



NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL  
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2 - 2014  
PRIMARY 5

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

Class: Pr. 5 \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 24 October 2014

Booklet A	/ 28
Booklet B	/ 67
TOTAL	/ 95

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Parent's Signature & Date

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

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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 – Grammar (10 x 1mark)**

For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

1. Sharon will accompany my sister and \_\_\_\_\_ to the library on Thursday.
- (1) I
  - (2) us
  - (3) me
  - (4) myself
- ( )
2. Mr Tan calls \_\_\_\_\_ his elderly neighbour every morning without fail to deliver breakfast to her.
- (1) in
  - (2) on
  - (3) up
  - (4) off
- ( )
3. Mother praised Jack because he made \_\_\_\_\_ mistakes in his latest class test compared to the previous test.
- (1) more
  - (2) much
  - (3) fewer
  - (4) lesser
- ( )
4. Alice was very certain that she saw Mark \_\_\_\_\_ the painting from the cupboard.
- (1) steal
  - (2) steals
  - (3) stole
  - (4) stolen
- ( )
5. Henry skipped volleyball training yesterday, \_\_\_\_\_?
- (1) does he
  - (2) doesn't he
  - (3) did he
  - (4) didn't he
- ( )

6. Neither of the sisters \_\_\_\_\_ to play video games as they think it is a waste of time.

- (1) like
- (2) likes
- (3) liked
- (4) liking

( )

7. Paul decided \_\_\_\_\_ going for the basketball game after much consideration as he needed to revise for his coming test.

- (1) to
- (2) over
- (3) from
- (4) against

( )

8. The woman, with \_\_\_\_\_ I went on a holiday, is my cousin.

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

( )

9. Brian's parents have decided to \_\_\_\_\_ him to New Zealand for a family holiday in December.

- (1) take
- (2) fetch
- (3) carry
- (4) bring

( )

10. \_\_\_\_\_ talking about the hilarious incident which happened yesterday, David burst out laughing.

- (1) Since
- (2) While
- (3) Despite
- (4) Although

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**Section B – Vocabulary (5 x 1mark)**

For each question from 11 to 15, one of the four options is the correct answer. Make your choice and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

11. Mr Lim is a \_\_\_\_\_ man. He does not spend his money on unnecessary things and tries to save as much as he can.

- (1) frugal
- (2) lavish
- (3) mediocre
- (4) boisterous ( )

12. Many parks are now more \_\_\_\_\_ to cyclists since the introduction of the park connector network.

- 1) available
- 2) obtainable
- 3) accessible
- 4) convenient ( )

13. The confident swindler \_\_\_\_\_ with the old lady's life savings after posing as her long-lost son.

- 1) made up
- 2) made off
- 3) made for
- 4) made over ( )

14. The wanted man decided to sneak out of the country in the middle of the night to \_\_\_\_\_ arrest by the police.

- 1) evade
- 2) eclipse
- 3) excuse
- 4) exempt ( )

15. Melissa has always been an \_\_\_\_\_ supporter of the school's clean and green efforts that she makes it a point to take part in all the planned activities.

- 1) ardent
- 2) arduous
- 3) arrogant
- 4) articulate ( )

**Section C – Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1mark)**

**For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).**

Ashley bought a bag of cookies and lugged her heavy bag to a bench next to a man during lunch. She was (16) absorbed in her book but happened to see the man grabbing a cookie or two from the cookie bag between them. From the corner of her eye, she watched, (17) open-mouthed, shocked by his boldness. Ashley munched on her cookies and watched the clock as the (18) gutsy cookie thief diminished her stock.

With each cookie she took, he took one too. When only one was left, Ashley wondered what he would do. With a (19) tentative smile and a nervous laugh, the man took the last cookie and broke it in half. He offered half to Ashley and she snatched it from him, (20) utterly disgusted with his behaviour. When her lunch break was over, Ashley gathered her belongings and left, refusing to look back at the thieving ingrate.

