

SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL
SECOND SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2019
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY FIVE

Name: _____ ()

Date: 18 October 2019

Class: Primary 5 SY / C / G / SE / P

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
(BOOKLET A)

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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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) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

1 Victims who are infected with malaria _____ from recurring high fever and acute pain in the joints.

- (1) suffer
- (2) suffers
- (3) suffered
- (4) is suffering

2 If Bala does not work hard, he will not succeed _____ he is talented.

- (1) as
- (2) but
- (3) because
- (4) although

3 With the invention of the Internet, it is now easy to connect _____ people from far and wide.

- (1) on
- (2) with
- (3) over
- (4) from

4 There is not _____ food left in the kitchen. The guests have finished most of it.

- (1) any
- (2) much
- (3) many
- (4) some

5 I smiled warmly at the toddler as he _____ playing with his toy train.

- (1) continue
- (2) continued
- (3) continues
- (4) will continue

- 6 The flock of sheep _____ in the meadows every day.
- (1) graze
 - (2) grazes
 - (3) is grazing
 - (4) are grazing
- 7 "We will be going for the exhibition tomorrow, _____ we?" Kelly asked her mother.
- (1) won't
 - (2) aren't
 - (3) couldn't
 - (4) wouldn't
- 8 The lady, _____ you spoke to earlier, is our new form teacher.
- (1) when
 - (2) whom
 - (3) which
 - (4) whose
- 9 Making libraries open twenty-four hours a day might help busy working adults _____ back the love of reading.
- (1) bring
 - (2) brings
 - (3) brought
 - (4) will bring
- 10 Either the twins or Sarah _____ going to the library later.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were

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) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

11 Despite the crisis, there appeared to be no sense of _____. The people did not see the need to deal with the problem immediately.

- (1) identity
- (2) urgency
- (3) principle
- (4) decency

12 We _____ at a hotel in the city centre when we were in London.

- (1) put in
- (2) put on
- (3) put up
- (4) put over

13 Many countries _____ smoking in specified places. People who smoke in these areas will be slapped with fines.

- (1) permit
- (2) reduce
- (3) prohibit
- (4) withdraw

14 He was confused and _____, so I could not understand what he was saying.

- (1) incoherent
- (2) introverted
- (3) insignificant
- (4) incompatible

15 The event was a resounding _____. The participants enjoyed themselves very much.

- (1) win
- (2) defeat
- (3) victory
- (4) success

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

In 2005, a Swedish couple named their newborn after their favourite technology company- Google. The boy was named Oliver Google Kai. Compared with decades ago, parents are choosing less common names for their children. It suggests an emphasis on uniqueness and individualism. This trend in unusual baby naming could be a sign of a change in culture from one that applauded fitting in to one of being unique and standing out.

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For the last two centuries, we have seen names rise and fall in popularity. However, it has not always been like this. For centuries, name giving was determined by custom. Most babies were given one of only a few names that were handed down from one generation to the next. Over time, the influence of the extended family and the position of honour traditionally held by older people has weakened. As a result, given names associated with the elderly became less attractive to new parents. With the spread of literacy, people came across a much wider variety of names. Increasingly, parents are following the trend to give unusual names.

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Adapted from <https://www.bbc.com/news/magazine-37854247>

- 16 (1) effect
(2) impact
(3) attempt
(4) importance

- 17 (1) relevant
(2) attentive
(3) relatable
(4) noticeable

- 18 (1) verified
(2) influenced
(3) discovered
(4) recognised

- 19 (1) clearly
(2) apparently
(3) expectedly
(4) conventionally

- 20 (1) combined
(2) connected
(3) accompanied
(4) complemented

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Study this flyer carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28.

Ace Learning Centre's students are performing!



Ace Learning Centre was established in 2009 and celebrates its 10th anniversary this year! Do join us for the holiday weekend performances which will showcase the enthusiasm and diligence of our students!



