

TAO NAN SCHOOL

PRIMARY 5 ENGLISH LANGUAGE END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION -- 2007

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

Name: _____ ()

Date: 23 October 2007

Class: Primary 5 _____

Time: 8.00 a.m. to 9.50 a.m.

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.

BOOKLET A

	SCORE	MARKS
BOOKLET A		30
BOOKLET B		65
TOTAL		95

Parent's Signature: _____

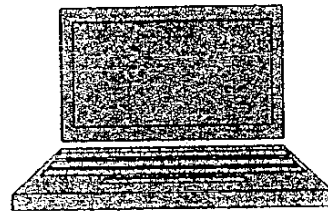
Section A (5 x1 mark)

Graphic Stimulus

Study the following advertisement and then answer questions 1 to 5.

**Be A Member of
COMPMART
And Enjoy These Benefits!**

- Up to 50% discount on computer products
- Free delivery and installation
- 24-hour technical support (Call Technical Assistant at 62353535)
- Free 10-year warranty
- \$30 voucher for lifetime members only



Name : _____

Address : _____

Contact Number : _____

* Email Address : _____

APPLYING FOR :

1-year Membership
Membership Fee : \$20

3-year Membership
Membership Fee : \$40

5-year Membership
Membership Fee : \$60

Lifetime Membership
Membership Fee : \$80
(free for purchases exceeding \$15 000)

Signature : _____ Date : _____

Please send completed form to **COMPMART**
123 Wood Ring Road
Singapore 456123
or fax form to 68765432

For more information, log on to *http://www.compmart.com.sg*
or call Suzy at 97773777

* Required if you want to receive our regular newsletter

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 OAS.

1. Compmart is a company which _____.
 - (1) advertises for technical support
 - (2) gives out vouchers to all members
 - (3) sells and installs computer products
 - (4) provides lifetime membership for loyal customers

2. In order to just purchase a laptop at a discounted price, Julia needs to fill in the form and pay at least _____.
 - (1) \$20
 - (2) \$40
 - (3) \$60
 - (4) \$80

3. To receive Compmart's regular newsletter, Julia should _____.
 - (1) call Suzy at 67773777
 - (2) submit her email address
 - (3) log on to Compmart website
 - (4) fax in her request to 68765432

4. Which of the following statements is **true** if Julia is a member of Compmart?
 - (1) She has to pay for her laptop to be installed.
 - (2) She has to collect her laptop at 123, Wood Ring Road.
 - (3) She does not need to pay for membership if she spends \$15 000.
 - (4) She does not need to wait for a sale to buy a laptop at a discount.

5. The **main** purpose of the advertisement is to _____.
 - (1) advertise computer products
 - (2) obtain customers' personal particulars
 - (3) attract customers to be members of Compmart
 - (4) keep the public informed of Compmart's regular sales

Section B (7 x 1 mark)

Grammar

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 OAS.

6. I saw John _____ from the flight of stairs today.

- (1) fall
- (2) fell
- (3) falls
- (4) fallen

7. _____ determination and perseverance, you will succeed eventually.

- (1) By
- (2) For
- (3) With
- (4) Under

8. The lady, _____ handbag has been stolen, is crying.

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

9. Joseph made it to the finals, _____ he?

- (1) does
- (2) doesn't
- (3) did
- (4) didn't

10. Everyone in the auditorium, including the ushers, _____ given a small gift as a token of appreciation last night.

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

11. Bala will not win the game _____ he tries his best.

- (1) when
- (2) while
- (3) unless
- (4) because

12. The audience are getting restless. They _____ in the hall for half an hour but the concert has not started yet.

- (1) will have sat
- (2) would have sat
- (3) had been sitting
- (4) have been sitting

Section C (3 x 1 mark)

Punctuation

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 OAS.

There was a car full of old women. As it was moving along very slowly, a police officer gestured the driver to pull over and asked her why she was driving so slowly (13)

The driver replied, "Well, the sign over there says '23' so I was driving at 23 kilometres per hour."

"No, that's the route number, not the speed limit (14) You can drive at 60 kilometres per hour," the police officer explained patiently.

The driver then laughed, "Oh, that explains why the rest were yelling at me just now."

The officer asked why and a passenger from behind screeched, "Because we just got off route 125 (15)

13. (1) (:) colon
(2) (,) comma
(3) (.) full stop
(4) (?) question mark

14. (1) (,) comma
(2) (.) full stop
(3) (?) question mark
(4) (!) exclamation mark

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

Section D (5 x 1 mark)

Vocabulary

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 OAS.

