



NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2 - 2008
PRIMARY 5

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
(BOOKLET A)

Name: _____ ()

Class: Pr. 5 _

Date: 23 October 2008

Booklet A	- / 30
Booklet B	/ 65
TOTAL	/ 95

Parent's Signature & Date

Total Time for booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

1. Do not turn over the page until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. Answer all questions carefully.
4. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

Section A – Comprehension Graphic-Stimulus (5 x 1 mark)

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



The Singapore Poetry Society presents
The 1st Singapore Poetry Slam!

*Write a verse of gladness
Or a verse of sadness.
Read or cry or laugh it out.
Or you just might want to give a shout.
We welcome anyone, any verse.
Just come by and hold your nerves!*



HOW TO JOIN:

Write a short poem between 50 to 100 words. Then come on down to Plaza Singapura on 21 November 2008 between 2 to 5 p.m. at the Main Atrium to perform it. Registration begins at 12 p.m.

WHAT'S IN STORE FOR YOU:

The Poetry Slam is a chance for you to perform your poems on stage. Famous poets from around the world will be performing their new works as well. Prizes will be given out for three categories:

- 1) Open [All Ages]
- 2) Junior [Below 12 years old]
- 3) ~~Group~~ Team [two to a maximum of 5 members]

CONTEST REGULATIONS:

- 1) All works that are performed must be original works written by the performers.
- 2) The performances will be graded on two criteria:
 - a. Quality of Poem
 - b. Quality of Performance



Prizes (Each Category):
1st: \$2000 Book Vouchers
2nd: \$1000 Book Vouchers
3rd: \$500 Book Vouchers
2 Merit Prizes: \$100 Book Vouchers

FEATURED POETS

Austria: Peter Handke
Ireland: Seamus Heaney
UK: Andrew Motion
Syria: Adonis
Singapore: Alfian Sa'at

The 1st Singapore Poetry Slam is supported by grants from National Arts Council, Singapore Pools and Ministry of Communication and the Arts.

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.

- 1) The 1st Singapore Poetry Slam is organized by _____
- 1) Plaza Singapura
 - 2) National Arts Council
 - 3) Singapore Poetry Society
 - 4) Ministry of Communication and the Arts
- 2) The judges will judge the poems based on _____
- 1) the poets' background
 - 2) how well they are written
 - 3) whether they are in proper verses
 - 4) whether they can make the audience laugh or cry
- 3) James and John, who are - 11 year old twins, can participate _____ at the 1st Singapore Poetry Slam.
- 1) in all the categories
 - 2) only in the Open category
 - 3) only in the Team category
 - 4) only in the Junior category
- 4) Which of the following statements is true of The 1st Singapore Poetry Slam?
- 1) None of the featured poets is local.
 - 2) The maximum number of members in a team is five.
 - 3) Works from any poet can be used for the performance.
 - 4) The poems used for performance can be of any length.
- 5) The following two pictures used in the text on page 2 are most likely used to suggest that _____
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- 1) participants should preferably perform in twos
 - 2) people of all ages can take part in the competition
 - 3) performers can perform in any manner they choose
 - 4) participants must have their poems with them during the performance

Section B – Grammar (7 x 1 mark)

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.

- 6) "The students ~~are~~ very excited about the concert, _____?" asked the principal.
- 1) is it
2) are they
3) isn't it
4) aren't they
- 7) The pupils have been working on the project _____ this morning and they have not completed it.
- 1) for
2) since
3) until
4) before
- 8) "Oh dear! The book is missing. I must _____ it somewhere!" I winced.
- 1) leave
2) left
3) be leaving
4) have left
- 9) The brave soldiers _____ the enemies during the war and peace was restored in the country.
- 1) held up
2) held on
3) held off
4) held against
- 10) "If it _____ ^{rain} tomorrow morning, I will go for a jog!" thought Mike, wishfully.
- 1) don't
2) won't
3) doesn't
4) wouldn't
- 11) The _____ of the two books I have read recently is *Anne Frank's Diary*. It is a very interesting record of the two years which her family spent in hiding during World War II.
- 1) best
2) worst
3) better
4) worse
- 12) The boat sailed _____ the river that ran through the city, carrying many happy tourists.
- 1) in
2) past
3) along
4) beside

Section C – Punctuation (3 x 1 mark)

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.

The burly kidnapper held a gun to the hostage's head (13) I am not going to wait much longer for the money," he said (14) "Did you call anyone to send the money here?"

"I did! I did!" The hostage mumbled, trembling with fear.

"Then where is it (15) How many times did you call?" The kidnapper shouted sternly.