*Adapted from "A Matter of Perspective" by Valerie Cox*

16. (1) fixed  
(2) obsessed  
(3) bewitched  
(4) engrossed ( )
17. (1) ogling  
(2) gaping  
(3) peeping  
(4) salivating ( )
18. (1) brash  
(2) insolent  
(3) shameless  
(4) courageous ( )
19. (1) hasty  
(2) certain  
(3) hesitant  
(4) cautious ( )
20. (1) fairly  
(2) surely  
(3) relatively  
(4) thoroughly ( )

**Section D – Visual Text Comprehension (8 x 1mark)**

Study the advertisement carefully and answer questions 21 to 28.

**Cold Storage Kids Run '14**  
The Best Kids Run in Singapore  
**THE MEADOW, GARDENS BY THE BAY**  
Sunday 23 November 2014  
Register @ [www.kidsrun2014.com.sg](http://www.kidsrun2014.com.sg) OR  
at Clementi Park from 1 – 5 September

**ABOUT KIDS RUN**

First started in 2010 at the National Stadium, the Cold Storage Kids Run is back! This is a biennial running event for kids that aims to encourage the young ones to start early with healthy lifestyle and eating. This event has the honour of being Asia's first kids-only running event and one of the best local family sporting events.

**CATEGORIES & FEES**

**SPRINT Categories – Competitive Kids Individual Race**

Category/ Distance	Age (As at 1 Sept 2014)	Registration Fees	
		Early Bird	Normal
Speedy Apple Sprint (1.6 km)	10 – 12 years old	\$40	\$50
Zesty Lemon Sprint (800m)	7 – 9 years old		

**^FAMILY FUN Categories – Fun Run for Parent + Kid**

Category/ Distance	Age (As at 1 Sept 2014)	Registration Fees	
		Early Bird	Normal
Berries Family Fun (1.4 km)	9 – 12 years old	\$50	\$60
Cherries Family Fun (1 km)	5 – 8 years old		

**^Only 1 parent (aged 21 and above) is allowed to run with 1 kid**

- Registration dates: Early Bird (1 Sept – 15 Sept 2014), Normal (16 Sept – 30 Sept 2014)
- Registration closes on 30 September 2014 or when the race capacity of 5,000 is reached, whichever comes earlier

## RUNNER'S ENTITLEMENT

Each child participant will get

- Limited edition event tee
- Race Pack Containing:
  - Race bib
  - Timing chip (for SPRINT categories only)
- Finisher medal for every participant who completes the race
- Goodie bag loaded with exciting goodies

**Collection of Race Pack  
on 8 & 9 November 2014  
at Singapore Sports School**



**For FAMILY FUN Categories, enjoy all of the above PLUS a matching event tee and finisher medal for parents!**

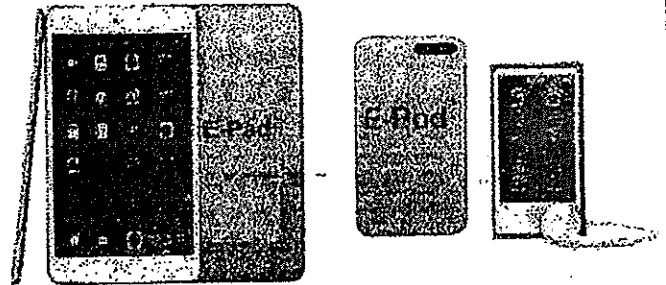
## PRIZES

*(For top 3 finishers of Speedy Apple & Zesty Lemon SPRINT categories only)*

**1<sup>st</sup>:** E-Pad Mini worth \$600 &  
\$300 worth of Hershey's vouchers

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** E-Pad Touch worth \$300 &  
\$200 worth of Hershey's vouchers

**3<sup>rd</sup>:** E-Pad Nano worth \$150 &  
\$100 worth of Hershey's vouchers



## VOLUNTEERS

Be part of the Kids Run family! Volunteer for the Kids Run on 23 November 2014 and experience the event from behind the scene. Various volunteer opportunities await you!

Interested parties please sign up at any Cold Storage outlets before 10 October 2014. Shortlisted applicants will be contacted for further training.

