/ 28
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TOTAL	/ 95

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

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

1. Do not turn over the page until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. Answer all questions carefully.
4. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

Section A – Grammar MCQ (10 x 1 mark)

For each question from 1 to 10, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. It was Jane and not me who finished the whole cake all by _____.
- (1) herself
 - (2) himself
 - (3) ourselves
 - (4) themselves
- ()
2. _____ did the singer expect such thunderous applause from the audience for her performance.
- (1) Any
 - (2) Little
 - (3) None
 - (4) Many
- ()
3. As Miss Siti had just recovered from an illness, she was advised to refrain _____ doing strenuous exercises.
- (1) in
 - (2) on
 - (3) off
 - (4) from
- ()
4. "You went to the zoo with your classmates, _____?" Mother asked me.
- (1) do you
 - (2) don't you
 - (3) did you
 - (4) didn't you
- ()
5. Mr Tan was have his dinner _____ the doorbell rang.
- (1) when
 - (2) since
 - (3) unless
 - (4) however
- ()

6. To prepare for the competition, the pupils _____ hard since last November.
- (1) practise
 - (2) is practising
 - (3) were practising
 - (4) have been practising
- ()
7. Neither the twins nor Jennifer _____ the permission to attend the ceremony.
- (1) has
 - (2) have
 - (3) have had
 - (4) are having
- ()
8. "Please feel free to clarify _____ you have any question," said the instructor to the pupils.
- (1) might
 - (2) could
 - (3) would
 - (4) should
- ()
9. "I have only _____ this dress once," said Amelia.
- (1) wear
 - (2) wears
 - (3) wore
 - (4) worn
- ()
10. When I heard the school bell _____, I walked as fast as I could so that I would not miss my lesson.
- (1) ring
 - (2) rang
 - (3) rung
 - (4) had rung
- ()

Section B – Vocabulary MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

For each question from 11 to 15, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

11. The famous artist _____ his success to the support and encouragement he received from his family.
- (1) offered
 - (2) rewarded
 - (3) attributed
 - (4) contributed
- ()
12. The deposit will be _____ if you do not return the rented equipment on time.
- (1) forgone
 - (2) forfeited
 - (3) restored
 - (4) reclaimed
- ()
13. She _____ the temptation to buy a new pair of shoes by leaving the shop immediately.
- (1) insisted
 - (2) resisted
 - (3) assisted
 - (4) persisted
- ()
14. I would not patronise this stall anymore as the goods sold are too expensive. The new prices charged are _____!
- (1) exorbitant
 - (2) expressive
 - (3) excruciating
 - (4) exaggerated
- ()
15. The police have _____ their security efforts in the prevention of crimes.
- (1) stepped in
 - (2) stepped on
 - (3) stepped up
 - (4) stepped off
- ()

Section C – Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

A fierce wave of thunder rolled by and the two children, Kwai and Dawan, huddled closer together, under the umbrella. Then Dawan turned to her brother and asked, haltingly, "Are...Are...Are you sure now, Kwai? I am not forcing you to do this?" (16)

Kwai glanced at his sister's small face. He knew that his sister had not been sleeping well and was tired. Despite the orange glow that the umbrella cast on her, Dawan looked drained. With her lips drawn in a taut line, she looked as if she was bracing herself for a sudden slap. Kwai reached out impulsively and gently brushed a wisp of damp hair away from her cheek. "Yes, Sister," he answered solemnly, without a smile on his face. (17)

By the time they had reached the house, the rain got smaller and only the sudden shuddering of leafy trees scattered some wayward raindrops down onto them. Dawan noticed their grandmother first. She lifted up her bony arm and beckoned for the children to join her. Dawan steered Kwai away from the steps and to the shelter under the house. (18)

16. (1) angrily
(2) proudly
(3) hesitantly
(4) hard-heartedly

Adapted from: Sing To The Dawn

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17. (1) deprived
(2) exhausted
(3) dehydrated
(4) impoverished

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18. (1) merrily
(2) critically
(3) gleefully
(4) seriously

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19. (1) ceased
(2) subsided
(3) intensified
(4) degenerated

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20. (1) gestured
(2) instigated
(3) fluctuated
(4) approached

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Section D – Visual Text Comprehension (8 x 1 mark)

Study this flyer carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28.

Free Pet Health Check Fair

Owning a pet is a commitment that will last the lifetime of the animal, perhaps 5 or 15 years. You play a key role in ensuring their well-being is taken care of! Register now for a free pet health check! The session is the first in a series of free pet health checks organised by the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority (AVA), in partnership with private vets, to educate pet owners on the importance of routine veterinary care and preventive pet care.



