

SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL
SECOND SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2014
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY FIVE

Name: _____ ()

Date: _____

Class: Primary 5 _____

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET A

28 questions

28 marks

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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Answer all questions.

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 correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

1. Aunty Helen will not go on any overseas trips unless her husband _____ too.
 - (1) go
 - (2) goes
 - (3) gone
 - (4) going

2. Mr Tan made Jane _____ her homework before allowing her to go for choir practice.
 - (1) complete
 - (2) completes
 - (3) completed
 - (4) completing

3. A tour of the Peranakan Museum will give you a glimpse _____ the lives of the olden day Straits Chinese.
 - (1) into
 - (2) over
 - (3) from
 - (4) during

4. The tourists are reluctant to leave their picturesque resort which is nestled _____ valleys and meadows.
 - (1) along
 - (2) before
 - (3) beside
 - (4) among

5. Neither Jason nor his friends _____ in class yesterday during recess.
 - (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were

6. Mary has to hang all the washing in the living room _____ it is very dusty outside due to the construction work.
- (1) while
 - (2) because
 - (3) whereas
 - (4) although
7. "Please wrap up _____ books by the counter over there and hand them to the customer," instructed the supervisor.
- (1) this
 - (2) that
 - (3) these
 - (4) those
8. "Has anyone here ever _____ part in the National Swimming Competition?" asked Mrs Goh.
- (1) take
 - (2) took
 - (3) takes
 - (4) taken
9. After the locksmith had changed the lock, the missing key mysteriously _____ on Jane's desk.
- 1) fell out
 - 2) turned up
 - 3) dropped in
 - 4) came across
10. The organiser cleared some space along the centre aisle _____ the wheelchair-bound audience to watch the performance.
- 1) in
 - 2) at
 - 3) on
 - 4) for

For each question from 11 to 15, 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)

11. The Thai boxer suffered a concussion after his opponent _____ repeated blows on his head during the boxing match.
- (1) rained
 - (2) dropped
 - (3) assailed
 - (4) besieged
12. When the doctor delivered the terrible _____ about the incurable disease John was suffering from, everyone in the room was in shock.
- (1) proposal
 - (2) prediction
 - (3) prognosis
 - (4) predicament
13. Sam decided to have an ice-cold glass of refreshing lime juice on a _____ summer afternoon to cope with the heat.
- (1) languid
 - (2) sluggish
 - (3) lethargic
 - (4) comatose
14. Steven does not manage his expenditure well. He has been told to _____ his excessive spending.
- 1) curb
 - 2) grasp
 - 3) pause
 - 4) refrain
15. I had always been wary of new ideas. My brother was surprised that I had taken John's suggestions so _____.
- (1) readily
 - (2) recklessly
 - (3) reclusively
 - (4) relentlessly

For each question 16 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to replace the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.
(5 marks)

Some people call it magic while others refer to it as folk medicine. Doctors laugh at (16) the mention of it and few medical associations recognise its practice. Yet, for nearly five thousand years, the Chinese have been using this ancient way to cure illness and its (17) successes have surprised the western world. It is acupuncture which is a Chinese art of (18) healing by piercing certain areas of the skin with fine needles for specific lengths of time. This art, which has been passed down from generation to generation, was a well- (19) guarded secret until the publication of the 'Nei Ching, the first Chinese medical textbook. This valuable book has remained the standard text for acupuncture students today in (20) Hong Kong and China.

Adapted from www.medicinenet.com

16. (1) scoff
(2) scorn
(3) chortle
(4) guffaw
17. (1) skill
(2) ability
(3) knack
(4) method
18. (1) amazed
(2) petrified
(3) horrified
(4) stupefied
19. (1) sent
(2) handed
(3) handled
(4) inherited
20. (1) main
(2) official
(3) regular
(4) consistent

Study the following advertisement and then answer questions 21 to 28.

Wholefood Supermarket

Join us for our opening special!

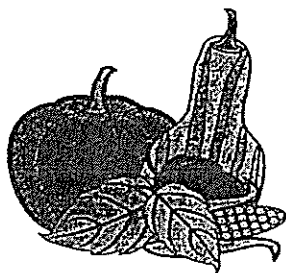
We are pleased to announce the official opening of Wholefood Supermarket this Sunday 6 July, at 10am.