16. Why does Gary look so _____? He looks as if some misfortune has befallen him.
- (1) doubtful
 - (2) dominant
 - (3) distrustful
 - (4) distraught
17. Due to the poor _____, the movie did not receive good reviews as many critics felt that the actors and actresses were playing ill-suited roles.
- (1) cue
 - (2) climax
 - (3) casting
 - (4) conflict
18. Although the F1 racer did not come in first, his determination to finish the race despite the damage to his car won him the admiration of the _____.
- (1) audience
 - (2) observers
 - (3) witnesses
 - (4) spectators
19. Jane read the _____ in the newspapers as she wanted to give her friend a bestseller.
- (1) comic strips
 - (2) book review
 - (3) editorial content
 - (4) television schedule
20. Due to the unexpected bombings, the _____ that was sent to the Middle East to gather news for his article could not return to his country.
- (1) media
 - (2) reporter
 - (3) publisher
 - (4) illustrator

Section E (5 x 1 mark)

Vocabulary Cloze

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

The belief that animals can predict earthquakes has been around for years. In
(21)
373 B.C., historians recorded that animals, including rats, snakes and weasels, abandoned the
(22)
Greek city of Helice in huge numbers. They did so days before a quake destroyed the place.
(23)

Accounts of similar animal anticipation of earthquakes have surfaced across the
centuries since. Catfish moving violently, chickens that stop laying eggs and bees leaving
their hive in a panic have been reported. Countless pet owners claimed to have witnessed
their cats and dogs acting strangely before the ground shook—barking or whining for no
(24)
apparent reason, or showing signs of nervousness and restlessness.
(25)

21. (1) discern
(2) foretell
(3) estimate
(4) perceive
22. (1) deserted
(2) abdicated
(3) surrendered
(4) relinquished
23. (1) ruined
(2) jostled
(3) trounced
(4) overcame

24. (1) queerly
(2) startlingly
(3) remarkably
(4) astoundingly

25. (1) vital
(2) main
(3) basic
(4) obvious

Section F (5 x 1 mark)

Comprehension

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30 based on the passage.

There are more than 500 different kinds of carnivorous plants, with diets ranging from insects to spiders to one or two-cell organisms. To be considered carnivorous, a plant must attract, trap, kill and digest insects or other animal life.

One carnivorous plant in particular has captured the public's imagination - The Venus flytrap. Many people first see this amazing plant in action during their elementary school years and are fascinated by its strange dietary habits and unique appearance. 5

Although the Venus flytrap has captivated people across the world, the plant actually grows in an incredibly small geographic area. In the wild, these plants are found in a 1200-kilometre region along the coast of North and South Carolina. Within this area, they are further limited to living in humid and sunny areas such as swamps and wetlands. 10

Movies such as *Jumanji* and *Little Shop of Horrors* give the Venus flytrap a bad reputation. While Audrey, the mutant flytrap in the movie *Little Shop of Horrors*, developed a taste for humans, the Venus flytrap actually feeds on insects and arachnids like spiders, flies, caterpillars, crickets and slugs.

Non-carnivorous plants, on the other hand, depend on the soil around them for survival. 15 They must make amino acids, vitamins and other cellular components to live. To accomplish this, these plants absorb nutrients like nitrogen, magnesium, calcium and potassium from the soil.

Although Venus flytraps get a good deal of their sustenance like other plants do, the soil they grow in is not as rich. Thus, they eat insects to ensure they obtain the necessary amount of 20 nutrients. In the swamps where they live in, the soil is acidic. Minerals and other nutrients are also scarce. Most non-carnivorous plants cannot survive in this environment because they cannot make enough of the building blocks that are necessary for growth.

The Venus flytrap has the ability to thrive in this unique ecological conditions because insects provide a good source of the nutrients that are missing from the soil. They also contain 25 energy-laden carbohydrates. 120

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26. Many people are extremely interested in the Venus flytrap because it _____.
- (1) can live in swamps and wetlands
 - (2) has a unique way of protecting itself
 - (3) has peculiar ways of obtaining nutrients
 - (4) can only grow in an incredibly small geographic area
27. Which of the following statements does **not** describe the habitat of the Venus flytrap?
- (1) Venus flytrap grows in a hot environment.
 - (2) Venus flytrap grows in a wet environment.
 - (3) Venus flytrap grows in a dry environment.
 - (4) Venus flytrap grows in a damp environment.
28. The word 'They' in line 16 refers to _____.
- (1) Vitamins
 - (2) Amino acids
 - (3) Venus flytraps
 - (4) Non-carnivorous plants
29. Many non-carnivorous plants do not thrive in the habitat of the Venus flytrap because _____.
- (1) the environment is too warm
 - (2) they need a unique ecological environment
 - (3) they are not able to get enough nutrients and minerals
 - (4) the Venus flytraps will steal nutrients and minerals from them
30. According to the passage, which one of the following statements is **true**?
- (1) There are more than 500 species of Venus flytraps.
 - (2) The Venus flytrap gets carbohydrates and nutrients from insects.
 - (3) A Venus flytrap tracks, kills and digests insects and small animals.
 - (4) The Venus flytraps can be found along the coast of North and West Carolina.

