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CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)



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2009 Continual Assessment 1

27 February, 2009

English Language

Paper 2 Booklet A

Duration of Paper (Booklets A & B): 1 h 50 min

Instructions to Candidates:

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

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Parent's Signature: _____

Booklet A	30
Booklet B	65
Total	95

This booklet consists of 11 pages.

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

Sentosa Flowers 2009

春花会

24 Jan - 6 Feb 2009
Imbiah and Palawan

A Family Celebration of Blooms
Come celebrate the Colours of Spring with your family this Lunar New Year. Held for the first time at 2 locations, Imbiah and Palawan, this award-winning floral extravaganza promises a more exciting event line up.

Event Highlights

- Visit the various thematic gardens: Traveller's Garden, Learning Journey and Colours of Love.
- Take a family photo at the Giant Floral Wall, decorated with fresh flowers!
- Join the Happy Cow Family at the Zodiac Plaza.
- Pen down your wishes at the mythical Trees of Life.
- Savour festive favourites at the Food Street and Festive Market.
- Take part in the Magic Moments Online Digital Photography Competition and win cash prizes!

Celebration Package
24 Jan - 6 Feb 2009

\$28 Adult
\$26 Child

- Island Admission via Sentosa Express / Bus
- Garden Fun Ride
- Sky Tower
- Images of Singapore
- Ice Cream Treat

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For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

- 1 _____ has been appointed to cover the event.
- (1) Sentosa
 (2) Lianhe Zaobao
 (3) Magic Moments
 (4) Imbiah and Palawan
- 2 If you purchase the Celebration Package on 1st February, you will have the added privilege of experiencing _____.
- (1) Segway Fun Ride
 (2) various thematic gardens
 (3) festive favourites at the Food Street and Festive Market
 (4) getting your wishes granted at the mythical Trees of Life
- 3 For further enquires, you can _____.
- (1) call up SPH Newspapers
 (2) write in to Lianhe Zaobao
 (3) contact any participating schools
 (4) log on to www.sentosa.com.sg/sentosaflovers
- 4 The Celebration of Blooms is an event _____.
- (1) held to present the floral award to the winning team
 (2) for participating schools to display their gardens and sculptures
 (3) to commemorate the opening of new flower gardens at Sentosa
 (4) held in conjunction with Lunar New Year to celebrate the Colours of Spring
- 5 Which of the following statements is true?
- (1) The Great Floral Wall is constructed using natural flowers.
 (2) The event has been held yearly due to its popular demand.
 (3) There will be free ice cream treats for everyone during the event.
 (4) You can take a family shot when you take part in "Magic Moments".

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 ~~As poor health~~ my teacher has to take two weeks off from ~~work to rest.~~

- 1 As for
- 2 Despite
- 3 Owing to
- 4 In spite of

7 Did the pupils _____ themselves at the recent National Day Parade?

- 1 enjoy
- 2 enjoyed
- 3 has enjoyed
- 4 have enjoyed

8 The audience watched _____ bated breath when the acrobat was performing the incredulous feat.

- 1 in
- 2 at
- 3 for
- 4 with

9 The prefects _____ a year-end party in school next month.

- 1 hold
- 2 held
- 3 will hold
- 4 had held

10 We saw Mr. Jacob _____ across the drain.

- ① jump
- ② jumps
- ③ jumped
- ④ had jumped

11 Neither the girls nor their ~~form teacher~~ _____ interested in taking part in the race ~~last week~~.

- ① is
- ② are
- ③ was
- ④ were

12 Too many parents _____ to their children's demands nowadays.

- ① give in
- ② give up
- ③ give out
- ④ give away

(Go on to the next page)

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)

The Bell Helicopter was cruising comfortably at 1000 feet over South Australia's Spencer Gulf. Suddenly, it spun 180 degrees. From the passenger seat, Steve Francis, 39, heard the ~~shocked voice~~ of his friend, pilot Don Urquhart. "We're going down, mate (13)

Steve gripped the armrests in alarm. There had been no warning. Except for high winds, they had been enjoying clear flying. ~~Fighting for control,~~ (14) Don started flicking switches, trying to restore power.