At Wholefood, a franchisee from Melbourne, Australia, we have the widest range of organic products!

We have planned a fun-filled day to celebrate our opening.

WHAT YOU CAN LOOK FORWARD TO

- ❖ Guest of Honour: Mr Peter Lee, President of Supermarket Union, Singapore
- ❖ Sampling booths set up by our key suppliers from Japan and Korea
- ❖ Cooking demonstration by Master Chef Chang from the popular, "Who Cooks The Best?" TV show
- ❖ Great discounts on our house products
- ❖ Freebies such as samples of new products



Fun-filled activities for all children!
Free balloon sculpting
Free snacks

First 50 children can enjoy a kids
cooking session

For every \$40 spent in a single receipt, customers will receive a \$5 voucher. Those who spend a minimum of \$80 will receive a voucher of \$10. The cash vouchers can be used on your next visit. What's more, just spend \$5 and you can enter our lucky draw!

The Lucky Draw will be held on 8 July, 5pm at the gallery in Sunshine Shopping Centre.

Take part in it and you stand to win our top prize:

A free shopping spree in Wholefood Supermarket!

The first prize winner will be able to shop for free.

He or She will be able to pick anything they want from the supermarket for 1 hour.

All these are sponsored by Splash Malls

Consolation Prizes:

- Shopping Vouchers worth \$1000
- Cooking appliances such as rice cookers
- Cutlery sets
- Cookbooks by John Chew, a renowned chef from Taiwan

Wholefood Supermarket is located at #02-11, Sunshine Shopping Centre

Opening Hours: 8am-10pm (weekdays) and 8am-11pm (weekends)

Official Sponsors:

Jen Food Suppliers

Lee and Chan Transport

Splash Malls

For each question from 21 to 28, 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. (8 marks)

21. This advertisement is put up by _____.

- (1) Splash Malls
- (2) Jen Food Suppliers
- (3) Wholefood Supermarket
- (4) Lee and Chan Transport

22. When will the official opening be held?

- (1) 8 July, 5pm
- (2) 8 July, 8am
- (3) 6 July, 8am
- (4) 6 July, 10am

23. Where is Wholefood Supermarket originally from?

- 1) Korea
- 2) Japan
- 3) Taiwan
- 4) Australia

24. The main aim of this advertisement is to encourage people to _____.

- 1) take part in a lucky draw
- 2) shop at Wholefood Supermarket
- 3) watch the cooking demonstration
- 4) shop at Sunshine Shopping Centre

25. The top prize at the lucky draw will include _____.

- 1) cutlery sets
- 2) rice cookers
- 3) a free shopping spree
- 4) \$1000 shopping vouchers

26. To take part in the lucky draw, a participant must _____.

- 1) have received cash vouchers
- 2) spend \$5 in Wholefood Supermarket
- 3) spend \$80 in Wholefood Supermarket
- 4) be one of the first 50 visitors to the event

27. Where will the lucky draw be held?

- 1) Splash Malls
- 2) Jen Food Suppliers
- 3) Wholefood Supermarket
- 4) Sunshine Shopping Centre

28. Which of these statements is correct?

- 1) Sampling booths will be set up by Wholefood Supermarket.
- 2) All children will be able to take part in the kids cooking session.
- 3) The top prize winner will be able to shop for free in Sunshine Shopping Centre.
- 4) Shoppers at Wholefood Supermarket will be able to enjoy discounts on their house products.

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	Marks Obtained	Highest Possible Marks
Booklet A		28
Booklet B		67
Sub-total		95

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET B

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Write your answers in this booklet.

There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38, 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 in order to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

- | | | | | |
|---------------|----------|------------|-----------|--------------|
| (A) according | (D) his | (G) most | (K) such | (N) together |
| (B) for | (E) in | (H) out | (L) their | (P) who |
| (C) him | (F) into | (J) should | (M) to | (Q) will |

Tae-Bo, a unique and challenging fitness system, is a martial arts and aerobics hybrid created by Billy Blanks _____ 1975. It combines Tae Kwon Do, boxing and dance moves and puts them _____ in a challenging programme set to hip-hop music. The name, Tae-Bo, is a combination of words that relate to the activity. "Tae" means "leg", which is the body part _____ actively used during the workout. The word "Bo" comes from the word "boxing" as upper body punches are also used. Set _____ upbeat music, Tae-Bo can be a very satisfying workout as it engages the muscles of the entire body.