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BOOKLET B

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Section G (10x1 mark)
Grammar Cloze

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.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) and	(D) on	(G) their	(K) less	(N) were
(B) that	(E) has	(H) by	(L) in	(P) to
(C) while	(F) its	(J) fewer	(M) are	(Q) had

In 1885, Karl Benz, a German, invented the first motorcar. Today, the use of motorcar _____ become an important form of transport. There
(31)
_____ currently about 200 million cars on the roads all over the world. Some
(32)
cars are designed for speed, _____ others are designed to save fuel. When a
(33)
car is economical, it is able to travel a longer distance using _____ fuel.
(34)

Although cars are a comfortable and convenient form of transport, owning a car has _____ disadvantages as well. Cars can cause accidents and emit carbon
(35)
monoxide which _____ turn causes pollution. That is why, new cars these
(36)
days are designed _____ make driving safer and "cleaner". They emit less
(37)
carbon monoxide.

In the next century, we may see the production of new cars _____
(38)
use electricity or steam instead. Cars which are powered entirely _____
(39)
electricity or steam help to reduce pollution. Until such time comes, vehicles that rely
_____ fuel continue to be our main form of transport. To help save the
(40)
environment in the meantime, we should use unleaded fuel to reduce pollution.

Section H (10 x 1 mark)

Editing for Spelling and Grammar

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

I was thrilled. In conjunction with the Speak Mandarin Campaign, I had been

(41)

chosen to represent my class to **diliver** a speech on any topic in Mandarin. I was

(42)

overwhelmed by the exciting but, at the same time, I was feeling apprehensive as this was

the first time I would be speaking in front of the whole school. I would be very

(43)

embaressed if I had presented badly.

I started to look for a topic to speak on. I went to the library and looked through

(44)

its database of books and magazines. I surf the internet for information too. Finally, I

decided to give a speech about nature conservation as it was my favourite topic. After I

(45)

had did my research, I penned down a script for my speech. I memorised the script and

(46)

also **reherseed** repeatedly in front of the mirror. My parents also helped me by listening

(47)

attentively while I giving my speech at home.

On the day of the performance, instead of feeling nervous over my presentation,

(48)

I was very enthusiastick about my speech. Much to the delight of my teacher and

(49)

classmates, I was an excellent speaker! The thunderous applause that I had resieved that

day was something I could never forget.

(50)

This experience gave me the courage and confident to pursue my interest in

public speaking. I hope my teacher will give me the opportunity to speak publicly again.

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Section I (15 x 1 mark)

Comprehension Cloze

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

To many Singaporeans, Mr Lee Kong Chian is a familiar name. Popularly known as the ' Rubber and Pineapple King', he was a person who had _____ generously to our society by
(51)
pouring his wealth into education and other philanthropic work. Mr Lee was particularly concerned with the welfare of the less _____ as he could relate to them.

(52)
Coming from a poor family, his father could not _____ to send him to school.
(53)
Fortunately, his father's friends helped him pay for his education. Mr Lee Kong Chian finished his education with very good results. He first worked in a rubber and pineapple plantation before _____ up his own business. Soon, he enjoyed great success and his fortunes multiplied.
(54)

Before long, he _____ a millionaire.
(55)

Despite being wealthy, Mr Lee Kong Chian did not _____ his humble
(56)
beginnings. Knowing the importance of education and being the recipient of the act of kindness _____ by his father's friends when he was young, Mr Lee Kong Chian spent a lot of
(57)
money to build schools. Today, some of the beneficiaries of his charity _____ The
(58)

Chinese High School, Chung Cheng High and Tao Nan School. In Chinese High School, there is a library that is _____ after him. Between 1952 and 1993, the Lee Foundation Limited
(59)
which was founded by Mr Lee Kong Chian donated three hundred million dollars to various causes with

no strings _____ Mr Lee Kong Chian's generosity has provided relief to the poor
(60)
_____ all races.
(61)

Upon Mr Lee Kong Chian's death in 1967, he left a large portion of his assets to the future (62). This large sum of money was set (63) for charitable purposes. Mr Lee Kong Chian had helped (64) the lives of the poor. He will always be (65) by Singaporeans for his generosity. What a great philanthropist he was!