Good reviews of Ace Learning Centre:

"My children have attended classes at other learning centres before. I noticed that after we made the switch to Ace, they became more motivated and confident. I'm impressed by the change and would highly recommend Ace to all parents!"

Nisha, mother of three

"I used to drag myself to dance classes. The trial cheer class at Ace that I attended was a real eye-opener to my parents and me! I'm glad they allowed me to take up cheerleading instead. Now, I'm always counting down the days to the next class!"

11-year-old Emily



Holiday Weekend Performances in December 2019

	7th Saturday	8th Sunday	14th Saturday	15th Sunday	21st Saturday	24th Sunday
North Mall	Ace Musicians 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.		Ace Cheerleaders 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.		Ace Presenters 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.	
South Mall	Ace Presenters 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.		Ace Musicians 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.		Ace Cheerleaders 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.	
East Mall	Ace Cheerleaders 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.		Ace Presenters 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.		Ace Musicians 4 p.m. - 5 p.m.	
West Mall	Ace Musicians 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.		Ace Cheerleaders 8 p.m. - 9 p.m.		Ace Presenters 8 p.m. - 9 p.m.	

About the performers...



Ace Musicians

Ace offers guitar, keyboard and drum classes and prepares students for internationally recognised music examinations. Ace Musicians are given opportunities to put on group performances.

Ace Cheerleaders

Cheer classes at Ace teach students not only how to do proper stunts, tumblers, jumps and dance moves, but also respect, discipline and cooperation. Ace Cheerleaders have taken part in team competitions and won several times.

Ace Presenters

Through the public speaking classes at Ace, students build their confidence and skills in giving speeches. Techniques for planning and delivering speeches, as well as engaging audiences in a range of public speaking situations will be explored. Under the guidance of the educators, each Ace Presenter will deliver a speech on a topic of his or her choice.

Visit www.ace.sg for more information on classes being offered.

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) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

21 Why is an exclamation mark used in the heading, "Ace Learning Centre's students are performing!"?

- (1) to make a shocking announcement
- (2) to give Ace Learning Centre's students a surprise
- (3) to convey excitement about the students' performances
- (4) to show that Ace Learning Centre's educators are eager to perform

22 What is the main aim of the holiday weekend performances?

- (1) feature Ace Learning Centre's students
- (2) recognise Ace Learning Centre's educators
- (3) celebrate Ace Learning Centre's first anniversary
- (4) give information on Ace Learning Centre's classes

23 The flyer quotes Nisha as saying she is "impressed by the change". According to the flyer, Nisha was impressed as _____.

- (1) Ace Learning Centre was highly recommended
- (2) she managed to transfer her children from other learning centres to Ace Learning Centre
- (3) her children had more motivation and confidence after attending classes at Ace Learning Centre
- (4) the educators at Ace Learning Centre were more motivating and confident than those at other learning centres

24 According to the flyer, which of the following is **not** true of Emily?

- (1) She drags herself to cheer classes.
- (2) She has stopped attending dance classes.
- (3) She got her parents' permission to take cheer classes.
- (4) She was surprised by what she saw during the trial cheer class.

25. Olivia is considering taking keyboard classes at Ace Learning Centre. According to the flyer, she should take the classes if she wants to _____
- (1) take part in competitions
 - (2) put on solo performances
 - (3) be recognised internationally
 - (4) get ready for music examinations
26. Derek will be performing on 15 December at 1 p.m. What will his performance be about?
- (1) doing some stunts and dance moves
 - (2) engaging the presenters in conversations
 - (3) delivering a speech on a topic of his choice
 - (4) playing some songs on a musical instrument
27. Eunice is an active girl who enjoys being part of a team. She is free on 21 December. Where should she go to watch a performance that would appeal to her?
- (1) North Mall
 - (2) South Mall
 - (3) East Mall
 - (4) West Mall
28. Which of the following is true of the holiday weekend performances?
- (1) Most performances are held in the afternoon.
 - (2) All performances will take place before noon.
 - (3) The performances are held at the same venue.
 - (4) The duration of the performances has not been fixed.