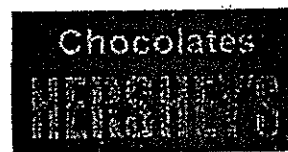
Benefits of being a volunteer:

- Free exclusive event tee
- Some allowance

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Adapted from: <http://www.kidsrun.com.sg/>

For each question from 21 to 28, choose the most appropriate option (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

21 Where will Cold Storage Kids Run'14 take place?

- (1) Clementi Park
- (2) National Stadium
- (3) Gardens by the Bay
- (4) Singapore Sports School ( )

22 How often is the Cold Storage Kids Run held?

- (1) every year
- (2) every two years
- (3) every three years
- (4) every four years ( )

23 The objective of Cold Storage Kids Run'14 is to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) gain publicity for Cold Storage
- (2) promote healthy living among kids
- (3) be the best family sporting event in Singapore
- (4) encourage young ones to take part in Asia's only kids run ( )

24 The **main** benefit of registering for the run before 16 September 2014 is that one will \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) receive a free E-Pad Mini
- (2) have to pay less registration fees
- (3) be guaranteed a place in the race
- (4) be able to get the runner's entitlement before it runs out ( )

25 An 8-year-old who wishes to win a prize in the Cold Storage Kids Run'14 should participate in the \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) Berries Family Fun
- (2) Zesty Lemon Sprint
- (3) Cherries Family Fun
- (4) Speedy Apple Sprint ( )



26. The following items will be received by every child participant who registers and completes the run except for the \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) event tee
- (2) timing chip
- (3) goodie bag
- (4) finisher medal

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27. What does the phrase 'shortlisted applicants' under the subheading **Volunteers** refer to?

- (1) Children who register for the Kids Run.
- (2) All parents of Kids Run child participants.
- (3) Anyone who applies to be a volunteer at the Kids Run.
- (4) Suitable applicants chosen to help out in the Kids Run.

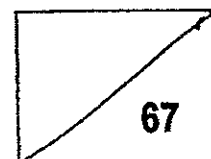
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28. Which one of these statements is true?

- (1) Cold Storage Kids Run'14 is the only kids run in Asia.
- (2) Parents who take part in the run will not receive any entitlement.
- (3) Volunteers for the Cold Storage Kids' Run'14 will receive some cash incentive.
- (4) The E-Pad prizes for the Kids Run are most likely to be sponsored by Cold Storage.

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Booklet B

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**Section E – Grammar Cloze (10 x 1mark)**

There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38 in the passage below. From the list of words in the box, choose the most suitable answer for each blank and write its letter (A to Q) in it. "I" and "O" have been omitted to avoid confusion in marking.

Use each word only **ONCE**.

A) and	D) but	G) in	K) than	N) was
B) around	E) by	H) is	L) then	P) when
C) as	F) for	J) of	M) to	Q) with

The name of Helen Adams Keller is known around the world as a symbol of courage in the face of overwhelming odds. However, she was much more (29) \_\_\_\_\_ a symbol. She (30) \_\_\_\_\_ a woman of intelligence, ambition and great accomplishment as she devoted her life (31) \_\_\_\_\_ helping others.

Helen Keller was born in Tuscumbia, Alabama, (32) \_\_\_\_\_ 1880. She contracted a fever that left her blind (33) \_\_\_\_\_ deaf when she was nineteen months. (34) \_\_\_\_\_ she was almost seven years old, her parents engaged Anne Mansfield Sullivan to be her tutor. (35) \_\_\_\_\_ dedication and love, Miss Sullivan was able to evoke and help develop the child's enormous intelligence.

After Helen Keller's graduation from Radcliffe College, she appeared in international forums, travelled (36) \_\_\_\_\_ the world to visit areas with a high incidence of blindness and wrote numerous books and articles. She played a major role in focusing the world's attention on the problems of the blind and the need (37) \_\_\_\_\_ preventive measures.

Helen Keller won several honours. During her lifetime, she was someone held with high regard (38) \_\_\_\_\_ everyone. Although she died in 1968, she is still fondly remembered.

*Adapted from <http://www.hki.org/about-helen-keller/helen-kellers-life/>*

**Section F – Editing for Spelling and Grammar (12 x 1mark)**

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes.