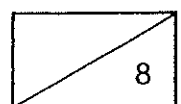
_____ can participate? Tae-Bo is for anyone who wants a complete workout. As participants build strength, they _____ progress to harder moves and faster music tracks.

Since Tae-Bo is set to music, many participants enjoy it as they get healthier while having fun. _____ to research conducted by Billy Blanks Enterprises, Tae-Bo learners report feeling a positive change in their bodies the very first time they try it and begin to see results _____ as improved strength and cardiovascular health in as little as three Tae-Bo sessions. If you are interested in trying Tae-Bo out _____ yourself, you are advised to start slow so that you can build up your endurance. Tae-Bo is challenging as it requires the use of the entire body and you should not get discouraged if you tire quickly in the beginning. Also, you _____ check with your family doctor who can advise you about your general health before starting a new workout programme.

Each of the underlined words contain a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (12 marks)

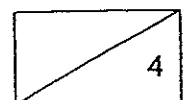
Emanuel, a six-year-old Roma boy, sits at the table drawing a portrait of his mother. He (39) carefully draws the outline of her hair, then traces in the rest of her body meritkulously. He (40) selects his pencil crayons with precision so that the colours match these of his mother's outfit as if he were painting by numbers. He looks up at her every few minutes to check the (41) resemblance, smiled with satisfaction. It is obvious that he is a keen observer as he is focussed and calm.

However, he was not always this way. When he was younger, he often had a look of (42) confusion on his face, had few friends in the neighbourhood and would lash out in infuelreation. (43) His parents were concerned that their son should not be able to go to school as he had (44) problems fitting in. Often, they were ambaressed by his antisocial behaviour. This was before they discovered, with the help of a local charitable organization, that he was eighty percent deaf in both ears. Suddenly all his confusion and frustration were understandable to the people around him. His inability to hear and communicate had caused his parents a great deal of (45) concern and sadly, he could have been diaknosed earlier, if not for the fact that he was a (46) Roma. The Roma people make up the larger minority population in Europe and have faced generations of social and institutional discrimination.



There is an estimated 3.7 million Roma in the Central and Eastern European region, of which, approximately 46 percent are children. Roma families face a number of challenges in (47) [] ensuring that the basic needs and rights of his children are respected. Most Roma people live in (48) [] settlements which are predominantly ignored by governmental health, education and wellfair (49) [] services. Families often fall below the poverty line and live under the margins in society. In order to break the vicious cycle of poverty, one of the most enduring solutions is education - (50) [] making sure that all children can axersize their rights to attend schools which embody the values of equity and inclusion.

Adapted from the article "Roma Children", accessible at the UNICEF website



Day after day, month after month, the sun shone from a sky of deep blue. In some parts of the world, in England _____ example, people would have been grateful for the splendid weather. However, in this lonely corner of South Africa, the endless sunshine brought nothing but misery and sadness. The _____ which the African women had sown in the ground lay without growing and the grass had long since withered. The oxen, sheep and goats were thin and hungry-looking; the people _____ that they too would, before long, die of hunger and thirst.

One day someone said, "Let us send for the _____ Rain-maker of whom we have heard so much. In his country, _____ commands the clouds to pour forth their rain and the rivers to come down in floods."

A band of messengers went over the hills to the country where the Rain-maker dwelt. After an _____ journey, they found him and delivered their message. "Come to our land and if you can bring us showers of blessing, your rewards shall be beyond measure. Your _____ of cattle shall cover the hills; you shall wash your hands in milk and you shall be blessed by all," they offered.

"These are good promises, I will go," he answered. As they _____ the village, a great crowd came to welcome the Rain-maker. Just then, as if by magic, a flash of lightning lit up the sky. A peal of thunder was heard _____ torrential rain began to fall. "Those are my fiery spears in the heavens," boasted the Rain-maker to the excited people, "and that is my voice in the clouds. Let the women sow their seeds this year on the hillsides for the rivers shall flood the valleys."

The rain that fell soon disappeared in the hot, sandy soil and before long the sun was shining as _____ as ever. Soon, the people started _____ bitterly that the Rain-maker had not brought enough rain.