(Go on to Booklet B)

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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

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

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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.

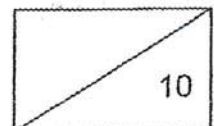
(A) a	(D) for	(G) is	(K) on	(N) there
(B) are	(E) from	(H) it	(L) their	(P) to
(C) by	(F) however	(J) of	(M) them	(Q) with

The Jewel Changi Airport is a multi-storey complex situated on the site of the former Terminal 1 open-air carpark. The gleaming, dome-shaped glass structure was designed (29) Israeli-Canadian architect Moshe Safdie, whose past works include Singapore's iconic Marina Bay Sands. The Jewel Changi Airport is home to (30) hotel, a cinema, hundreds of shops, restaurants, nature areas and other attractions.

The centrepiece of the Jewel is the world's tallest indoor waterfall named the Rain Vortex. (31) features a light and sound show with rainbow-coloured animations projected on the wall of water itself at night. Surrounding the waterfall is a four-storey terraced garden lined (32) trees, plants, ferns and shrubs which are hand-picked and flown in (33) countries around the world. The specially curated plants include two olive trees from Spain that (34) each more than 100 years old. Located (35) the top floor of the Jewel is an indoor playground, which is the size of 11 Olympic-size swimming pools.

The new Changi addition was built (36) travellers to cater to their different needs. They are able to gain access (37) it from the different terminals in the airport via linkways fitted with travellators. Several facilities like early check-in counters and kiosks, a baggage storage service and a Changi Lounge will enhance passengers' experience. (38) is also free Wifi within the complex. The Jewel also offers a few little nice touches like power bank loans – free for 12 hours.

Adapted from <https://www.scmp.com/news/asia/southeast-asia/article/3006011/singapores-new-jewel-changi-airport-isnt-just-about-planes>



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

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It was the December holidays. Remy and his family decided to go for a vakaytion in

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Egypt, the land of the Pharoahs. Egypt is a place rich in history. His first glympse of the

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pyramids was on the first morning as he woke up at the hotel. He opened the curtains in the

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room and was greeted by a maqestik sight.

During the second day of their stay, Remy visited the pyramids. They are awesome

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structures build by the ancient Egyptians. They did so with their bare hands using

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only primitif tools.

When Remy reached the pyramids in the afternoon, the stones on the pyramids

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reflected the sun's light and they shine like jewels. He was in awe at the wonderful sight.

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He never thought he would be lucky enough to be walking amongst it.

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After visiting the pyramids, Remy saw a shed offer camel rides. Remy had never

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seen a camel in his life. Remy beg his parents to allow him to ride the camel. Eventually,

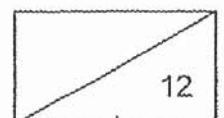
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they relanted. There was a long queue for the camel ride. After thirty minutes, it was finally

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Remy's turn. The ride was very bumpy but the camel walked stedili on the uneven terrain.

Remy enjoyed himself very much and wished he could go there again.



The rise in the use of plastic bags has a negative impact on the environment. The growing concerns about the devastating effect of plastic waste have _____ (51) some major cities in the world to ban plastic bags. Others _____ (52) charging for the use of plastic bags. Following the _____ (53) of these cities, Singapore's supermarket chains are now in discussion to see if they can agree to implement a plastic bag surcharge too.

Shoppers can expect to start paying for plastic bags once an agreement has been reached. The _____ (54) of each plastic bag could be between five cents and ten cents.

Shoppers get 820 million plastic bags from supermarkets each year. That works out to be an _____ (55) of 146 plastic bags for each person. These bags can _____ (56) the land area of 126 Gardens by the Bay. It is likely that the amount of wastage has risen _____ (57) the population of Singapore has increased.

Only seven per cent of plastic waste was recycled _____ (58) a huge amount of plastic waste was generated last year. Plastic bags can be placed in recycling bins if _____ (59) are not contaminated with food waste. However, non-recycled plastic bags are burnt. The burning of plastic _____ (60) carbon dioxide, which contributes to the warming of the planet.