"Get on the radio and send a mayday (15) Don instructed, his face chalk-white. Steve quickly thumbed the microphone. "Mayday! Chopper going down in the gulf of Whyalla!" he yelled.

There was no response.

- 13
- ① [;] inverted commas and full stop
 - ② [.] full stop and inverted commas
 - ③ [!] inverted commas and exclamation mark
 - ④ [!] exclamation mark and inverted commas

- 14
- ① [-] dash
 - ② [,] comma
 - ③ [.] full stop
 - ④ [:] semi-colon

- 15
- ① [.] comma
 - ② [.] full stop
 - ③ [,] comma and inverted commas
 - ④ [.] full stop 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 The engine of the speedboat _____ and coughed as it ran out of petrol.
- 1 splashed
 2 sputtered
 3 splintered
 4 splattered
- 17 The police decided to _____ the ~~fisherman~~ once they had sufficient ~~evidence~~.
- 1 convict
 2 accuse
 3 sentence
 4 prosecute
- 18 When the building collapsed, a huge mound of _____ made it difficult to conduct rescue operations.
- 1 rubble
 2 debris
 3 wreckage
 4 fragments
- 19 Many endangered species are being _____ for their ~~tusks and skins~~.
- 1 seized
 2 poached
 3 captured
 4 slaughtered
- 20 Jasmine is working very hard to secure a place in a _____ secondary school.
- 1 noble
 2 popular
 3 reputable
 4 magnificent

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 Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

Adeline Yen Mah's family considered her to be bad luck because her mother died after giving birth to her. They discriminated against her and made her feel (21) unwanted all her life. After the death of her stepmother in 1990, she was (22) compelled to write her story. *Chinese Cinderella* is the story of her struggle for acceptance and how she (23) overcame the odds to prove her worth.

Chinese Cinderella has been written by Adeline with the fervent wish that those who feel neglected will (24) persist in trying to do their best in the face of hopelessness; to have faith that in the end their spirit will prevail; to transcend their traumas and transform them into a source of courage, creativity and compassion.

Mother Teresa once said, "Loneliness and the feeling of being unwanted are the greatest (25) poverty." For Adeline, "One single positive dream is more important than a thousand negative realities."

Adapted from *Chinese Cinderella* by Adeline Yen Mah

- 21 (1) forsaken
(2) undesired
(3) maltreated
 (4) abandoned
- 22 (1) driven
 (2) inspired
(3) convinced
(4) motivated
- 23 (1) dominated
 (2) conquered
(3) challenged
(4) monopolised
- 24 (1) toil
(2) endure
(3) resume
 (4) persevere
- 25 (1) misery
 (2) suffering
(3) adversity
(4) deprivation

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Most people would say that Ms Suneetha Prabhakaran is one happy woman. ~~With her broad smile and infectious laughter,~~ she is certainly deserving of the nickname her friends have given her – Sunny. So what is her secret to happiness?

"People say I don't look my age and I tell them it's because I love to laugh. Maybe that's why I don't have wrinkles," joked the 46-year-old. 5

Despite her bright outlook on life, Ms Prabhakaran has faced her share of challenges. Divorced at the age of 40, she had to juggle between being a single mother and pursue her career as an office manager in an advertising firm. Being a single parent meant having to maintain a balance 10 between being a strict disciplinarian and allowing her son his own space.

"My son is the best thing that's happened to me. I'm proud that he's become a very strong and positive young man," she said.