Date: 4 June 2016, Saturday
Venue: West Spring Community Centre
Time: 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

FREE pet health check (worth \$50)

FREE microchipping (worth \$80)

FREE pet hearing test (worth \$120)

Dog licensing services (subsidised rate)

Pre-registration:

- ❖ Only one pet per owner
- ❖ First 100 pets only
- ❖ Walk-ins are not encouraged

To pre-register, contact West Spring Community Centre at 68901234 and bring along the Identity Card of the owner for verification of ownership.

Organised by:



AVA
Agri-Food and
Veterinary Authority



People's Association



What to expect at the fair:

- Five stations, including an educational booth and several consultation stations
- Private vets will conduct clinical examination and microchipping of pets
- Thirty student veterinaries from Terrific Polytechnic will conduct hearing test for the pets

FREE BOOK!

*For successful registrants

Interested to know the key areas of your pet's health that you should take note of? Get this book titled 'Pets for Life' for free! Here is an excerpt of some of the key areas that are covered in the book.

Behaviour Management

Pets cannot talk to you so their behaviour is their way of telling you if they are happy or sad! Sometimes, pets' behaviour can be annoying or even worrying! However, it is important for pet owners to realise that their pets' bad and quirky habits are not always a part of their personality. Their behaviour is affected by these factors: nutrition, stress, illness and genetic issues.

Nutrition and Weight

Good nutrition is vital to your pets' health. It improves their longevity and quality of life! Pets' diet depends on their size, breed, age, activity, stress level and medical history. Obesity or being underweight usually leads to poor health and a shorter lifespan. **They** may also suffer from chronic diseases!



Dental Health

Protecting your pet's teeth and gums is essential. Prevention of dental diseases is achieved by paying close attention to your pet's diet, regular brushing with pet toothpaste and toothbrushes and rinsing with special gels. As with human teeth, dental disease is caused when residual food, bacteria and calcium deposits form plaque and tartar on your pet's teeth. Failure to address these problems may result in bacteria carried into your pet's bloodstream, causing severe, long-term oral health issues that are sometimes fatal.



Adapted from: <https://justforpets.com.au/pet-health-centre/>

For each question from 21 to 28, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

21. The main purpose of the flyer is to _____.

- (1) encourage more people to own a pet
- (2) attract people to become a veterinarian
- (3) inform people of the free pet health check
- (4) educate people on the procedure for microchipping ()

22. Successful registrants would not receive _____ for free.

- (1) a book
- (2) dog licensing service
- (3) microchipping for one^S pet
- (4) pet health check for one pet per owner ()

23. According to the flyer, the free pet health check is _____.

- (1) solely for pets which are unwell
- (2) organised by People's Association and Terrific Polytechnic
- (3) the only session organised by AVA
- (4) conducted at West Spring Community Centre ()

24. The clinical examination and microchipping of pets will be carried out by _____.

- (1) private vets
- (2) experienced pet owners
- (3) Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority
- (4) student veterinaries from Terrific Polytechnic ()

25. According to the flyer, which of the following is **not** a factor that would affect the pets' behaviour?

- (1) Stress
- (2) Illness
- (3) Gende
- (4) Nutrition ()

26. What does the word 'They' in the sentence "They may also suffer from chronic diseases!" under the subject heading "Nutrition and Weight" refer to?

- (1) pet owners
- (2) pets which are obese or underweight
- (3) pets which did not pass the hearing test
- (4) pets which received free pet health check

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27. Owning a pet is a commitment that will last the lifetime of the animal. "Commitment" has the same meaning as _____.

- (1) task
- (2) contract
- (3) exemption
- (4) responsibility

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28. The book which is given to successful registrants has topics related to _____.

- (1) dental health, nutrition and weight only
- (2) behaviour management, nutrition and weight only
- (3) behaviour management, nutrition and weight and dental health only
- (4) behaviour management, nutrition and weight, dental health and other areas related to pets' health

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2

Booklet B

Name: _____ ()

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Date: 9 May 2016

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Section E – Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable answer 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.

Each word can be used only ONCE.

(A) about	(D) beyond	(G) of	(K) our	(N) to
(B) as	(E) by	(H) off	(L) that	(P) who
(C) at	(F) into	(J) on	(M) the	(Q) with

Do you remember the tsunami that occurred in the North East Coast of Japan on 11 March 2011? Many of us still have the images _____ the waves ripping into buildings and uprooting everything in its path etched deeply in _____ minds. Amidst the fear and horror of the immediate catastrophe, _____ tsunami had damaged the cooling system of the Fukushima Daishi Nuclear Power Plant. Its workers knew that there was an imminent threat of nuclear fallout and the effects would extend _____ Fukushima if the damage was not rectified in time. Time continued to tick away _____ the senior management considered how to cool four of the nuclear reactors. Electrical and back-up power supplies were cut off due _____ the tsunami. If the nuclear fuel rods were not cooled _____ the rods would melt and cause radioactive material to be released. There were even rumours _____ the government might evacuate millions of people in Tokyo. At that point, some employees of the Power Plant chose to remain _____ the Power Plant to do what they could to prevent the nuclear fallout. They were named 'Fukushima 50' _____ the media although the actual number ran into the hundreds. 'Fukushima 50' willingly worked round the clock in dangerous conditions to ensure that no lives were lost.

