



## PRIMARY 5 MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2015

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 12 May 2015

Class : Primary 5 \_\_\_\_\_

Time: 10.30 a.m. – 12.20 p.m.

Duration: 1 hour 50 minutes

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## ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2 (BOOKLET A)

### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Write your name, class and register number.
2. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.
5. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

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

1. Sabrina \_\_\_\_\_ her father's business for almost two years now.
  - (1) ran
  - (2) runs
  - (3) was running
  - (4) has been running
  
2. Why didn't you \_\_\_\_\_ your principal the truth yesterday? asked the teacher.
  - (1) tell
  - (2) told
  - (3) had told
  - (4) have told
  
3. Each of the orphans \_\_\_\_\_ a present at the party last night.
  - (1) is given
  - (2) are given
  - (3) was given
  - (4) were given
  
4. \_\_\_\_\_ a cure for this strange disease is discovered, thousands will die from it each year.
  - (1) As
  - (2) Until
  - (3) When
  - (4) Though
  
5. Thieves have made \_\_\_\_\_ with the most valuable painting in the gallery.
  - (1) up
  - (2) off
  - (3) out
  - (4) into

6. Two men, \_\_\_\_\_ of whom was a fireman, dashed into the burning building to rescue the child.

- (1) both
- (2) each
- (3) either
- (4) neither

7. The most popular sport in the world is \_\_\_\_\_ a doubt soccer.

- (1) like
- (2) except
- (3) without
- (4) against

8. Mrs Cheong's car will \_\_\_\_\_ tomorrow as promised by the mechanic.

- (1) repair
- (2) repairing
- (3) be repaired
- (4) have repaired

9. After the game, the scouts would sit around the campfire and \_\_\_\_\_ songs.

- (1) sing
- (2) sang
- (3) have sung
- (4) were singing

10. If any visitors \_\_\_\_\_ come, ask them for their particulars.

- (1) may
- (2) could
- (3) would
- (4) should

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

11. The \_\_\_\_\_ of this magazine is unsuitable for those below 18 years of age.

- (1) topic
- (2) content
- (3) knowledge
- (4) information

12. The Indoor Stadium is a popular \_\_\_\_\_ for concerts by top entertainers.

- (1) venue
- (2) location
- (3) building
- (4) destination

13. The beautifully carved vase is the \_\_\_\_\_ of his year-long labour.

- (1) aim
- (2) fruit
- (3) work
- (4) subject

14. We could hardly hear the speaker as his voice was completely \_\_\_\_\_ by the rowdy crowd.

- (1) doused
- (2) silenced
- (3) drowned
- (4) absorbed

15. Displayed \_\_\_\_\_ on the front gate of the house was a big red sign that read: "For Sale".

- (1) secretly
- (2) urgently
- (3) accurately
- (4) prominently

For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

It is often said that reading broadens the mind. Seeking to do just that, librarians (16) from Singapore are joining in the efforts to help promote a robust reading culture among (17) Sri Lankan children. Since September 2014, the librarians have been conducting workshops to help their counterparts from the Sri Lanka Public Library develop innovative (18) reading programmes. They organise outreach programmes and train the Sri Lankan librarians in making full use of the library's services. (19)

This project is taking place over three sessions followed by a week-long study visit to Singapore for six Sri Lankan librarians. The Sri Lanka Public Library will be remodelled (20) as part of the project. Sri Lankan children can soon look forward to enjoying reading, playing multimedia games and surfing the Net.

Adapted from Singapore International Foundation magazine

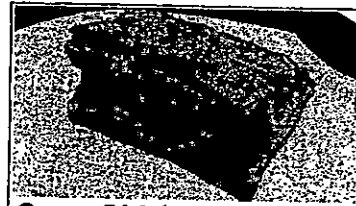
16. (1) Aiming  
(2) Keeping  
(3) Straining  
(4) Struggling
17. (1) bright  
(2) strong  
(3) sturdy  
(4) powerful
18. (1) creative  
(2) traditional  
(3) distinctive  
(4) extraordinary
19. (1) devices  
(2) facilities  
(3) appliances  
(4) accessories
20. (1) restored  
(2) redesigned  
(3) reassembled  
(4) reconditioned

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

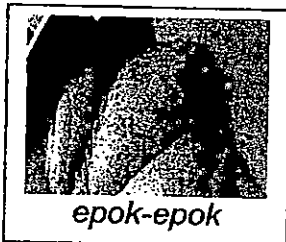
## CURRY-ING ON

The curry puff is a common snack that has gone beyond cultural boundaries.