In late 2007, she quit her job to enter into a ~~business venture with a partner which later fell through,~~ leaving her without a job since April last year. With her savings dwindling, she has to rely on income from occasional freelance work and doing events promotion, as well as on financial help from her family to get by. Despite her 15 years of experience, the going has not been easy. Still, she refuses to let such setbacks dampen her spirits and is confident that she will find work again. "I don't brood. That's just how I've lived my life," she said. 15 20

Through her hard times, she said that her mother, Madam G. Sureemathy, has been a pillar of support. ~~Having a knack for knowing when she is in trouble, Madam Sureemathy will never fail to call to check on her daughter when she senses that things are going poorly.~~ 25

"My mum and I are like friends and I feel that I can talk to her about anything. She has always been my great ~~motivator,~~" she said.

Drawing on her own experience on staying ~~optimistic,~~ her advice to others in the same situation is: "Look at each day and turn it into something you're happy with. In being negative, the only person losing out is you." 30

*Adapted from Sunny-side up, please by Dhany Osman
(The Straits Times, 29 January 2009 – Mind Your Body)*

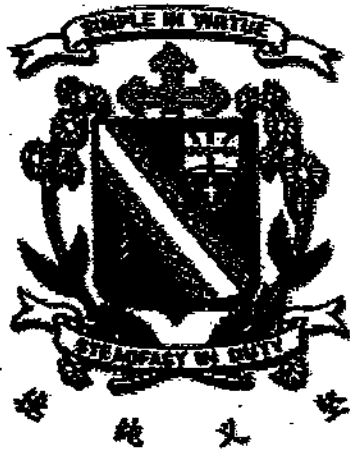
For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

- 26 ~~Why~~ do you think Ms Prabhakaran is ~~widely known as~~ Sunny?
- (1) She does not have any wrinkles.
 - (2) She maintains a positive mindset.
 - (3) She is a great motivator to her friends.
 - (4) She does not take things seriously as she loves to joke.
- 27 Based on the passage, what does 'fell through' (line 15) mean? It means _____.
- (1) collapsed
 - (2) failed to happen
 - (3) became disorganised
 - (4) did not make progress
- 28 Which word has the same meaning as 'optimistic' (line 28)?
- (1) elated
 - (2) positive
 - (3) inspired
 - (4) contented
- 29 From the passage, we can tell that Ms Prabhakaran's mother is an _____ person.
- (1) enigmatic
 - (2) endearing
 - (3) enterprising
 - (4) encouraging
- 30 Which one of the following statements ~~is true?~~
- (1) Ms Prabhakaran loves to laugh and poke fun at her friends.
 - (2) Ms Prabhakaran is a happy person as she is born with a silver spoon.
 - (3) Ms Prabhakaran's mother has the ability to tell when things go wrong.
 - (4) Ms Prabhakaran's business venture flourished after she quit her job in late 2007.

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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. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) an	(D) at	(G) how	(K) than	(N) when
(B) and	(E) but	(H) in	(L) what	(P) whom
(C) any	(F) could	(J) out	(M) who	(Q) would

These days, it is ^(A) difficult to avoid comparing your child's progress with another's or with some arbitrary definition of standards. ~~do not~~ (31)
 Remember, no two children develop ~~precisely the same~~ (32) precisely the same pace. And most of the time ~~parents~~ (33) do well to follow Dr. Spock's classical dictum: ~~trust yourself~~.

You know your child ~~better~~ (34) anyone else. You know even better when it is time for him to sleep on his own bed, and that it is ~~all right to express~~ (35) emotions, including jealousy and anger, but not ~~all right to act on~~ (36) them.

There are times when you would do well to trust your child himself to ~~know~~ (37) he has had enough to eat or enough sleep; to decide (38) he wants to play and with (39) ; to decide when he is ready to learn; to ~~know~~ (40) he is feeling about himself, his world, and any changes in it.

Adapted from 'Raising Happy and Successful Kids' by Adele M. Brodtkin.

