

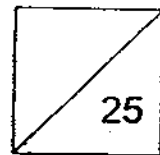
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**NAN CHIAU PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2**  
**2009**  
**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**  
**PAPER 2**  
**PRIMARY 4**  
**BOOKLET A**

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Setter : Mdm Linda Teng

**Section A: Graphic stimulus comprehension activity**  
Below is the advertisement by a travel agency which organises tours around Africa. Study it and answer questions 1 to 4.

## For adventure lovers and thrill seekers – Visit Africa and Be Enchanted!



### Paragliding

- Explore breathtaking flying sights in Eastern Africa
- Soar along one of the steep hills and land among herds of antelopes, elephants and giraffes
- Suitable for the young or young at heart with boundless energy
- Fly high above the Kerio Valley, the Laikipia Plains or the Great Rift Valley into the sunset and land next to a small village



### Camel Safaris

- Kenya's camel safaris are walking safaris in all but name
- Few people would wish to spend days on camel when they could be strolling by their side at much the same pace
- Suitable for families with young children and/or the elderly
- You'll usually walk for two to four hours or so in the early morning and relax through the heat of the day and to stroll further in the afternoon and evening



### Polo

- You can combine a polo holiday with a safari in Africa
- Base yourself on a farm in the Great Rift Valley where horses are trained for polo
- You can join a local team for games of polo

For each question from 1 to 4, four options are given. Choose the correct answer and shade the correct option in the OAS provided.

1. The travel agency organises \_\_\_\_\_ tours to Africa.

- (1) sightseeing
- (2) free and easy
- (3) cultural encounters
- (4) special interest or hobby

2. In a camel safari, most people will \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) relax the whole day
- (2) ride on a camel for a few days
- (3) walk with a camel by their side
- (4) be given a break in the early morning

3. Besides staying on the farm, a tourist can \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) glide in the sky
- (2) play a game of polo
- (3) attend flying lessons
- (4) attend polo training sessions

4. Which of the following statements is **false**?

- (1) The activities organised cater to the adults only.
- (2) To participate in any of the activities, you will need to go to Africa.
- (3) If one wants to enjoy a flying sport, one should take part in paragliding.
- (4) The advertisement aims to inform the public about activities organised by a travel agency.

**Section B: Grammar MCQ (5x1m)**

For each of the question from 5 to 9, four options are given. Choose the correct answer and shade the correct option in the OAS provided.

5. The women will climb Mount Everest next year, \_\_\_\_\_ they?

- (1) don't
- (2) won't
- (3) didn't
- (4) weren't

6. The flock of birds \_\_\_\_\_ chirping loudly on the window ledge.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) has
- (4) have

7. Jeffrey prefers watermelons \_\_\_\_\_ strawberries.

- (1) to
- (2) or
- (3) than
- (4) rather

8. The chances of him surviving a famine \_\_\_\_\_ not high as he is weak and frail.

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

9. Australia's second city may have a huge number of H1N1 cases, \_\_\_\_\_ its residents are not overreacting to the pandemic.

- (1) yet
- (2) since
- (3) though
- (4) because

**Section C: Punctuation (3x1m)**

For each question from 10 to 12, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage and shade the correct option in the OAS provided.

The old man then asked him to pull out a slightly bigger plant. The youth pulled hard and the plant came out (10) roots and all.

"Now pull out that one (11) ordered the old man pointing to a bush. The boy had to use all his strength to pull it out.

"Now take this one out," said the old man, indicating a guava tree. The youth grasped the trunk and tried to pull it out. However, it would not budge.

"It's... It's impossible," said the boy, panting.

"So it is with bad habits," said the sage (12) "When they are young, it is easy to pull them out but when they take hold, they cannot be uprooted."

<http://www.english-for-students.com/Wise-Old-Man.html>

10. (1) [ - ] dash  
 (2) [ . ] full stop  
 (3) [ , ] comma  
 (4) [ ! ] exclamation mark
11. (1) [ , " ] comma and inverted commas  
 (2) [ . " ] full stop and inverted commas  
 (3) [ ? " ] question mark and inverted commas  
 (4) [ ! " ] exclamation mark and inverted commas
12. (1) [ , ] comma  
 (2) [ . ] full stop  
 (3) [ ; ] semicolon  
 (4) [ ! ] exclamation mark

**Section D: Vocabulary (4x1m)**

For each question from 13 to 16, four options are given. Choose the correct answer and shade the correct option in the OAS provided.