*The curry puff is a small pie with a curried potato filling. It is sold at food centres, snack kiosks in shopping centres, bus interchanges and even cafes. It's available almost everywhere in Singapore!*



Curry Chicken Feuillette  
(a French curry puff) ©



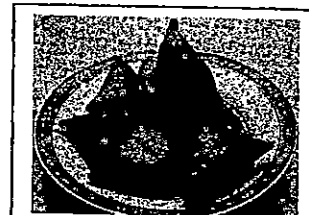
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### Interesting Facts!

- The Portuguese introduced the curry puff to the Southeast Asian region in the 16<sup>th</sup> century.
- The Malaysian *epok-epok* (curry puff) is derived from the Portuguese *empanada* pastry.
- *Empanada* is made by folding a piece of dough or bread around meat or cheese stuffing.
- Curry puffs are characterised by varying the amount of spices used.

### The Chinese, Malay or Indian culture is reflected in the crust.

- The flaky British-style pastry is used in many Chinese and Malay versions.
- The Indians make samosas with thin European-influenced pastry.



samosas

### Types of fillings:

- chicken or potato curry
- sardines
- savoury beef *rendang* (beef slow-cooked in coconut)
- black pepper chicken or tuna.
- durian jam
- red bean paste
- potatoes carrots and onions

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## Featured Curry Puffs in Singapore

*Many Singaporeans grew up snacking on curry puffs during recess at school, for breakfast and at parties. Tradition is good business, as some of the makers of curry puffs will tell you.*



We haven't changed our recipe since 1979. The curry puffs are still our most popular item!

Ms Rozario,  
General Manager of Times Curry Puff  
Times Curry Puff  
10 Ang Mo Kio Avenue 1, #01-33



I've been using the same recipe for 53 years!

Mr Tham Hiap Tong, an employee of  
Wonderful Curry Puff  
Main outlet: 40B, Serangoon Garden Way  
Other outlets:

- 3 Tanjong Pagar Plaza #02-16
- 5 Garden Market Food Centre

Our crust is the best among the traditional ones!



Madam Wee, founder of Good Old Days Puffs with many outlets across Singapore

### SIMPLE CURRY PUFF RECIPE



#### Making the filling

1. Cut the potatoes into small pieces.
2. Boil the potatoes.
3. Stir fry the potatoes with chopped onions and curry spices in a pan.
4. Let the filling cool down to room temperature.

#### Making the pastry

1. Combine the flour, salt and yeast in a bowl.
2. Add lukewarm water and knead the dough for about 10 minutes.
3. Let the dough rest.

Roll out the dough and cut circles out of it. Fill the pastry and fry the puffs in hot oil. Serve the puffs hot with either chilli or tomato sauce.

For each question from 21 to 28, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

21. According to the article, \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) curry puffs are regarded as rare snacks
- (2) curry puffs are only sold at snack kiosks island wide
- (3) Singaporeans began eating curry puffs after the 16<sup>th</sup> century
- (4) the French version of a curry puff is the Curry Chicken Feuillette

22. The *Empanada* pastry originated from the \_\_\_\_\_ culture.

- (1) Malay
- (2) Indian
- (3) Chinese
- (4) Portuguese

23. Which of the following are not examples of curry puff fillings?

- (1) flour, salt and yeast
- (2) durian jam or bean paste
- (3) potatoes, carrots and onions
- (4) black pepper chicken or tuna

24. Which of the following statements is true?

- (1) Some curry puffs are spicier than others.
- (2) Meat and cheese are stuffing found in all curry puffs.
- (3) Different cultural groups produce the same flaky crust for their curry puffs.
- (4) The Indians were not affected by the European ways of making curry puffs.