Excessive use _____ (61) plastic bags could also clog up Singapore's only landfill, on Pulau Semakau. Ash residue from the burning of waste is sent to the landfill, which is filling up at a rapid rate and may become _____ (62) as early as 2035. As a result, there will not be enough space for future wastes in the landfill.

If supermarket chains decide to impose a plastic bag levy, there would definitely be a significant impact. While consumers said they would prefer not to be charged for plastic bags, a levy would spur them to _____ (63) for alternatives. As of now, the only _____ (64) is that the surcharge could affect the lower-income _____ (65). Thus, the industry is still assessing the feasibility of other plastic bag reduction measures.

Adapted from <https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/environment/supermarkets-in-talks-to-charge-for-plastic-bags>

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 sentence(s). (10 marks)

66 "How is your interview today?" Mother asked me.

Mother asked me _____

67 Amanda wants to play. She does not want to study.

_____ would rather

68 Mrs Hong saw smoke coming from her neighbour's house. She called the fire brigade.

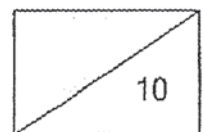
Upon _____

69 You must attend all the lessons. You will get the certificate of participation.

Unless _____

70 Alan stared at the note. He could not believe it.

_____ in



Justin bit his lower lip as he made his way to the canteen in school. Rubbing his clammy hands against his sides, he drew out a pen from his pencil case. He hastily scribbled some notes on a piece of paper from a reference book. Having been busy with his swimming practice, he did not have time to study for the open-book science topical test. Angela, who was sitting behind him, quietly observed what he was doing.

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Soon, the first bell rang, signalling the start of the school day. Justin folded the paper and pushed it into his pocket. He pressed against his shirt pocket as he walked briskly towards his classroom. Before he entered the classroom, he suddenly hid behind the door and took out his textbook from his bag. Angela who had been trailing behind him diverted her gaze to Justin's hand as he skilfully unfolded the paper and slotted it into his textbook. He left his bag outside the classroom and walked in confidently with his textbook and pencil case.

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Angela tapped on Justin's shoulder gently and whispered, "Do you have anything to surrender?" Justin, startled by the tap, turned around and shook his head. "Do you really not have anything to surrender? I saw you slotting something in your textbook," Angela said. Justin quickly thought of a **reply** to dismiss what she had said. Pointing at the textbook, he mumbled that a page had fallen off and he was slotting it back in. Angela raised an eyebrow and kept quiet.

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"Good morning! The test is going to start soon. Please ensure that you do not bring in materials other than your textbook and pencil case," Mr Lim, the science teacher, announced. Angela, who was sitting behind Justin, kicked his chair. Knowing that Justin was ignoring her, she kicked it again. Justin moved his chair closer to his table. Deep inside, he knew that it was wrong, but he had to do it. When the test started, Justin heaved a sigh of relief, knowing that Angela did not tell on him and that he could finally do his test in peace.

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During the test, Justin carefully flipped the pages of his textbook. Beads of cold sweat formed on his forehead. He slowly scanned his surroundings, checking if anyone would notice what he was doing. He knew that what he was doing was wrong, but he could not bear to face the wrath of his parents at home if he failed the test. He nervously placed the textbook on his lap and tilted it towards him before looking at the notes that he had written on that piece of paper. His confidence grew by the second as he filled in the blanks on the test paper while using his side vision to read the words on the piece of paper.

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Upon handing in her script, Angela quickly grabbed Justin by his arm and whispered, "You should own up to Mr Lim on what you have done. You have always been a good person." Justin sat back and exhaled deeply. He looked down at his Monitor badge and sighed. Angela reminded him to do the **right thing** once again before leaving the classroom for recess.

After the break was over, Justin walked towards the teacher's desk. "I cheated during the topical test," he muttered to Mr Lim. Justin turned to look at Angela, and she gave him a thumbs-up sign. Mr Lim's eyes widened in shock. He paused for a moment before telling Justin to stay back after school. Justin knew that he would be punished, but he felt an inexplicable sense of relief.