Adapted from: Unsung Heroes of Fukushima, Think Earth 2013

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Section F – Editing for Spelling & Grammar (12 x 1 mark)

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes.

The 'Green Corridor' is an uninterrupted stretch of greenery and woodlands that

runs from the old Tanjong Pagar Rail Station to the border of Malaysia. Years ago, it

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was the begining of a rail network that was planned to extend all the way to Russia. Now,

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this incredorable stretch of ecological and culturally significant land has being

re-surfaced to allow the community access to a 'Green Corridor' through the city.

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The Green Corridor Run 2016 was held in conjunston with Singapore's World

Water Day celebrations. World Water Day (WWD) celebrated annually on 22 March,

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starts as a United Nations initiative to focus atenttion on the 768 million people who

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lack access for fresh drinking water and sanitation. To help raise aware, a new category

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within the race, known as the Water Challenge was launched - these was unlike anything

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else in Singapore and allowed participants to experiece first-hand what it was

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like for 44% of the world's population that had to walk long distances to fetch clean

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water for their families' daily use. This year, there was about 11 000 participants who

raced down the Rail Corridor. This was the last event that took place at the Tanjong

Pagar Rail Station.

Adapted from: <http://www.todayonline.com>

Section G – Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Many years ago, when explorers first went to Antarctica, they saw creatures they had never seen before. They were not sure what kind of animals they were. The explorers realised that these creatures _____ most of their time in the ocean. They had wings _____ (51) _____ (52) could not fly. Instead, they swam very fast and _____ (53) their wings as flippers. Some people thought the mysterious animals were very strange fish. Guess what? They were penguins! There are about seventeen _____ (54) of penguins and they live in the southern seas all the way _____ (55) Antarctica to the equator.

Once a year, they live in Antarctica or on the surrounding sea ice to breed and _____ (56) their chicks. Over 100 000 penguins can gather in one place. The rookeries _____ (57) noisy, busy places. Penguins make noise to attract mates or to _____ (58) their territories against other penguins.

Penguins' bodies are made for speed in the water. Their webbed feet push the _____ (59) aside as they swim. They use their stiff, pointed tails as rudders for steering which make them look as _____ (60) they are flying underwater! Unlike most birds, penguins have heavy bones. This extra weight helps them _____ (61) underwater for a long time. The bones on their wings are flat and tightly fitted together.

Penguins are always on the lookout for _____ (62). They eat fish, squid and other small sea creatures. Penguins do not have teeth. Instead, they have sharp little bristles on their tongues that _____ (63) the fish from escaping.

Antarctic penguins have extra layers of fat in their bodies to trap heat in order to protect them from the _____.
(64)

Penguins have more feathers than most birds. These short, thick feathers act like raincoats. Little oil sacs can also be found near their tails. Penguins apply the oil _____ their feathers which makes their feathers waterproof.
(65)

Penguins also moult once a year. This is a time when they lose their feathers and grow new ones.

Adapted from: Penguins and Antarctica

Section H – Synthesis and Transformation (5 x 2 marks)

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).

66. The boys wanted to win the race. They trained dilligently.

_____ in order to

67. Tom went to bed early because he was too tired to complete his assignment.

Too tired _____

68. Alison is tying the magazines up neatly. She can give them to the rag-and-bone man when he comes.

69. Mr Tan asked the children, "Did you enjoy the movie?"

Mr Tan asked _____

70. Jane went to the birthday party. Her father permitted her to go.

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Section I – Comprehension Open-ended (20 marks)

Read this passage and answer questions 71 to 80.

The ship slowly moved away from the dock. Her crew worked busily while the passengers stood on the decks, some looking out at the sea and others waving to their families and friends. Apart from the crew, I was the only one who had no friends or relatives with me or to see me off. In one pathetic move, I raised my hand to wave goodbye to Singapore.

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The huge merchant vessel carried both cargo and passengers. It moved at about ten nautical miles per hour. Navigation was by landmarks and compass bearings, the stars in the night and sun positions in the day. The journey would take thirty-nine days with six stopovers between Singapore and Southampton.

The crew of about thirty consisted of the captain, deck officers, engineers, stewards, cooks and sailors. Everything in the ship was basic and functional including my third-class four-person cabin. All the cabins had an area of about fourteen square metres, a height of two metres and a small porthole for ventilation. I shared my cabin with an elderly Frenchman named Anton, a Portuguese priest and a quiescent young man of unknown nationality. There were not many variety of activities on board. The days I had on the ship were spent on eating, sleeping, reading, writing my diary and looking at the stars and the sea.