13. I could barely understand Kathleen with that \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) goose pimples
- (2) frog in her throat
- (3) bull in a china shop
- (4) butterflies in her stomach

14. Even a small \_\_\_\_\_ of dust can make me sneeze non-stop.

- (1) dot
- (2) grain
- (3) piece
- (4) speck

15. My mother never misses an \_\_\_\_\_ of the Korean drama shown on television every evening.

- (1) affair
- (2) episode
- (3) instalment
- (4) experience

16. The stuntman performed an \_\_\_\_\_ feat when he drove a car over ten lorries.

- (1) ordinary
- (2) expected
- (3) excellent
- (4) awesome

**Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (4x1m)**

For each of the question from 17 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words and shade the correct option in the OAS provided.

If you look at many of the famous people around you, you will notice that their success came because they had dared to dream about it at an early stage. They too understand that everything happens by **(17) design**.

Tiger Woods, 24, is **(18) currently** the number one golf professional in the world. At his age, he has **(19) accomplished** more in golf than anyone else in history. Do you know that he achieved all this because at the age of 8, he set his goals to **(20) beat** all the top golfers and be number one? He had understood the power of goals.

*Adapted from "I Am Gifted, So Are You!"*

17. (1) intent  
 (2) pattern  
 (3) creation  
 (4) preparation
18. (1) mainly  
 (2) directly  
 (3) usually  
 (4) presently
19. (1) scored  
 (2) achieved  
 (3) produced  
 (4) concluded
20. (1) hit  
 (2) outwit  
 (3) defeat  
 (4) protect

**Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5x1m)**

Read the following passage carefully and shade the questions 21 to 25 carefully. Choose the correct answer and shade the correct option in the OAS provided.

Tell an avid marathon runner to run without his track shoes and he might just tell you to jump in the lake.

The event, held at Pasir Ris Park and organised by Habitat for Humanity Singapore, Singapore Management University and Victoria Junior College, was the first barefoot run here.

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They partnered shoe company Crocs to donate about 10 000 shoes to needy children whose bare feet risk cuts from broken glass and infected syringes. In addition, there was the donation of old shoes at the event.

"Our young people like to take things for granted. We hope that by this simple act, more people will join us in fighting poverty around the world," said Mr Dhanabalan, who is a patron of Habitat.

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Miss Olsen, who is Habitat's Singapore Goodwill Ambassador, recalled seeing children in Cambodia walking barefooted in the dumps. It led to sores and bruises on their feet.

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"We are spoilt for choice of shoes every day. For them, it is either one pair or none at all," she said.

Habitat Singapore, which started in 2004, is a non-profit organisation that helps build houses for the needy in the Asia-Pacific region.

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"What struck me most was the children having to walk barefooted in spite of their injuries. I wanted to raise the awareness of the plight of the Third World children to Singaporeans," said the event's organiser.

*Adapted from "The Sunday Times June 7, 2009"*



21. The main aim of the organisers is to \_\_\_\_\_
- (1) raise money for the needy Singaporean children
  - (2) prove that the children walk around barefooted in Cambodia
  - (3) organise the event to select the fittest competitor of the barefoot walkathon
  - (4) raise the awareness of the poor living conditions of the children in the underdeveloped countries

22. What does "this simple act" in line 11 refer to? It refers to \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) walking barefooted
- (2) selling \$10 000 shoes
- (3) taking things for granted
- (4) donating shoes to the needy children

23. The sentence "We are spoilt for choice of shoes every day" means they \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) have spoilt their shoes
- (2) do not have any shoes to choose from
- (3) do not know which pair of shoes to wear
- (4) have many pairs of spoilt shoes to choose from

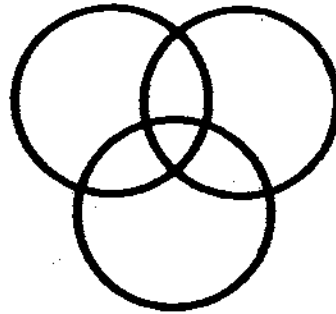
24. Which of the following statements is **true**?