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

Known for their legendary memories, elephants also exhibit jumbo-sized
(41)
compassion. When one elephant in a herd is slowed down because of injury, the
(42)
rest will wait till it catch up. And if an elephant gets stuck in a mud hole, others
will help.

(43)
"They'll try to get over the elephant like a forklift," says Marc Bekoff, a
(44)
professor of animal behavior at the University of Colorado in Boulder. "Then
(45)
they'll push it out." He also notes that after an elephant died, the others in its
(46)
herd will grief. He observed a group of elephants in northern Kenya after the
(47)
death of his matriarch. "They were just moping around with their heads and tails
(48)
low," says Bekoff. "Clearly they were moaning."

(49)
Elephants also demonstrated their sensitive and compassion before
(50)
the 2004 tsunami slammed into the coast of Thailand. Lyweathneses reported
that elephants were screaming and running for higher ground. But on the way,
they used their trunks to scoop up and save about a dozen tourists.

Adapted from 'Animal Einstein' by Michael J. Weiss
(Reader's Digest January 2007)

Fill in the blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

"The Boy Called It" is the first in a set of three books, written by David Pelzer. The story is written completely ~~through the~~ _____ ~~of the~~ (51)

This book chronicles the unforgettable account of one of the ~~most~~ _____ ~~child abuse~~ cases in California history. (52)

It is a ~~real life~~ _____ about a boy who was brutally beaten and starved by his _____ ~~disturbed~~ and alcoholic mother. At first, David Pelzer lived a ~~healthy and normal~~ _____ with his parents and brothers. (53)

His mother, however, unexpectedly transformed into a monster, ~~venturing~~ _____ on her helpless child. (54)

David was ~~submerged~~ in freezing cold _____, forced to eat his own vomit, made to sleep in the basement, and sit on a burning stove. ~~These are~~ just a few _____ of the torturous games that his mother used to play. (55)

She treated him not like her _____, but like an ~~it~~. (56)

David suffered both ~~psychological and physical~~ _____. The outside world knew nothing ~~of~~ his living nightmare. He had nothing or no one to _____ to, but his dreams kept him alive -- dreams of someone taking care of him, loving him and calling him their son. In order to survive, David used willpower, and his ~~inner~~ _____ began to emerge. David's spirit helped him to survive. He learned ~~how to~~ _____ for himself. His courage and determination saved him from all the suffering that he had endured at such a _____ age. (60)

"The Boy Called It" sends an inspirational message of resilience to its (61)

(62)

(63)

(64)

readers. A person has the ability to ~~leave his dark past and look~~ _____ (65)
to a better tomorrow. If David ~~Pelzer~~ could do it, anyone can!
Adapted from <http://www.reviewsstream.com> - The Boy Called It/The Lost boy
by David ~~Pelzer~~

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 Asia's tigers are vanishing faster than any other large mammals. The only exception is the rhinoceros.

Except _____

67 The boys were not willing to help Mr. Tan. The girl was also not willing to help Mr. Tan.

Neither _____

68 "Ken saw my new car last night," Mabel told Mr Lee.

Mabel told Mr Lee _____

69 You must not take too long to administer first aid. The victim may suffer brain damage.

_____ if

70 Mei Mei is a very good cook. Yen Yen is also a very good cook.

Both _____

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

Juliet Williams stood at the entrance to her school. Today was the day, the big election. Juliet gritted her teeth. The hall was crowded and noisier than usual. Excitement filled the air.

Juliet had first thought about becoming a candidate but she was not sure if she was right for the job. When she told her parents, they were supportive of the idea. Soon enough, Juliet realized that she probably *would* make a good president. After all, she had a lot of good ideas. For example, Juliet noticed that there were not many ramps for her friends that needed to use wheelchairs.

She started asking herself a couple of very important questions: How can I convince people to vote for me? What is special about me that would make me a good president? Juliet thought, "I'm a really good listener. If someone has a problem, I'm usually a good person to talk to. I'm also a good problem solver. If I see a problem, I can usually find a good solution."

