

HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL  
2008 SEMESTRAL EXAMINATION TWO  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
PRIMARY FIVE  
PAPER 2 BOOKLET A

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Class: P5 \_\_\_\_\_

Total Duration of Paper: 1h 50 min

Section	Marks	
Comprehension Graphic Stimulus		5
Grammar		7
Punctuation		3
Vocabulary		5
Vocabulary Cloze		5
Comprehension MCQ		5
Total		30

Study the advertisement below and answer question 1 to 5.

## BOOK FAIR AT MARUI MALL

DATE: 8-10 DECEMBER 2008

TIME: 10AM – 9PM

VENUE: MARUI BOOKSTORE @ MARUI MALL

The annual book fair at Marui Mall is back, bigger and better than before! With more than 5000 titles, DVDs and VCDs to choose from, this fair is a must-go for all bookworms!

Each flyer admits 5 people, so grab your family and friends and make a date with us!

### Word Scramble Contest!

← WORD SCRAMBLE  
CONTEST

Think you're great with words? Take part in our first-ever Word Scramble Contest! Unscramble as many words as you can in 3 minutes! The top contender for each day will pit his skills against the other two contenders in the **Grand Finals on 12 December at Marui Mall Atrium**. The winner will walk away with \$500 worth of Marui Mall vouchers!

Calling all fans of  
Kathlyn Lim &  
Elfie Saati! Meet  
your local author  
and playwright in  
person on 8<sup>th</sup> Dec!

### Storytelling for Children on 8<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Dec!

- Session 1: 11 am - 12 pm
- Session 2: 1 pm - 2 pm
- Session 3: 3 pm - 4 pm
- Session 4: 7 pm - 8 pm

### Poetry Recital!

Come prepared with a poem &  
share it with fellow poets at the fair!  
5pm to 6pm daily

Every minimum spending of \$50 entitles you to a chance at the Sure-Win Lucky Dip\*. Prizes include Marui Bookstore vouchers, 1-year's Marui Bookstore membership, DVDs, VCDs and a return air ticket to London to meet J.R. Kowling in person!

\*1 Lucky Dip per customer only

For more information on the activities, call Justina at 61019908 or visit [www.maruibooks.com](http://www.maruibooks.com)

Jointly organised by Central Library and Marui Bookstore

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. Geraldine is good at word games. She should take part in the \_\_\_\_\_
  - (1) lucky dip
  - (2) poetry recital
  - (3) storytelling sessions for children
  - (4) word scramble contest
  
2. Mdm Devi wants to take her 8-year-old daughter to the book fair. The best time for her to do so is on \_\_\_\_\_
  - (1) 12<sup>th</sup> December so that they can catch the Word Scramble finalists in action.
  - (2) 11<sup>th</sup> December so she can take part in the poetry recital.
  - (3) 9<sup>th</sup> December so she can meet Kathlyn Lim.
  - (4) 8<sup>th</sup> December so she can listen to stories.
  
3. Mr Chin wants to know more about meeting Kathlyn Lim. According to the advertisement, he can \_\_\_\_\_
  - (1) email Justina.
  - (2) call the Central Library
  - (3) call Marui bookstore
  - (4) visit the Marui Bookstore website
  
4. Which of the following cannot be won?
  - (1) 2-year's Marui Bookstore membership
  - (2) Marui Bookstore vouchers
  - (3) DVDs and VCDs
  - (4) A return air ticket to London
  
5. Which of the following statements is true of the book fair?
  - (1) Mrs Lim will get 2 chances at the lucky dip if she spends \$100.
  - (2) A family of 3 will be able to gain admission to the book fair.
  - (3) The last day of the Book Fair is 12<sup>th</sup> December 2008.
  - (4) The winner of the Word Scramble Contest will win a ticket to London.

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. Mary, like many others, \_\_\_\_\_ forced to leave the village due to the war.  
(1) had  
(2) have  
(3) was  
(4) were
7. I am not hungry as I \_\_\_\_\_ my breakfast.  
(1) has had  
(2) have had  
(3) was having  
(4) were having
8. "I am very nervous as I \_\_\_\_\_ never \_\_\_\_\_ in the deep end of the pool before. This is my first time," said Josh, timidly.  
(1) has...swum  
(2) have...swum  
(3) am...swimming  
(4) was...swimming
9. Thousands of houses \_\_\_\_\_ destroyed when the Tsunami hit the island.  
(1) are  
(2) has  
(3) have  
(4) were
10. "My legs are tired because I \_\_\_\_\_ for three hours!" lamented the ballerina.  
(1) dance  
(2) dances  
(3) am dancing  
(4) have been dancing

11. \_\_\_\_\_ long the journey takes, it is still worth the travel.