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"Good job!" Angela said softly when Justin returned to his seat.

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71 List two actions that show that Justin was nervous in paragraph 1. [2m]

i) _____

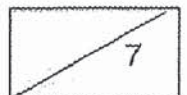
ii) _____

72 Why did Justin suddenly hide behind the door of his classroom? [1m]

73 Based on the story, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	True/False	Reason
a) Justin copied some notes on a piece of paper after the start of the first lesson.		
b) Justin entered the classroom with a piece of paper in his pocket.		
c) Justin was not allowed to refer to anything for the science topical test.		

74 Which four-word phrase shows that Justin was surprised by Angela's presence in paragraph 3? [1m]



- 75 Based on lines 18-30, fill in the blanks with reasons for the characters' actions. Provide one reason for each action. [3m]

Action	Reason
a) Angela kicked Justin's chair <u>a second time</u> .	
b) Justin scanned his surroundings in the classroom during the test.	
c) Justin chose to do what was wrong during the test.	

- 76 Which two of the following words best describe how Justin felt in lines 24-30? Put a tick ✓ in the box beside each of your answers. [2m]
DO NOT TICK MORE THAN TWO BOXES.

excited

embarrassed

certain

anxious

proud

grateful

- 77 What did Justin do to avoid getting found out by Mr Lim while copying during the test? [2m]

- 78 Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. [3m]

Word from the passage	What the word refers to
a) reply (line 15)	
b) it (line 22)	
c) right thing (line 34)	

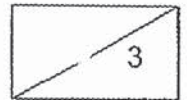
79 Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story. [1m]

_____ Justin pressed against his shirt pocket.

_____ Justin turned the pages of his textbook.

_____ Angela held Justin's arm and whispered to him.

80 What was Angela referring to when she said "Good job!" (line 40)? Based on lines 35-39, what else did Angela do to show that she agreed with what Justin had done? [2m]



End of Paper

ANSWER KEY

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BOOKLET A

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
2	4	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	1
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
2	1	3	1	4	4	4	2	4	2
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28		
3	1	3	1	4	3	2	1		

Suggested Answers

29	(C) by	34	(B) are
30	(A) a	35	(K) on
31	(H) It	36	(D) for
32	(Q) with	37	(P) to
33	(E) from	38	(N) There

39	vacation	45	shone
40	glimpse	46	them
41	when / after	47	offering
42	majestic	48	begged
43	built	49	relented
44	primitive	50	steadily

51	forced	59	they
52	are	60	produces
53	footsteps	61	of
54	price	62	full
55	average	63	look
56	cover	64	concern
57	since	65	families
58	although		

- 66) Mother asked me how my interview was that day.
- 67) Amanda would rather play than study.
- 68) Upon seeing smoke coming from her neighbour's house, Mrs Hong called the fire brigade.
- 69) Unless you attend all the lessons, you will not get the certificate of participation.
- 70) Alan stared at the note in disbelief.
- 71) i) bit his lower lip
ii) rubbed his clammy hands against his sides
- 72) He did not want others to find out what he was doing. / He hid to unfold the paper and slot it into his textbook.
- 73a) False. He scribbled some notes on a piece of paper before the first bell rang.
- b) False. He slotted a piece of paper in his textbook.
- c) False. It was an open-book test.
- 74) startled by the tap

- 75a) Justin ignored her.
- b) He wanted to check if anyone would notice him cheating.
 - c) He could not bear to face the wrath of his parents.
- 76) certain; anxious
- 77) He placed the textbook on his lap. He tilted the textbook towards him.
- 78a) Justin saying that a page had fallen off.
- b) cheating during the test
 - c) Justin owning up to Mr Lim about what he had done
- 79) 1, 2, 3
- 80) She was referring to Justin owning up to his mistake. She gave him thumbs-up sign when he was speaking to Mr Lim.

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