- (1) A marathon runner has to run without his track shoes.
- (2) About 10 000 shoes were donated to the needy children.
- (3) Miss Olsen is working as Habitat's Cambodia Ambassador.
- (4) The children of Cambodia did not wear shoes because they had injured their feet.

25. What does Habitat Singapore do to help the needy? It \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) builds houses
- (2) donates shoes
- (3) sponsors prizes for the marathon
- (4) brings Third World children to Singapore

**End of Booklet A**



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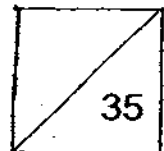
**PAPER 2**

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**BOOKLET B**

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**Section G: Grammar Cloze (4x1m)**

There are 4 blanks, numbered 26 to 29 in the passage below. From the list of words below, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write the letter (A to J) in the blank provided. The letter (I) is omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

**EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE**

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|----------|-------------|----------|
| (A) at   | (D) in      | (G) on   |
| (B) out  | (E) into    | (H) by   |
| (C) over | (F) through | (J) from |

Hundreds of rescue workers and volunteers were searching for dozens of people who were feared to be buried alive when part of a mountain collapsed (26) \_\_\_\_\_ south-west China.

Seventy-four people were still missing after the disaster struck (27) \_\_\_\_\_ Friday afternoon. Rescuers had pulled out eight people (28) \_\_\_\_\_ the debris, three of whom were seriously injured.

About 3.5 million tonnes of mud and rock from the mountain area had crashed hundreds of metres down (29) \_\_\_\_\_ the valley, burying houses and an iron ore mine where forty-seven miners were at work.

*Adapted from "The Sunday Times"*

**Section H: Editing-Spelling/ Grammar (5x1m)**

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

Stephen was informed at a very young age that he was going to make

(30)

his parents proud by becoming a lawyer. He grew up knew that this was the

only way to please his mother and father. All the relatives expected this

(31)

will be his chosen path. The family spoke of the up-and-coming lawyer

often throughout the years. Two members of the family became lawyers. Both

(32)

had become ~~vey~~ **sucessfull**, and everyone in the family looked up to them.

In time, Stephen became a lawyer. However, he discovered that his

(33)

fear of **dissapointing** his parents had forced him into a career that gave him no

(34)

**sastisfaction** whatsoever. Through a short stint of counselling, he decided to

change his profession. Today, he is quite wealthy and more importantly, very happy.

*Adapted from "Don't Sweat the Small Stuff about Money" by Richard Carlson*

**Section I: Comprehension Cloze (8x1m)**

Choose the most suitable word from the box and write its letter in the blanks provided. **USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.**

**Passage 1**

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|------------|--------------|-----------------|------------|
| (A) better | (C) once     | (E) improvement | (G) first  |
| (B) worse  | (D) jubilant | (F) social      | (H) slowly |

On May 18, 2004, Emily received her stem cell transplant.

The nurses named the day her birthday, because it was the birth of her new immune system. At (35) \_\_\_\_\_, she would be extremely weak but would gradually grow stronger.

By the third week of June, doctors thought that the treatment was working. Emily's condition was (36) \_\_\_\_\_ and she had enough white blood cells to fight infection. Her doctors said that she could leave the hospital. She was (37) \_\_\_\_\_ at first as she had been looking forward to it. However, she learnt that she had to return to the hospital as her kidneys were not working well.

"I felt very dejected," Emily said. "I was hoping that I'd be seeing signs of (38) \_\_\_\_\_ but I was even worse off."

In January, 2005, her kidneys improved enough for her to stop dialysis. The transplant was finally working.

*Adapted from "Reader's Digest"*

Passage 2

Look at the passage below and fill in the blanks with suitable words of your own.

Once upon a time, there was a miser who used to hide his gold at the foot of a tree in his garden. However, every week he would go and (39) \_\_\_\_\_ it up and to check on it. A robber, who had noticed this, went and dug up the gold and departed quickly with it. When the miser next came to check on his (40) \_\_\_\_\_, he found nothing but the empty hole. He tore his hair, and raised such an uproar that all the neighbours gathered around him, shocked and curious to find out what had (41) \_\_\_\_\_. He told them how he would come and visit his gold.