(1) Although

(2) Because

(3) However

(4) Unless

12. Gopal's ball rolled past the tree, \_\_\_\_\_ the tunnel and into the drain.

(1) on

(2) up

(3) from

(4) through

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (3 marks)

"Where have you been?" his mother questioned. "I have been trying to call you the whole evening(13) she hollered. Shaiful put his hand into his pocket and felt around for his handphone. Pulling it out of his pocket, he realised that his handphone had been turned off.

"I was at the library with Ricky. We were doing a research for our Science project(14) I was afraid my handphone would ring so I turned it off but I forgot to turn it back on again after we'd left the library."

His mother explained that she had frantically called some of his friends after she could not reach him, afraid that something terrible had happened.

"I'm sorry, Mum," apologised Shaiful. "I didn't mean to worry you(15) he continued. "I promise to let you know if I'm coming home late in future." His mother heaved a sigh of relief and was glad that he was home safe and sound.

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

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. Our gardener does an excellent job in maintaining our garden. He has got \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) green hands
  - (2) green fingers
  - (3) green arms
  - (4) green palms
17. At the court hearing, Lim Ah Hock, the \_\_\_\_\_ who was being charged, pleaded guilty to committing murder.
- (1) defendant
  - (2) jury
  - (3) judge
  - (4) lawyer
18. The old colonial building was in a state of \_\_\_\_\_. It had to be torn down and rebuilt.
- (1) deterioration
  - (2) demolition
  - (3) depression
  - (4) disrepair
19. The thief tried to \_\_\_\_\_ his way out of the policemen's firm grip.
- (1) control
  - (2) wriggle
  - (3) curl
  - (4) twirl



20. As part of his plan to lose weight, Chin Hee was on a strict diet. However, he \_\_\_\_\_ to temptation and ate an ice-cream during recess.
- (1) gave
  - (2) cracked
  - (3) dropped
  - (4) succumbed

For each question from 21 to 26, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

Sleep is an important part of everyday life. We need to have enough of it for our body to function at its (21) optimum. A lack of sleep can result in one being grumpy, tired and having a lack of focus. Generally speaking, how much sleep a person needs is dependent on his age. Toddlers need about 10-12 hours of sleep a day, primary school-going children need about 10 hours of sleep, while (22) adolescents need about 8-9 hours of sleep.

Most of the time however, we get less than the (23) required hours of sleep. This could be due to daily stresses, insomnia or frequent nightmares that result in a lack of quality sleep.

(24) Establishing healthy bedtime habits may help ease this problem. Fixing a regular time to sleep, (25) staying away from caffeinated drinks and allowing the mind to wind down by avoiding intense mental activity about an hour before we sleep can help us have a better rest at night.



21. (1) best  
(2) worst  
(3) favour  
(4) advantage
22. (1) babies  
(2) adults  
(3) elderly  
(4) teenagers
23. (1) ample  
(2) regular  
(3) sufficient  
(4) wanted
24. (1) Setting  
(2) Making  
(3) Getting  
(4) Determining
25. (1) abstaining  
(2) indulging  
(3) shunning  
(4) straining

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

The astrologer sat with his professional equipment laid out before him. His usual spot was dim, lit only by the light of a flare of the chestnut seller next to him.

The abnormal gleam in his eyes was a result of a continuous search for customers but which his simple clients took to be a prophetic light and felt comforted. The truth was that the astrologer knew no more of what was going to happen to others than he knew what was going to happen to himself.

As he was about to pack up and leave, a potential client stood before him and the astrologer quickly convinced the man to sit down. The man agreed to pay the astrologer a rupee and the astrologer began his work.

"Yours is a nature..." the astrologer started.

"Stop. I don't want all that. Will I succeed in my present search or not? Answer this and you will get your rupee," the man said.