Source: <http://www.huayinet.org/biography/biography-leekongchian.html>

Section J (5 x 2 marks)

Synthesis

For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the words(s) provided. Your answers must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

66. The orphans are poor. They do not have many toys.

because _____

67. I have not had my dinner. My father has not had his dinner too.

Both _____

68. He will be in trouble. His mother cannot find money to pay his medical bills.

If _____

69. "Tom, can I go to the party tonight?" Samantha asked.

Samantha asked _____

70. The girls refused to talk to each other. They should work out their differences.

Instead of _____

Section K (10 x 2 marks)

Comprehension Open

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

Mendanbar reached the stream and turned left. "Maybe it had been a mistake to cancel all those boring formal festivals and dinners," he mused. "I've missed this opportunity to meet some of the ordinary people who live in the Enchanted Forest. The people who do not make trouble," he mumbled. "Ordinary" was not the right word for anyone who lived in the Enchanted Forest, not if they managed to stay alive and in more or less their proper shape. 5

His reflections were cut short by a loud roar. Glancing up, Mendanbar saw a huge lion bounding towards him along the bank of the stream. It looked fierce and was not at all friendly. As it leapt for his throat, Mendanbar hastily whipped out his wand and waved it. The lion sailed over Mendanbar's head and landed well behind him, looking surprised. It whirled and tried again, but this time Mendanbar was ready for it. With a swift wave, he froze the lion in the middle of rearing on its hind legs and stepped back to study it. 10

The lion roared again, plainly frustrated as well as deeply mortified and confused. Mendanbar frowned and waved his wand at the lion again. At once, he could understand the lion.

"Let me down!" the lion shouted. "This is entirely undignified. How dare you treat me like this?" 15

"I'm the king of this forest," said Mendanbar. "It's my job to keep it as safe as I reasonably can. Also, I don't like being jumped at when I'm just walking along, minding my own business."

"What?" the lion stopped thundering. "Oh, bother. I'm exceedingly sorry, Your Majesty. I didn't recognise you. You're not wearing your crown." 20

"That's not the point," said the King. "It shouldn't make any difference."

"On the contrary," the lion said earnestly. "I'm the guardian of the Pool of Gold, and I'm supposed to keep unauthorised people from dipping branches into it or diving into it. I know I am not supposed to attack anyone before a questioning session. But if you're the King of the Enchanted Forest, you're not an unauthorised person at all. I do apologise." 25

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Why did Mendanbar not want to attend the dinners and festivals ?

72. What would Mendanbar be able to do if he was at the festivals and dinners ?

73. Where was Mendanbar when he heard the roar ?

74. Which **four-word** phrase from **Paragraph 2** tells you that the lion was determined to hurt Mendanbar ?

75. Why did Mendanbar have to defend himself from the lion "**hastily**" (line 8)?

76. What happened to the lion the **second time** he tried to attack Mendanbar ?

77. What did Mendanbar do on his **third** use of magic?

78. Why did the lion not recognise Mendanbar?

79. What **two** things did the people do at the Pool of Gold?

80. In your own words, explain what Mendabar meant by "It shouldn't make any difference." (line 22)

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Answer Keys

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
3	1	2	4	3	1	3	3	4	3
Q11	12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
3	4	3	2	4	4	3	4	2	2
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
2	1	1	1	4	3	3	4	3	2
Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
E	M	C	K	F	L	P	B	H	D

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|-----------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| 41. deliver | 46. rehearsed | 51. donated | 56. forget | 61. of |
| 42. excitement | 47. gave | 52. fortunate | 57. done | 62. generation |
| 43. embarrassed | 48. enthusiastic | 53. afford | 58. are | 63. aside |
| 44. surfed | 49. received | 54. setting | 59. named | 64. improve |
| 45. done | 50. confidence | 55. became | 60. attached | 65. remembered |

66. The orphans do not have many toys because they are poor.
 67. Both my father and I have not had our dinner.
 68. If his mother cannot find money to pay his medical bills he will be in trouble.
 69. Samantha asked Tom if she could go to the party that night.
 70. Instead of refusing to talk to each other, the girls should work out their differences.
 71. He felt that the dinners and festivals were boring.
 72. He would be able to meet some of the ordinary people who lived in the Enchanted Forest.
 73. He was walking along the streams when he heard the roar.
 74. The phrase is "whirled and tried again".
 75. The lion had already leapt and was reaching for his Throat.
 76. It was frozen in the middle of rearing on its hind legs.
 77. He enabled the lion to speak.
 78. Mendanbar was not wearing his crown.
 79. They dripped branches and dived into the pool of Gold.
 80. The lion should be fair to everybody.