(39)

A father had a family of five sons. They perpetually quarrelled by themselves. When

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he failed to resolve their arguements, he decided to give them a practicle illustration of the

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evils of disunion. For this purpose, it told them to bring him a bundle of sticks. When they had

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does so, he placed the bundle of sticks into the hands of each of them, one after another. He

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(45)

order them to break the bundle into pieces. His sons consentrated and tried with all their

(46)

(47)

strength but did not succeed. After which, he tore the bundle of sticks apart and seperated the

sticks. Again, he put the sticks into his sons' hands. This time, they managed to break the

(48)

sticks easy.

The old man then referred to the sticks and told them, "My sons, if you unite to assist

(49)

one another, you will be similer to this bundle of sticks, uninjured by all the attempts of your

enemies. However, if you are disunited, you will be broken like these sticks."

(50)

His sons looked into one another and nodded in agreement. They had learnt a

lesson.

*Adapted from Aesop's Fables by Aesop*

**Section G – Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1mark)**  
**Fill in each blank with a suitable word.**

Not far from the North Pole, the world is frozen for thousands of miles. Footprints of a single arctic fox (51) \_\_\_\_\_ immediately erased by a fierce wind chasing freshly fallen snow back into the air. Despite the (52) \_\_\_\_\_ that it is 40 degrees Fahrenheit below zero, the nomadic fox trots across the sea ice on a winter walkabout. It has been days since its last meal and it is on the move in (53) \_\_\_\_\_ of food. However, the weather gets worse and it must rest to hide (54) \_\_\_\_\_ the bad weather. It curls up its cat-size body and (55) \_\_\_\_\_ a hole in the snow using its paws.

Hours later the wind dies (56) \_\_\_\_\_ but the arctic fox is nowhere to be seen. Slowly, a snowy mound wriggles, reveals two dark eyes and transforms into the furry white (57) \_\_\_\_\_ of the lone arctic fox. The canine casually shakes the blanket of (58) \_\_\_\_\_ off its thick coat - the key (59) \_\_\_\_\_ its survival. "Its fur has better insulation than any (60) \_\_\_\_\_ types of mammals," says Dominique Berteaux, an arctic fox researcher.

Warm fur alone might not keep this fox (61) \_\_\_\_\_ to ensure its survival during the polar winter. Until spring (62) \_\_\_\_\_ this arctic fox will rely on some freeze-defying strategies, making it a champion of the cold.

Winter in the Arctic, (63) \_\_\_\_\_ arctic foxes live, is unlike winter in most parts of the world. From October to February, the (64) \_\_\_\_\_ never rises to shine warmth and light. To stay warm, arctic foxes need to consume enough (65) \_\_\_\_\_. With sufficient food, this arctic fox has a better chance of making it through the long, dark winter.

*Adapted from Foxes on Ice, National Geographic Kids (November 2013)*

**section H - Synthesis / Transformation (5 x 2marks)**

**For questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the given one(s).**

66. Both John and Mary do not know how to cycle.

Neither \_\_\_\_\_ nor \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

67. All the competitors were given a medal each at the end of the marathon.

Every \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68. The little boy believed that he would emerge the champion. He was determined.

Full of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. If you promise to prepare all the safety equipment, you can go skiing.

\_\_\_\_\_ unless  
\_\_\_\_\_

70. "I went to the library just now," Mr Tan said.

Mr Tan said that \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Section I – Comprehension Open-ended (20 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

Lauren's feet hit first, striking the rock with the force of a hammer blow. Next, she toppled clumsily onto her side, facing the cliff on a ledge barely wide enough to support her body. The rope at her waist stretched taut almost immediately, but she clung to a huge rock in case it went slack again.

Nine metres above Lauren was the overhang from which she had dropped. About 270 metres below lay a carpet of pine trees, strewn with house-sized rocks. 5

Lauren's companions, Diana and Michael, were horrified. Both of them hurriedly stepped to the edge of the cliff. "Lauren," they shouted, "are you all right?"

Long seconds passed before the response came, "No!"