"How can you expect heavy rains when I receive only sheep and goats as tribute," said the Rain-maker. "Give me a _____ ox and I shall make the clouds give forth their rain." The people gave him a good-sized ox, but rain did not fall and soon they were complaining as loudly as ever.

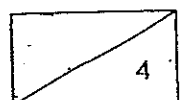
Then one day, raindrops were felt again. How the people shouted for joy! In a crowd, they _____ to the Rain-maker's hut to praise him for his work but the Rainmaker was fast asleep! "So the rain is not his doing after all!" the villagers exclaimed in such _____ tones that the man was roused from his slumber.

At once, the Rain-maker saw what had happened. He pointed to a woman who was at work outside his hut. "Look at my wife. Do you see what she is doing?" he asked.

"She is churning butter in a skin," said someone in the crowd.

"Foolish children," said the Rain-maker in a voice of deep scorn. "Do you know that she is churning rain at my command? It is I who has made the rain. It is I who has ended the drought!" _____, the anger of the people was turned to wonder. "Long live the Rain-maker!" they proclaimed again and again.

Adapted from an African folk tale *"The Rain-maker"*.



For each of the following questions, 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(s). (10 marks)

66. Thomas greeted Mrs Jensen. She was on morning duty in the hall yesterday.

_____ whom _____

67. The Prefectorial Board is responsible for organizing an orientation for new students.

Organizing _____

68. Jonathan has not been attending practice sessions. Jonathan will not be selected for the team.

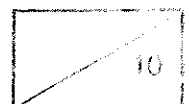
As long as _____
he _____

69. Mrs Toh shouted, "Yvette, clean up your room now!"

Mrs Toh shouted at Yvette _____

70. Shereen's dog went hungry. She had neglected it.

Owing to _____



Read this passage and answer the questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

The sign on the wall seemed to quaver under a film of sliding warm water. Eckels felt his eyelids blink over his stare, and the sign burned in this momentary darkness:

TIME SAFARI INC
SAFARIS TO ANY YEAR IN THE PAST.
YOU NAME THE ANIMAL.
WE TAKE YOU THERE.
YOU SHOOT IT.

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Warm phlegm gathered in Eckels' throat; he pushed it down. The muscles around his mouth formed a smile as he waved a cheque for fifty thousand dollars at the man behind the counter. "Does this safari guarantee that I come back alive?" he asked. 10

"We guarantee nothing," said the official, "except the dinosaurs." He turned and gestured to a man next to him. "This is Mr. Travis, your safari guide who will take you back to the Past. He'll tell you what and where to shoot. If you break the rules, you will be fined a hundred thousand dollars by the government, and you might be prosecuted upon your return. Sign this indemnity form please. If anything happens to you, we're not responsible. Those dinosaurs are hungry." 15

Eckels flushed angrily. "You are trying to scare me!"

"We don't want anyone going who'll panic at the first shot. Six safari guides were killed last year together with a dozen hunters. We're here to give you the ultimate hunter's thrill but we cannot guarantee your safety. You will travel back sixty million years in time to bag the biggest prey of all. If you are getting cold feet your personal cheque's still here. Go ahead and tear it up," the official droned on, looking bored. Eckels looked at the ~~check~~_{cheque}. His fingers twitched but he made no movement. 25

"Good luck," said the man behind the desk. "Mr. Travis, he's all yours."

They moved silently across the room, taking their guns with them, into the Time Machine. There were four other men in the Machine - Travis, the Safari Leader, his assistant, Lesperance, and two other hunters, Billings and Kramer. They sat looking at each other and the years blazed around them as the numbers on the dial cycled backwards at lightning speed. 30

"If you hit them right," said Travis over the helmet radio. "Some dinosaurs have two brains, one in the head, another far down the spinal column. We stay away from the second brain. Put your first two shots into the eyes. Blind them, and aim for the brain in the head on your next shot. In my ten years in this company, I have only seen one hunter hit the second brain on his first shot."

35

The Machine howled. Time was a film run backward. Suns fled and ten million moons disappeared after them. Suddenly, it stopped. The fog that had enveloped the Machine blew away and there they stood, three hunters and two Safari Heads with their blue metal guns across their knees.