"I don't know! It should be here soon," the hostage replied.

Just then, the sirens of many police cars rang and a helicopter flew over the ramshackle hut. "Oh, the money's here," sniggered the hostage.

- 13) 1) [.] comma
2) [.] full stop
3) [,"] comma and inverted commas
4) [,"] full stop and inverted commas

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

- 15) 1) [.] full stop
2) [;] semi-colon
3) [?] question mark
4) [!] exclamation mark

Section D – Vocabulary (5 x 1 mark)

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.

- 16) The report is _____. No one is suppose to read it. Only the principal can do so.
- 1) critical
 - 2) crucial
 - 3) coherent
 - 4) confidential
- 17) The _____ professor walked up on stage to receive the prize and everyone cheered.
- 1) eminent
 - 2) adamant
 - 3) imminent
 - 4) dominant
- 18) The garbage dump is _____ with cockroaches and rats!
- 1) infected
 - 2) infested
 - 3) inhibited
 - 4) inhabited
- 19) The _____ dog chased me into a corner, growling and baring its sharp teeth.
- 1) malicious
 - 2) gruesome
 - 3) destructive
 - 4) unscrupulous
- 20) Sally collapsed in _____ when she learnt that her best friend was killed in the accident.
- 1) awe
 - 2) anguish
 - 3) agitation
 - 4) apprehension

Section E – Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

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

Robinson Crusoe was 21)over the moon when he saw flaming torches approaching the island from the sea. He had been the 22)sole survivor after his ship was wrecked, and had been living on the island for several years. He 23)had no want for anything as he had all the food, water and a comfortable shelter. Nonetheless, he often felt lonely though he 24)clung on to the belief that he would meet another person on the island someday. His joy 25)did not last long when the shiny weapons and badly-bruised prisoners caught his eye.

- 21) 1) worried
2) delighted
3) surprised
4) disturbed
- 22) 1) only
2) pathetic
3) fortunate
4) desperate
- 23) 1) was conceited-
2) was contented
3) was contended
4) was concerned
- 24) 1) was hopeful
2) could foresee
3) knew for sure
4) realised the fact
- 25) 1) was shortened
2) was shortlisted
3) was short-lived
4) was shortchanged

Section F – Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

In 1992, a little boy named Usain Bolt ran through the fields in Jamaica to help his parents at their grocery store. He laughed and played with his friends along the way. He was just like any other six-year-old boys living in the countryside of Jamaica. No one would know that Usain Bolt will become the fastest man in the world.

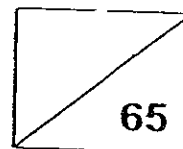
However, once Usain went to school, the teachers there began to notice that he could run like the wind, and he soon became the fastest short-distance runner in the school. Usain himself did not really take running very seriously, and he spent his time on other sports such as football and cricket. When he went on to secondary school, the school cricket coach asked Usain to try out for track and field instead of playing cricket for the school. Usain reluctantly agreed, and *under the wings* of track coaches Pablo McNeil and Dwayne Barreff, Usain soon became one of the fastest runners in the country.

Many track coaches across the country soon noticed Usain's potential, and Usain began to grow in fame as well as in stature. He was almost 1.96m tall when he was 15 years old, and was ranked as the top junior sprinter in the country. Nonetheless, he still did not take running seriously, and often spent his time playing practical jokes instead of training. Many times, he ran away from training to have fun with his friends, and Coach McNeil had to drive around to search for him. Once, minutes before a very important race, Usain hid in the back of a van that sped away from the race track. The police suspected something was wrong and gave chase. They soon arrested Usain, and freed him only after McNeil had gone to claim him. At this point, McNeil almost gave up on him and Usain himself thought that his days as a top sprinter were over.

McNeil decided to give Usain a second chance, and from then on, Bolt worked extremely hard in training. He soon became the 200m world junior champion, and at the age of 22, he qualified for the 2008 Beijing Olympics. Before the races began, many experts felt that Usain will be too inexperienced to perform well at the Olympics, and no one gave him a chance. However, he proved these doubters wrong with not one but three gold medals and world records in the 100m, 200m events and the 4 x 100m relay. Now, the little Jamaican boy has become the world's fastest man.