25. Times Curry Puff outlet is located at \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) Ang Mo Kio
- (2) Tanjong Pagar
- (3) Serangoon Garden Way
- (4) Garden Market Food Centre



- 26: The article features interviews with personnel from well-known curry puff companies to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) feature companies that employ the elderly
  - (2) inform readers that traditional recipes are still used today
  - (3) invite members of the public to vote for the best curry puff
  - (4) encourage Singaporeans to start their own curry puff business
27. Which of the following is **not** a step in making curry puffs?
- (1) Cut the potatoes into small pieces.
  - (2) Add lukewarm water and knead the dough.
  - (3) Stir fry the potatoes, chopped onions and curry spices.
  - (4) Roll out the dough and cut it into strips to make the crust.
28. The interviewees ended all their responses with exclamation marks because they \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) wanted to shock the readers
  - (2) were nervous during the interview
  - (3) could not wait for the interview to end
  - (4) were proud of what they had to share with the readers .

Go on to Booklet B



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## ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2 (BOOKLET B)

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1. Write your name, class and register number.
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3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.

There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38, 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) because	(G) how	(K) out	(N) who
(B) and	(E) down	(H) in	(L) to	(P) whom
(C) at	(F) for	(J) into	(M) when	(Q) with

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One sunny Saturday, I decided to go for a walk. There is a path near my house that runs \_\_\_\_\_ a river for about two kilometres. On my finger was a very special ring designed \_\_\_\_\_ hold a diamond which my grandmother had given me. I looked \_\_\_\_\_ my ring as I began my walk, feeling as sunny as the day.

Imagine my grief \_\_\_\_\_ I realised that the diamond was missing at the end of my stroll. Panic-stricken, I started to retrace my steps looking \_\_\_\_\_ the precious gem. The path was long, stony and covered \_\_\_\_\_ leaves and debris.

As I scanned the ground, crying \_\_\_\_\_ distressed, I met an elderly gentleman. "What's the matter?" he asked kindly. "Lost something?" I told him my plight and showed him the hole \_\_\_\_\_ my ring. "That's going to be hard to find. Tell you what, dear, I walk along this track every day. I'll keep my eyes open for it," he said. I thanked him and mentioned that if he ever found my diamond, he could hand it to my husband, \_\_\_\_\_ often walked our dog along the path.

Unbelievably, the gentleman found the tiny jewel and was delighted to return the diamond to my husband. When he offered the old man money for his trouble, he declined politely. I still think of \_\_\_\_\_ kind and generous the man was. He could have conveniently kept the diamond and sold it for a hefty sum but he did not.

Adapted from 'The Lost Diamond' by Kate Squires

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (12 marks)

*Situated at the heart of Singapore's lively Robertson Quay waterfront district, The Shabestan Food Palace offers a beautiful dining expiriance by the riverside. It is where you can enjoy exquisite Persian cuisine. Its menu comprises authentic dishes based upon traditional recipes. The head chef, Mohammad Hosseini, used a delicate blend of fine Iranian spices and fresh herbs. The fine ingredients make the dishes colourful, healthy and delishes.*

*The Shabestan Food Palace uses a speical spice called Saffron in its dishes. Saffron, also refers to as the golden spice, is deemed to be pricier than real gold. It is used generously to spice on the taste of the food. Chef Mohammad mixes fruits such as pomegranates, prunes, reisins and nuts with olive oil. These ingredients are rich in naturel goodness. The Shabestan Food Palace also selects premium lamb, beef, chicken and fish. Many reviewers agree that the fresh charcoal grilled meats were "must-haves". They rave about the Persian breads sold in the restaraunt which are "not to be missed". The breads are made on the premises in a traditional clay oven. Each bread is crispy yet soft, and it brought out the full flavours of cheese and yoghurt. They can be served with sumptuous dips or eaten on their own.*