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The first part of the journey was through the Straits of Malacca. The voyage should be smooth unless we had the misfortune to meet pirates that plied the route targeting Europe-bound ships. The passengers were given strict instructions to stay in the cabins if the ship were to slow down and a signal was sounded. The captain and his officers would handle the pirates and after a bit of delay, we would be on our way again. If the ship was robbed of some of its coal, we would have to stop over at Penang for bunkering and the trip would be extended by two days. Fortunately, we did not have such an encounter and headed for Colombo without any trouble.

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For twelve days, we were blessed with fine weather and small storms that came and went quickly. Mother Nature displayed her full glory with sensational sunrises and sunsets, and beautiful rainbows that spanned the sky after showers. However, on the thirteenth day, the ship hit a tropical cyclone that threw it about ferociously. Gigantic waves behaved like whips rather than bodies of water. Things were crashing down, people were falling and every other person was throwing up. Anton, who was partially blind and deaf, clung tightly to me. He was shouting words that I did not understand and was yelling even louder thinking that I could not hear him.

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After a while, the young man of unknown nationality told me the old man needed his medicine that could be found in a bag under the bunk bed. When Anton had his medicine, he seemed sedated and released his clasp on me. I stayed close to him in case he needed more help.

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Twenty-four hours passed and the storm was still raging. None of the passengers ventured outside and the cabins were getting into an uninhabitable state. If one did not get nauseated from motion sickness, it would be from the foul smell of vomit. No food was served and nobody had the appetite anyway. I could not take it on the second day of the storm and I went to stand at the deck for some fresh air.

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Adapted from: Son of an Immigrant

71 What was the reason for the 'pathetic move' when the writer waved goodbye to Singapore? (2m)

72. How was the ship navigated? Support your answer with two pieces of information from the passage. (2m)

73. Choose words from **paragraphs 3 and 4** which have similar meanings to the words below. (3m)

a) quiet	
b) stolen from	
c) luckily	

74. In **paragraph 4**, it was mentioned that a signal would be sounded. What were the passengers required to do when they heard the signal? (1m)

75. Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. The first one has been done for you. (3m)

Word from the passage	What the word refers to
I (line 3)	the writer
Her (line 1)	
we (line 19)	
it (line 40)	

76. Why did Anton cling tightly to the writer? (2m)

77. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage: (1m)

_____ The ship hit a tropical cyclone.

_____ Anton started yelling and shouting.

_____ The writer raised his hand to wave goodbye to Singapore.

78. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. (3m)

	True / False	Reason
The writer was occupied by a variety of activities on board.		
The elderly French man spoke the same language as the writer.		
The captain knew what to do if the ship was robbed of some coal.		

79. Which word from **paragraph 7** shows that the condition in the cabin was not suitable for living? (1m)

80. Why did the writer brave the weather to get some fresh air? (2m)

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EXAM PAPER 2016 (P5)

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1	2	4	4	1	4	1	4	4	1
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
3	2	2	1	3	3	2	4	2	1
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
3	2	4	1	3	2	4	4	G	K
Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38		
M	D	B	N	H	L	C	E		

- 39)beginning 40)incredible 41)been 42)conjunction
43)started 44)attention 45)to 46)awareness 47)this
48)experience 49)population 50)were 51)spent
52)yet/which/that 53)used 54)types/species 55)from
56)raise/rear 57)are 58)guard/defend/protect 59)water
60)though/if 61)stay/more/swim/remain/travel 62)prey/food
63)stop/prevent/keep 64)cold/coldness 65)on/onto/to
66)The boys trained diligently in order to win the race.
67)Too tired to complete his assignment, Tom went to bed early.

68) Alison is tying the magazines up neatly so that she can give them to the rag-and-bone man when he comes.

69) Mr Tan asked the children if they had enjoyed the movie.

70) Jane went to the birthday party with her father's permission.

71) The writer was the only one who had no friends or relatives with the writer or to see the writer off.

72) The ship navigated by land marks and compass bearings, the stars in the night and sun positions in the day.

73) a) quiescent

b) robbed

c) Fortunately

74) The passengers were required to stay in the cabins.

75) Her (line 1) --- the ship

We (line 19) --- the passengers

If (line 40) ---- being nauseated/feeling nauseous

76) Anton was scared and needed his medicine.

77) 2, 3, 1

78) False / The writer could only eat, sleep, read, write his diary stargazed.

False / The writer could not understand the word shouted by the elderly French man.

True / The captain would stop over at Penang for bunkering.

79) uninhabitable.

80) There was no food served and the writer could not take the foul smell of vomit.