The astrologer felt uncomfortable. He told the man to return the next day but the man refused to budge, saying, "You dragged me into this. Answer my question and I'll go. Otherwise, I'll not let you go till you disgorge all your coins."

The astrologer had no choice but to continue, "You were once stabbed, right?"

"Ah, good fellow, tell me more!" the man bared his chest to show his scar.

"You were then pushed into a well and left for dead," said the astrologer.

"I would be dead if someone had not chanced to look into the well and rescue me! When will I get back at him?" the man asked eagerly.

"In the next world," answered the astrologer. "He died four months ago in a far-off town, crushed under a lorry."

"He has escaped my hands. I have been leaving my town every now and then to look for him and will have choked out his life if I have met him," the man shook his head regretfully.

"I sense great danger for you once again if you stay any longer. Take the next train and be gone." Upon hearing this, the man left and the astrologer was free to go home.

His wife was waiting for him at the door and demanded an explanation for his late return. He flung the coins he had earned at her and upon seeing the money, her anger turned to joy when she realised she could buy sweets for their daughter the next day. His wife looked at him. "You look worried. What's the matter?" she asked.

He said, "Something has been bothering me for a long time. In our village, when I was a youngster, we drank, gambled and quarrelled badly. I thought I had the blood of a man on my hands all these years. That was the reason why I ran away from home but today, I saw him. He is alive."

She gasped. "You tried to kill!"

"Yes I did, but a great load is gone from me today, so why think of it now? Time to rest." The astrologer yawned and stretched himself on the mat, finally able to sleep in peace.

*Adapted from An Astrologer's Day by R.K. Narayan*

**For each question from 25 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. The man promised to give the astrologer a \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) rupee
  - (2) mystic chart
  - (3) bag of chestnuts
  - (4) packet of sweets

27. According to the passage, the astrologer had an 'abnormal gleam' (paragraph 2) because he \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) studied the stars
  - (2) was a prophetic astrologer
  - (3) was a comfort to his clients
  - (4) was always looking for new customers
28. The astrologer told the man to 'return the next day' (paragraph 6) as he \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) did not know the man
  - (2) did not know the answer
  - (3) was angry that the man interrupted him
  - (4) wanted to avoid answering the man's question
29. The 'great load' mentioned in paragraph 17 refers to the \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) weight of the lorry
  - (2) the astrologer's guilt for attempting murder
  - (3) anger the astrologer felt from being-cheated by the man
  - (4) heavy bag of coins the astrologer had received from the man
30. The astrologer was able to sleep peacefully because \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) he had finished work later than usual
  - (2) he knew he was not a murderer
  - (3) he had sent his enemy away
  - (4) he had made a lot of money



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PAPER 2 BOOKLET B

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Total Duration of Paper: 1h 50 min

Section	Marks
Grammar Cloze	10
Editing for Spelling and Grammar	10
Comprehension Cloze	15
Synthesis / Transformation	10
Comprehension Open Ended	20
Total	65



There are 10 blanks in the passage below. From the list of words in the box, choose the most suitable one and write its letter in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion. USE EACH WORD ONLY ONCE. (10 marks)

<del>(A)</del> the	<del>(B)</del> is	<del>(C)</del> their	<del>(D)</del> like	<del>(E)</del> where
<del>(F)</del> when	<del>(G)</del> to	<del>(H)</del> although	<del>(J)</del> from	<del>(K)</del> do
<del>(L)</del> who	<del>(M)</del> by	<del>(N)</del> as	<del>(P)</del> an	<del>(Q)</del> many

Whale-watching is becoming popular and it has brought good business to some countries. It can be enjoyed by anyone (31) \_\_\_\_\_ has a basic knowledge of whales and knows (32) \_\_\_\_\_ to look for them. Many people choose to observe whales (33) \_\_\_\_\_ going on a whale-watching cruise because there will be an expert on board to assist them.

However, if they can find a good viewing spot on land, they can do whale-watching (34) \_\_\_\_\_ the shore. The best viewing spots are usually (35) \_\_\_\_\_ highest points along the coastline facing the open sea.

Whale-watching requires patience, a good pair of binoculars and (36) \_\_\_\_\_ awareness of weather conditions. Early mornings and late afternoons are the best viewing times. Not only (37) \_\_\_\_\_ whales seem more active then, the low, slanting light highlights (38) \_\_\_\_\_ blows and splashing. Cloudy days are also good for viewing. The glare of the sun on a clear day makes sightings difficult. On the days (39) \_\_\_\_\_ the wind is strong, the white cap of every wave can be mistaken for a whale.