Michael immediately dialled the emergency numbers. "We've got an injured climber," Michael told the search-and-rescue coordinator. "I'll tell you more when I have the details." Then he tied his own rope and began rappelling down the cliff to where Lauren was. 10

"What happened?" Lauren quizzed when Michael reached her.

"Something messed up with the rope which was holding you. Where are you hurt?" Michael asked her gently. 15

"Both legs and feet. My back, whenever I try to move," Lauren replied weakly.

"We will get you out of this place," Michael reassured her. "However, there's no phone reception here. I will be back as soon as I can."

Michael returned to the top. He called the coordinator and described Lauren's condition. Then he handed Diana the mobile phone for safekeeping and rappelled back down to comfort Lauren. "Would it help if I distract you?" he asked Lauren, dangling beside her, "Do you want to talk about your childhood?" 20

"Stay with me, but don't say anything," she said. "I need to focus on my breathing to keep away the pain." 25

Michael fell silent but his presence helped her find something that felt almost like peace.

Hours later, the trio heard the drone of helicopter rotors. Looking up, Diana saw a ranger floating towards her suspended from a rope. "I'm Ryan," he said, as the aircraft set him down, along with a large gear bag. Ryan began by inspecting the site. Minutes later, the helicopter deposited another paramedic, Peter. By this time, Ryan had reinforced the climbing anchors. 30

The rescue team decided to get Lauren off the rocks. However, the narrow space for the helicopter to manoeuvre and fading light obstructed the rescue operation. This was made worse with the impending storm. 35

After confirmation that the storms were at a safe distance, the rescue operation started against all odds. Michael helped strap Lauren into the rigid suit while Peter clipped Lauren and himself onto the end of the long rope. Together, they rose from the rock. Lauren felt like screaming – with ecstasy, not fear. She was finally off the mountain. The sunset was the most beautiful one she had ever seen.

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*Adapted from "Free Fall" (Readers Digest, July 2013)*

71. How did we know that Lauren had hit the rock with a huge impact? (1m)

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72. What does the word 'it' in line 4 refer to? (2m)

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73. Choose words from paragraphs 1 which have opposite meanings to the words below. (2m)

tight	
fully	

74. What was the difference between Michael's intention in his first and second climb down the cliff to where Lauren was? (2m)

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75. Did Lauren want to talk about her childhood? Provide a reason to support your answer. (2m)

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79. What were the three problems faced by the rescue team? (3m)

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80. How did Lauren feel in the **last paragraph**? Why did she feel that way? (2m)

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**End-of-Paper**

76. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. (3m)

	True/False	Reason
Lauren was suspended above a fountain.		
Lauren felt comforted when Michael was beside her.		
Ryan used a ladder to land from the helicopter.		

77. What two actions did Ryan do after he had descended from the helicopter that helped in the rescue operation? (2m)

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78. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage. (1m)

\_\_\_\_\_ Diana held onto Michael's mobile phone.

\_\_\_\_\_ Michael strapped Lauren into the suit.

\_\_\_\_\_ Michael called the coordinator and described Lauren's condition.



# ANSWER SHEET

**EXAM PAPER 2014**  
**SCHOOL : NAN HUA**  
**PRIMARY : P5**  
**SUBJECT : ENGLISH**  
**TERM : SA2**

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

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

Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
Q	B	F	E

- 39)among      40)arguments      41)practical      42)he      43)done
- 44)ordered      45)concentrated      46)succeed      47)separated
- 48)easily      49)similar      50)at      51)are      52)fact
- 53)search      54)from      55)digs      56)down      57)body
- 58)snow      59)to      60)other      61)alive      62)comes
- 63)where      64)sun      65)food

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76)False / Lauren was suspended above a carpet of pine trees with house stream sized rocks.

True / Lauren wanted Michael to stay with her.

False / Ryan landed using a rope.

77)Ryan began inspecting the site, and reinforced the climbing anchors.

78)2, 3, 1

79)The problems were the inspecting storm, the fading light and the narrow space for the helicopter to manoeuvre.

80)She felt happy. She managed to escape.