Adapted from 'A Taste of Persia' by Elaine Ng

Keller Laros, a diving instructor, was leading a group of divers on a tour in the waters off Hawaii. They were viewing some manta rays. Nothing seemed to be out of the \_\_\_\_\_ but all of a sudden, they heard a loud squeak. Laros turned \_\_\_\_\_ (51) and saw a bottlenose dolphin about five metres behind him. The dolphin swam around Laros and the other \_\_\_\_\_. (52) What struck Laros immediately about the \_\_\_\_\_ (53) was that it was alone. (54)

Laros had seen five such bottlenose dolphins the previous night. He found \_\_\_\_\_ (55) to be very curious and intelligent animals. Laros, who had done more than 10,000 dives, quickly knew that something was \_\_\_\_\_. (56) When the dolphin circled him again, Laros noticed that it had a fishing line hooked onto \_\_\_\_\_ fin. (57) He wanted the dolphin to come closer so he gestured \_\_\_\_\_ his hand. (58) The dolphin swam right up to him. A hook had latched onto the dolphin's \_\_\_\_\_. (59) The attached fishing line wrapped around the fin and trailed off down the side of the dolphin.

Laros was able to remove the hook \_\_\_\_\_, (60) but he still needed to get it untangled from the line. As the dolphin patiently floated inches in front of him, Laros took out the diving \_\_\_\_\_ (61) that he had carried in his suit, including a pair of scissors. He was able to clip the line off the dolphin's fin, but there was \_\_\_\_\_ a little line left. (62) The dolphin came up for a \_\_\_\_\_ of air before diving into the water. Then, Laros and another diver removed as much line from under the fin as they \_\_\_\_\_ (63)

\_\_\_\_\_ (64)

"The dolphin was happy with our work. It swam away and we never saw it \_\_\_\_\_" (65) said Laros. "It's a huge thrill to be able to help an animal in trouble."

Adapted from NBC online news, 'Diver who saved Dolphin' January 2013

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 received a card from Sue. I had met her at the Flower Festival last year.

\_\_\_\_\_ whom  
\_\_\_\_\_

67. You can avoid back pain. You should maintain good posture.

If \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68. Mindy was diligent and attentive throughout the first lesson. Mrs Goh was delighted.

Mindy's \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. "I hope my broken toe will heal soon," the badminton player told his coach.

The badminton player told \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70. Nora was generous. She donated a thousand dollars to charity.

Out of her \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The passengers on the bus watched sympathetically as the attractive young woman with the white cane made her way carefully up the steps. After paying her fare, she used her hands to find the seat which the bus driver had told her was empty. Then, she placed her briefcase on her lap and rested her cane against her leg.

It had been a year since Susan lost her eyesight in an accident. She was suddenly thrown into a world of darkness, anger and self-pity. Fortunately, she had a loving husband, Mark. **5**

Mark was an Air Force officer. When Susan first lost her sight, he watched her sink into despair. In her mind, there was no difference between being awake and asleep. For the first five months, Susan would lie in bed, listening to the radio for hours. Mark was determined to help his wife gain the strength and confidence she needed to become independent again. **10**

Finally, Susan felt ready to return to her job. She used to take the bus before the accident but was now too frightened to get around the city by herself. So, Mark volunteered to drive her to work each day, even though they worked at opposite ends of the city. At first, this comforted Susan and fulfilled Mark's need to protect his wife. Soon, they realised that the arrangement was not working. Not only was it taking its toll on Mark's health, but also they had to rise as early as five every morning. **15**

Susan was horrified at the idea of taking the bus again. She had become totally dependent on Mark. "I'm blind!" she responded bitterly when Mark voiced his concern. "How am I supposed to know where I'm going? I feel like you're abandoning me." **20**

Mark's heart broke upon hearing those words. "Don't worry. I'll accompany you on the bus every morning and evening, for as long as it takes, until you're ready to take the bus on your own," he assured Susan. For two weeks, Mark, in full military uniform, followed Susan to and from work each day in the bus. He taught her everything to find her way to work by herself. "Use your sense of hearing. It'll help you to determine where you are and how to adapt to your new surroundings. Befriend the bus drivers. They can watch out for you. Ask the passengers to help you to a seat nearest to the front door. Always alight at the front door. In this way, the bus drivers can keep an eye on you..." Mark rattled on. **25**