Travis announced, "Welcome to the jungle of sixty million two thousand and fifty-five years before this year, 2138." He indicated a metal path that struck off into green wilderness, over streaming swamp, among giant ferns and palms. "And that," he said, "is the Path, constructed by the government for your use. It floats six inches above the earth and does not as much as touch one grass blade, flower, or tree. It's an anti-gravity metal. If you touch this world in any way, you could change the Future by affecting the Past. Stay on the Path. Don't go off it for any reason at all! If you fall off, there's a fine. And under no circumstances do you shoot any animal we don't authorise."

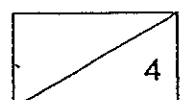
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Adapted from "A Sound of Thunder" by Ray Bradbury

71. What service does Time Safari Inc. provide? [2m]

72. How much did Eckels pay to engage the services of Time Safari Inc? [2m]



73. Choose a word from **lines 1 to 18** which have similar meanings to the words below. Write each word in the appropriate box. [3m]

temporary	
ensure	
charged	

74. List one piece of evidence from **lines 20 to 25** that tells us that Time Safari Inc. was not afraid of losing its customers? [2m]

75. 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
Eckels was very confident about going on the Safari.		
The Safari was very closely regulated by the government.		
Travis was a very experienced guide		

76. Which sentence from **lines 32 – 36** tells you that most hunters were not very accurate when aiming their weapons? [1m]

77. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage. [1m]

_____ Travis joined Time Safari Inc. as a guide.

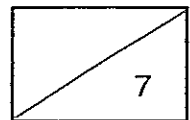
_____ The dinosaurs became extinct.

_____ Eckels engaged the services of Time Safari Inc.

78. According to the passage, what were the two most important things that the hunters had to remember when they were in the jungle? [2m]

79. What does the word "it" in Line 38 refer to? [2m]

80. Explain clearly why the Path was constructed of anti-gravity metal. [2m]



END OF PAPER

EXAM PAPER 2014

LEVEL : PRIMARY 5
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SUBJECT : ENGLISH
TERM : SA2

Q1	2	Q21	3	Q41	smiling	Q61	complaining
Q2	1	Q22	4	Q42	infuriation	Q62	big
Q3	1	Q23	4	Q43	would	Q63	went
Q4	4	Q24	2	Q44	embarrassed	Q64	loud
Q5	4	Q25	3	Q45	diagnosed	Q65	Immediately
Q6	2	Q26	2	Q46	largest		
Q7	4	Q27	4	Q47	their		
Q8	4	Q28	4	Q48	welfare		
Q9	2	Q29	E	Q49	of		
Q10	4	Q30	N	Q50	exercise		
Q11	1	Q31	G	Q51	for		
Q12	3	Q32	M	Q52	seeds		
Q13	1	Q33	P	Q53	knew		
Q14	1	Q34	Q	Q54	famous		
Q15	1	Q35	A	Q55	he		
Q16	1	Q36	K	Q56	arduous		
Q17	4	Q37	B	Q57	herd		
Q18	1	Q38	J	Q58	entered		
Q19	2	Q39	meticulously	Q59	and		
Q20	1	Q40	those	Q60	bright		

Q66 Mrs Jenson, whom Thomas greeted was on morning duty in the hall yesterday.

Q67 Organizing an orientation for new students is the Prefectorial Board's responsibility.

Q68 error in question

Q69 Mrs Toh shouted at Yvette to clean her room then.

Q70 Owing to the fact that Shereen had neglected her dog, it went hungry.

Owing to Shereen's neglect/negligence, her dog went hungry.

Owing to her negligence, Shereen's dog went hungry.

Q71 It allows customers to go back time to hunt for any animals.

Q72 Eckels paid fifty thousand dollars to engage the services of Time Safari Inc.

Q73

temporary	momentary
ensure	guarantee
Charged	prosecuted



Q74 The official told Eckels that he could take his money back.

The company did not make any guarantees that the customers would come back alive.

Q75

False	He almost wanted to back out at the beginning.
True	The government would fine people who broke the rules.
True	Travis has worked in Time Safari Inc. for ten years.

Q76 In my ten years in this company, I have only seen one hunter hit the second brain on his first shot.

Q77 2,1,3

Q78 (1)They had to stay on the path.

(2)They had to ensure that they did not shoot any animal the guides did not authorise.

Q79 It refers to the machine.

Q80 It was meant to prevent anyone from touching anything in the past that could affect the future.