With the help of a few friends, Juliet began to make flyers and handed them out to everyone they could. She noticed a boy also handing out flyers. He showed a flyer in her hand. It read: Do you dream... Of a longer recess?... Of a better candy selection during lunch? Vote for Curtis and your dream will come true.

Juliet was stunned. She did not think that those were the most important issues. The next day, Juliet heard from some friends that Curtis was spreading rumours that she would be a bad president. This made Juliet furious! She told her father about it. "Don't listen to him. Try and focus on what is positive," he said.

Now it was election day. The thought of speaking before hundreds of students made Juliet feel queasy. She had never made a speech in front of that many people before. Curtis did not seem nervous at all. After his speech, many students in the crowd burst into applause. Next, the principal called Juliet. She quietly walked up to the podium and took a deep breath.

"Hi, everyone," she said nervously, "I can think of many problems that are more important. Some of our fellow students are in wheelchairs but there aren't enough ramps. That's a real problem. I'll always listen to you if you have a problem."

I'll ~~always do my best~~ to look into your needs. I'll work really hard to try and make this school the best that it can be! Thank you." 30

A few days later, after all the pupils had cast their votes, the principal's voice came through the Public Address system in the classrooms. "We have been busy counting all your votes and I am pleased to announce that the next student president is... Juliet Williams." Her class started cheering and clapping for her. 35
Juliet blushed. She was the new student president! Juliet knew that being a president would sometimes be even harder than winning the election, but she was up for the challenge.

Adapted from <http://www.abcteach.com> - The Election Day

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71 ~~Why~~ was the school hall crowded and noisier than usual?

72 In line 6, Juliet realized that she probably *would* make a good president. According to her, what traits should a good student president have?

73 ~~How did Juliet tell everyone~~ that she was running for the post of student president?

74 Which word in the passage has the same meaning as "pushed"?

75 What cause was Curtis campaigning for?

76 Why was Juliet furious with Curtis?

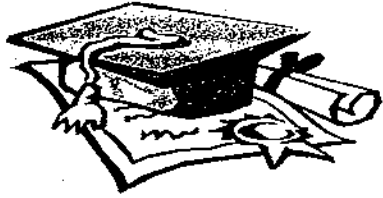
77 Which sentence shows that Juliet's opponent was a confident public speaker?

78 'What's a real problem?' (line 29) What do you think this problem refers to?

79 Which 4-word phrase in the passage tells us that Juliet was confident of carrying out her duties as a student president?

80 Explain clearly in your own words why Juliet won the election.

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ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2009

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

41)herd 42)catches 43)under 44)behaviour 45)dies

46)grieve 47)their 48)mourning 49)sensitivity

50)Eyewitnesses 51)eyes 52)severe 53)story 54)mentally

55)life 56)anger 57)water 58)examples 59)son

60)abuse 61)turn/go 62)strength 63)fend 64)tender

65)forward

66)Except for the rhinoceros, Asia's tigers are vanishing faster than any other large mammals.

67)Neither the boys nor the girl was willing to help Mr. Tan.

68)Mabel told Mr Lee that Ken had seen her new car the previous night.

69)The victim may suffer brain damage if you take too long to administer first aid.

70)Both Mei Mei and Yen Yen are very good cooks.

71)It was the big election and everyone was going to vote for the next student president.

72)According to Juliet a good president should be a good listener and a good problem solver.

73)She made flyers about her running for the post of student president and handed the flyers out to everyone.

74)The word is "shoved."

75)Curtis was campaigning for a longer recess and more candy selection.

76)Curtis had been spreading rumors about her that she would make a bad president.

77)The sentence is "Curtis did not seem nervous at all."

78)I think it refers to the problem of having not enough ramps for some of the student in wheel chair.

79)The phrase is "up for the challenge."

80)They realized that she would be able to help them solve their problem/look after trip needs.