Eventually, Susan decided she could manage on her own. Her bus trips went perfectly. Her confidence grew. She was going to work all by herself. One Friday morning, Susan took the bus to work as usual. As she was about to alight, the bus driver said, "I really envy you." Susan hesitated, unsure if he was speaking to her. After all, who on earth would ever envy a blind woman who had struggled to find the courage to live. **30**

Curious, she asked the bus driver, "Why do you say that?" **35**

The bus driver responded, "Every morning for the past week, a fine-looking gentleman in military uniform would stand at the bus stop where you always got off. He would watch you as you alighted. He made sure that you crossed the road safely and left only when you had entered your office building. You're a very lucky lady." **40**

Although Susan could not see Mark, she had always felt his presence. Immensely touched by her husband's love, care and concern, tears of happiness poured down her cheeks.

Adapted from Military's Love

71. Referring to paragraph one, how did Susan find her way around? [2m]

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72. Which word from lines 1 – 7, tells us that the passengers felt sorry for Susan? [1m]

73. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage. [1m]

- \_\_\_\_\_ Susan rebuilt her confidence and became independent.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mark accompanied his wife on bus rides.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mark drove Susan to work.

74. Based on the story, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	True / False	Reason
Susan was born blind.		
Mark and Susan worked far apart.		
Susan took the bus free-of charge as she was visually handicapped.		

75. How did Susan cope at first when she became blind? [2m]

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76. Write down three things that Susan could do on the bus so that she would have a safe journey to work. [3m]

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

77. Explain clearly why Mark decided not to drive Susan to work. [2m]

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

78. Referring to paragraph 6, how did Mark pacify Susan when he suggested that she take the bus again? [2m]

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

79. What made the driver say that Susan was a lucky lady in spite of her disability? [2m]

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\_\_\_\_\_

80. Explain clearly why Susan cried tears of happiness. [2m]

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## EXAM PAPER 2015

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### Booklet A

Q1	4	Q6	4	Q11	2	Q16	1	Q21	4	Q26	2
Q2	1	Q7	3	Q12	1	Q17	2	Q22	4	Q27	4
Q3	3	Q8	3	Q13	2	Q18	1	Q23	1	Q28	4
Q4	2	Q9	1	Q14	3	Q19	2	Q24	1		
Q5	2	Q10	4	Q15	4	Q20	2	Q25	1		

### Booklet B

Q29	A	Q39	experience	Q51	ordinary
Q30	L	Q40	on	Q52	around
Q31	C	Q41	uses	Q53	divers
Q32	M	Q42	delicious	Q54	dolphins
Q33	F	Q43	special	Q55	them
Q34	Q	Q44	referred	Q56	wrong
Q35	B	Q45	up	Q57	its
Q36	H	Q46	raisins	Q58	with
Q37	N	Q47	natural	Q59	body
Q38	G	Q48	are	Q60	hook
		Q49	restaurant	Q61	gear
		Q50	brings	Q62	still
				Q63	breath
				Q64	could
				Q65	again

- Q66 I received a card from Sue whom I met at the Flower Festival last year.
- Q67 If you maintain good posture, you can avoid back pain.
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- Q69 The badminton player told his coach that he hoped his broken toe would heal soon.
- Q70 Out of her generosity, Nora donated a thousand dollars to charity.
- Q71 She would use her white cane and her hands.
- Q72 sympathetically
- Q73 3,2,1

Q74	False	Susan lost her eyesight in an accident.
	True	They worked at opposite ends of the city.
	False	She had to pay her fare before finding a seat.

Q75 Susan sank into despair and would lie in bed, listening to the radio for hours.

Q76 (1) Befriend the bus drivers  
 (2) Ask passengers to help her to a seat nearest to the front door.  
 (3) Alight at the front door.

Q77 The arrangement was taking its toll on Mark's health and they had to rise as early as five every morning.

Q78 He would accompany her on the bus every morning and evening, until Susan was ready to take the bus on her own.

Q79 Mark would make sure Susan crosses the road safely and leaves only when she entered her office building.

Q80 She was touched by her husband's love, care and concern.