- 26) Usain's _____ first realised that he could run fast.
- 1) parents
 - 2) track coaches
 - 3) school cricket coach
 - 4) primary school teachers
- 27) Why did Usain Bolt "reluctantly agree" to join the Track and Field team? (line 10)
- 1) He thought^t he did not need a coach.
 - 2) He had already taken up other sports.
 - 3) He probably preferred playing cricket to running.
 - 4) He would rather spend time playing practical jokes.
- 28) Which of the following can be used to replace the phrase "under the wings" (line 10)?
- 1) with the guidance
 - 2) heeding the advice
 - 3) having the protection
 - 4) based on the judgement
- 29) Why did Usain think that "his days as a top sprinter were over"? (lines 22-23)
- 1) He had missed an important race.
 - 2) He had got into trouble with the law.
 - 3) His coach wanted to give up on him.
 - 4) No one had wanted to give him a chance.
- 30) Based on the information in the text, which of these statements is **true**?
- 1) Experts believe that Usain would become the Olympic Champion.
 - 2) McNeil felt that he was too inexperienced to do well at the Olympics.
 - 3) Usain qualified for the Olympics because many gave him a second chance.
 - 4) Usain is a three-time Olympic gold-medalist and world record holder in three events.

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Booklet B

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Section G – Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

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 ONCE only.

(A) an	(D) for	(G) its	(K) though	(N) whenever
(B) and	(E) it	(H) therefore	(L) too	(P) wherever
(C) ever	(F) it's	(J) these	(M) unless	(Q) whether

The rainforests around the world are in trouble. Many of the trees have been chopped down (31) _____ timber or to clear the land for construction. The forest and (32) _____ inhabitants are facing extinction and (33) _____ we do something about it, they may not be around much longer.

Even (34) _____ you are young, there are still many things you can do to protect the rainforests. (35) _____ you use a piece of paper, make sure that you use both sides of it. If you (36) _____ have the chance to visit a rainforest, do not disturb the flora and fauna (37) _____ do not litter as the rubbish would destroy the delicate balance of the rainforests. Lastly, remember that the rainforests and the inhabitants feel the pain (38) _____ when they are being "attacked".

(39) _____ little things that you do will give the rainforests around the world a chance to survive. (40) _____ you are young or old, rich or poor, we all have a part to play in protecting and preserving our wonderful rainforests!

Section H – Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1 mark)

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

41)

King Midas was a man who had **recivēd** a special gift from the gods. All that

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he touched would becomes gold. The gift was both a blessing and a curse. His palace was

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field with golden walls, pillars and even a horse made of pure gold. But Midas was not a

44)

45)

very happy man in all. He could not enjoy his food as the food turned into gold at his mouth.

46)

47)

When his children **aproched** him for a hug, they were transformed into golden statoos.

48)

When it **apeered** likely that Midas would soon starve to death, he quickly called upon the

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gods to reversing the spell. The gods felt pity for him, and they decided to forgive the

50)

ignored king and returned everything to normal.

Section I – Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Baking cookies is one of my hobbies. While it may (51) _____ to be difficult, it is actually a fairly (52) _____ task. Firstly, beat a few eggs in a large mixer bowl. Next, pour some flour, icing sugar and chocolate sauce into the bowl and then (53) _____ them well. It is best to let the mixture (54) _____ in the refrigerator for at least two hours so that they can be rolled easily. In the meantime, pre-heat the (55) _____ to 200 degrees Celsius. Once the dough is ready, (56) _____ it from the refrigerator and place it on the rolling plate.

When that is done, use a ~~rolling~~ pin to flatten the dough and proceed to (57) _____ a cookie-cutter to cut out the desired shapes. The dough can be cut into all shapes and (58) _____. Once it has been cut, place the pieces on a baking tray and bake it in the oven for about ten minutes. However, the baking times will (59) _____ for different sizes, so do make sure that the edges of the cookies are slightly brown before removing them from the oven. Once the oven door is opened, the delightful (60) _____ of freshly baked cookies will fill the air. Lay the cookies out on a plate to cool for a while, and they can then be (61) _____ to your family and friends.

Baking cookies is an enjoyable (62) _____. You can bake them on special (63) _____ such as birthdays, anniversaries, or Christmas. Or you can just bake them for fun! Always remember to focus on the (64) _____ rather than the quantity of the cookies. Even if ~~the~~ cookies end up tasting bad, having fun baking them is all that (65) _____.

Section J – Synthesis / Transformation (5 x 2 marks)

For each of the questions 66-70, rewrite the given sentences 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 sentences.

66) The Olympic boxer eats only one meal a day. He wants to keep within the weight limit.

In order to _____

67) Sally was still doing her homework. It was almost midnight.

Although _____

68) Tommy does not enjoy reading. George does not enjoy reading as well.

Neither _____

69) The teacher punished the students. They had triggered the fire alarm.

_____ who

70) The movie had a poor review. Tickets for the movie were sold out for months.