Serious whale-watching (40) \_\_\_\_\_ time consuming. It may take a whale an hour or more to pass a particular spot but this provides excellent photographic opportunities.

(Adapted from Tourism New Zealand, Whale-watching.com)



Correct each word in BOLD for spelling and each UNDERLINED word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box. (10 marks)

The Bermuda Triangle is a well-known area of danger on the surface of the Earth.

(41)

It is not marked on any map since it is just an **imarginery** line which joins Bermuda,

(42)

(43)

Florida and Puerto Rico of the east coast of America. According to records, **most** than a

(44)

thousand people with hundreds of ships and planes have **varnished** without a trace! To

(45)

date, no **rackage** has ever been washed ashore to explain the disappearances

(46)

The first person to record any unusual **orcurrences** in this region was Christopher

(47)

Columbus. During one of his voyages, his ship is sailing on the calm sea when he

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suddenly seen a column of fire roar from the sky. At the same time, the needles of the

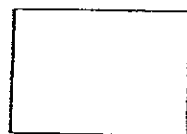
(49)

(50)

**conparsses** whirled to the opposite directions from which they has been pointing.

Throughout the years, the mystery surrounding the Bermuda Triangle remained

unsolved.



Read the passage carefully and then fill in each blank with a suitable word of your own. (15 marks)

Some people are allergic to certain types of food such as milk and wheat while others are allergic to the colourings, flavourings and additives in food products. Symptoms ranging (51) \_\_\_\_\_ headache to sores in the mouth, diarrhoea and skin reactions such as (52) \_\_\_\_\_ and eczema can be caused by food allergies.

Itchy, swollen lumps will appear all over the body when a (53) \_\_\_\_\_ has hives. Whether they appear (54) \_\_\_\_\_ or in lumps, hives may (55) \_\_\_\_\_ without a trace in a few minutes or hours, or they may last for a few days. Eczema is a common food (56) \_\_\_\_\_ contracted by babies and children (57) \_\_\_\_\_ adults may also develop eczema. A person (58) \_\_\_\_\_ has contracted eczema may feel compelled to scratch the rash constantly.

It is very difficult (59) \_\_\_\_\_ diagnose food allergies. One of the (60) \_\_\_\_\_ is that food may carry hidden ingredients. For instance, people who think they are allergic to milk may actually be reacting to traces of an antibiotic that was (61) \_\_\_\_\_ to treat cows. During the Second World War, some children (62) \_\_\_\_\_ eczema when they drank evaporated milk which (63) \_\_\_\_\_ produced in England. Their problem cleared up (64) \_\_\_\_\_ after they had switched to milk that was produced (65) \_\_\_\_\_ America. It was later discovered that the cows in England had been fed a supplement containing fish proteins which the children were allergic to.

(adapted from Nemours Foundation website on Kidsheath, parent/infection/skin/eczema)



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 given one(s). (10 marks)

66. Zachary has to return the library books or he will have to pay a fine.

Unless \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

67. "I watched a movie at this cinema with my brother yesterday," Jeremy said.

Jeremy said \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68. Azman jumped for joy when he heard the good news.

On \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. Michael did not take off his jacket. It was warm in the room.

Although \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70. Is she the girl? She was knocked down by a blue van the day before.

\_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_





Read the passage carefully and answer questions 71 to 80.

Thank goodness someone had a camera. Otherwise, no one would have believed it. On 16 August 1996, a three-year-old boy was visiting the Brookfield Zoo in Illinois with his parents when he somehow crawled over a wall. He lost his balance and fell six metres into a gorilla habitat.

"The gorilla's got my baby!" the boy's mother shouted. Bystanders stared helplessly down into the Tropic World exhibit where the little boy lay on the concrete floor, unconscious. The child was totally at the mercy of the gorillas.

"I feared the worst," said Jeff Bruno, a paramedic who rushed to the scene.

But then something amazing happened. One of the gorillas went over to the unconscious boy, picked him up and cradled him in her arms. The gorilla was Binti Jua, an eight-year-old female who weighed over eighty kilogrammes. She held the boy tenderly and protected him from the other gorillas in the compound.