"Did you ever take any of it out?" asked one of them.

"No," the miser said. "I only came to (42) \_\_\_\_\_ at it."

"Then come again and look at the hole," said a neighbour, "it will do you just as much good."

Wealth unused might as well not exist.

<http://www.aesops-fables.org.uk/aesop-fable-the-miser-and-his-gold.htm>

**Section J: Synthesis/ Transformation (4x2m)**

For each of the following items, rewrite the sentence(s) using the word(s) given. Your answer must be in one sentence and its meaning must be the same as the sentence(s) given.

43. "I am leaving for London tomorrow morning," Sharmaine told her mother.

Sharmaine told \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

44. The children want the cake. Let them have it.

\_\_\_\_\_ if ✓  
\_\_\_\_\_

45. The girl was crying hysterically. Her father was killed in the fire.

\_\_\_\_\_ whose  
\_\_\_\_\_

46. Tom has not been to school. It was last Tuesday when he was here.

\_\_\_\_\_ since  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Section K: Comprehension Open Ended (5x2m)**

Read the passage below and answer questions 47 to 51 in the spaces provided.

Catherine Lew was a mother with three young children when her husband became the prison warden. Everybody warned her from the beginning that she should never set foot inside the prison walls, but that did not stop Catherine.

When the first prison basketball game was held, she walked into the gymnasium with her three beautiful children and she sat in the stands with the inmates. Her attitude was, "My husband and I are going to take care of these men and I believe they will not harm me. I don't have to worry."

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She insisted on getting acquainted with them and their records. She discovered one convicted murderer was blind so she paid him a visit. Holding his hand in hers she said, "Do you read Braille?"

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"What's Braille?" he asked. Slowly, he learnt how to read Braille. Catherine was his teacher. Later, Catherine found a deaf-mute in prison. In order to communicate with him, she went to learn sign language.

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Unfortunately, she was killed in a car accident one day. The next morning, Catherine's husband did not turn up for work so the acting warden took his place. It seemed almost instantly that the prisoners knew something was wrong.

The following day, her body was resting in a casket in her home, three kilometres from the prison. As the acting warden took his morning walk, he was shocked to see a large crowd of the toughest, hardest-looking criminals gather at the main gate.

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He came close and noted tears of grief and sadness. He knew how much they loved Catherine. He turned and faced the prisoners, "All right. You may go. Just be sure to return tonight!"

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*Adapted from "Chicken Soup for the Soul"*



47. Which two-word phrase from the first paragraph has the same meaning as 'enter'?

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48. How do you know that she cared for the blind and the deaf-mute?

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49. "...the prisoners knew that something was wrong." (lines 18-19)  
According to the passage, what was 'wrong'?

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50. Which sentence in the last paragraph shows that the criminals were extremely upset over Catherine's death?

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51. Where did the acting warden allow the prisoners to go? Why did he do that?

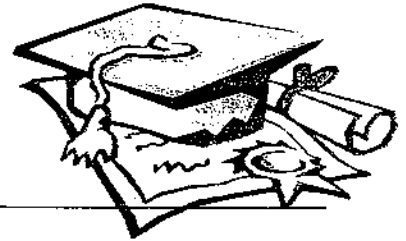


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## EXAM PAPER 2009

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30)knowing 31)would 32)successful 33)disappointing

34)satisfacting 35)G 36)A 37)D 38)E 39)dig 40)gold

41)happened 42)look

43)Sharmaine told her mother that she would be leaving for London the next morning.

44)Let the children have the cake if they want it.

45)The girl whose father was killed in the fire was crying hysterically.

46)Tom has not been to school since last Tuesday.

47)It was 'Set foot'.

48)She taught the blind murderer how to read Braille and she wanted to communicate with the deaf-mute so she want to learn sign language.

49)Catherine was killed in a car accident.

50)The sentence is "He came close and noted tears of grief and sadness."

51)He allowed them to go to Catherine's house. He know they wanted to see her for the last time.