In spite of _____

Section K – Comprehension Open-ended (10 x 2 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

The morning bell from the primary school nearby startled Tommy. Annoyed, he scowled and swore under his breath. Then, he crawled out of his bed towards the bathroom to wash up. All of a sudden, his wife screamed and Tommy ran to the living room. There, he was horrified to find a pool of black paint at his doorstep. His mind immediately recalled the group of boys from the neighbouring school whom he had once caught spraying graffiti in the void deck. He ran to the telephone to call the school, but his wife stopped him. 5

"I don't think this is the work of schoolboys. Look, there's a note on the door," she said, in between sobs.

"Let me see that," replied Tommy angrily, still convinced that the school boys were responsible for the prank. 10

Tommy picked up the note and the note mentioned that the owners of the flat had owed someone named Ah Seng \$50 000. Tommy fell silent while his wife glared at him furiously.

"Did you borrow money from loan sharks?" his wife asked. 15

Tommy did not reply, but his wife knew the answer already. Tommy lost his job a year ago when his company closed down. He could not find a job. *This* was mainly due to the fact that he did not have much education. Then, his friends soon distanced themselves from him. Feeling depressed, Tommy began to drink and gamble heavily, hoping to make a fortune the easy way. Initially, he was lucky and made a lot of money. But he began to splurge on expensive clothes, a new car and renovated his home a few times. Very soon, he began to run out of money again. He then borrowed money from the loan sharks in order to gamble, but his luck had changed. He soon lost all the money he had borrowed and he had no money left to repay the debts. He kept all these from his wife, but she was already suspicious about how he earned money. 20 25

"I'm so sorry... I'm really very sorry. I've really let you down," Tommy whimpered as he lowered his head in shame.

Tommy's wife stood in silence for a while before she walked quietly into her room. Tommy fell to his knees and cried at the thought that his wife would walk out on him. Tommy's wife soon emerged from the room calmly and she placed a bankbook in his hands. "This is the money I have put aside these few years," she said gently, "use it to pay them. Let's start all over." 30

"I will..." Tommy's voice trailed off between tears.

All answers must be based on the given text.
Your answers must be in COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71) What woke Tommy up?

72) How did Tommy react when he was woken from his sleep?

73) Why did Tommy's wife scream (line 3)?

74) Why did Tommy think that it was a prank committed by schoolboys?

75) "... but his wife knew the answer already." (line 16) What was the "answer"?

76) What does the word "this" in line 17 refer to?

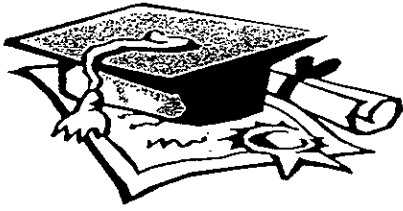
77) Which word in the passage has the same meaning as "to stay away from someone"?

78) What did Tommy do with the money he had won?

79) Why did Tommy fall to his knees and cry in line 29?

80) Tommy said, "I will..." (line 33) Explain clearly what Tommy would do.

End-of-Paper



ANSWER SHEET

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TERM : SA 2

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
3	2	1	2	3	4	2	4	3	3	3	3	4	3	3	4	1

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
2	1	2	2	1	2	1	3	4	3	1	3	4	D	G	M	K

Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
N	C	B	L	J	Q

- 41)received 42)become 43)filled 44)at
- 45)in 46)approached 47)statues 48)appeared
- 49)reverse 50)ignorant 51)seem 52)simple
- 53)mix 54)cool 55)over 56)remove
- 57)use 58)sizes 59)vary 60)smell
- 61)served 62)task 63)occasions 64)quality
- 65)matters

66)In order to keep within the the weight limit, the Olympic boxer eats only one meal a day.

67)Although it was almost midnight, Sally was still doing her homework.

- 68) Neither Tommy nor George enjoys reading.
- 69) The teacher punished the students who had triggered the fire alarm.
- 70) In spite of the poor review, tickets for the movie were sold out for months.
- 71) The morning bell from the primary school nearby woke him.
- 72) He scowled and swore.
- 73) She saw a pool of black paint at the door.
- 74) He had once caught a group of boys from the neighbouring school spraying graffiti in the void deck.
- 75) The answer was that she knew that Tommy lost all the money that he had borrowed and had no money left to repay the debts.
- 76) It refers to the fact that Tommy could not find job.
- 77) The word is "distanced."
- 78) He bought expensive clothes, a new car and renovated his house a few times.
- 79) He bought that his wife would walk out on him.
- 80) He would pay the loan sharks and start all over again with his wife.