"I could not believe how gentle she was," said Celeste Lombardi, a zoo worker who had helped to raise Binti Jua.

With Koola, her own 18-month-old daughter on her back, Binti Jua carefully carried the boy to a service door where zoo workers were waiting. The boy, whose parents had requested that his name not be released, was badly injured. He had a broken hand, some cuts on his face and minor bruising to the brain. But after several days in the hospital, he was back home. Meanwhile, Binti Jua, whose name meant 'daughter of sunshine' in Swahili, became a national hero. Gifts of money and bananas poured into the zoo in honour of the gentle gorilla.

No one knows for certain why Binti Jua rescued the boy. Perhaps she was simply following some animal instinct or perhaps her actions stemmed from her past contact with humans. As an infant, Binti Jua had been rejected by her own mother and since she was two months old, she had been raised by humans. These same trainers had taught Binti Jua how to be a good mother, including how to bring Koola to the service door so zoo workers could monitor the baby's health. Jack Hanna, director of the Columbus Zoo, commented that when Binti Jua saw the child lying in the habitat, "she learnt from humans taking care of her that they could take care of this problem." In any case, Binti Jua's extraordinary act saved the little boy's life.

Binti Jua is not the only animal to surprise people with her heroism. Why are people surprised by the heroic actions of animals? Perhaps it is because they do not expect animals to understand human needs. Perhaps they do not think animals are capable of helping humans unless trained to do so. Whatever the reason, people are often amazed by animal heroics.

*An extract from the Critical Reading Series – Heroes - Animals To The Rescue. Caring Creatures (21 True Stories of Courage and Honour)*



76. How many parts of the boy's body were injured?

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77. Who taught Binti Jua how to be a good mother?

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78. Binti Jua seemed to have understood that humans could take care of 'this problem'. What was this problem?

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79. Which two word phrase shows that Binti Jua had become famous after this incident?

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80. Why are people often amazed by animal heroism?

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Setters: Mrs Lim Shiyan  
Mrs Janet Ng

For each question from 71 to 80, write your answer in the space provided.  
All answers must be in complete sentences. (20 marks)

71. What did the three-year-old boy fall into that fateful day?

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72. Why ~~do you think~~ the three-year-old boy crawl<sup>ed</sup> over the wall?

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73. Why ~~did~~ the bystanders stare helplessly at the unconscious boy?

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74. ~~Explain clearly~~ why the boy was in danger after he had fallen.

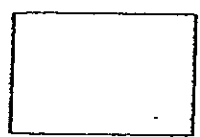
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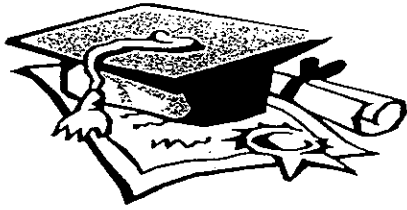
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75. ~~Describe~~ how Bintr Jua protected the three-year-old boy from the other gorillas.

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# ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2008

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TERM : SA 2

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Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
A	P	K	C	F	B

41) imaginary

42) off

43) more

44) vanished

45) wreckage

46) occurrences

47) was

48) saw

49) compasses

50) had

51) from

52) hives

53) person

54) singly

55) vanish

56) allergy

57) but

58) who

59) to

60) problems

61) used

62) contracted

63) was

64) right

65) in

66) Unless Zachary returns the library books, he will have to pay a fine.

67) Jeremy said that he had watched a movie at that cinema with his brother the day before.

68) On hearing the good news, Azman jumped for joy.

69) Although it was warm in the room, Michael did not take off his jacket.

70) Is she the girl who was knocked down by a blue van the day before.

71) The three-year-old boy fell into a gorilla habitat.

72) He was curious.

73) They did know how to help.

74) His life was in danger as he was unconscious and he could not defend himself.

75) Binti Jua went over to the boy, picked him up and cradled him in her arms.

76) Three parts of the boy's were injured.

77) Binti Jua's trainers taught her.

78) It refers to the three-year-old who had fallen into the gorilla habitat.

79) The two-word phrase is 'national hero'.

80) They are surprised because they do not expect animals to understand human needs or they do not think animals are capable of helping humans unless trained to do so.