



NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL
CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT 2 - 2012
PRIMARY 5

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER

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

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

1. Write your Index Number in the boxes at the top right-hand corner.
2. Do not turn over the page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions carefully.
5. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

(BOOKLET A)

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

Study the following poster and answer questions 1 to 5.



This National Day, come and have a roaring great time with us as we celebrate Singapore's 46th birthday at all our three parks! We've got birthday specials, delightful dining treats and super shopping deals, all on parade for you!

Born in August? Get in Free!

All you cool cats who share the same birthday month as Singapore are in for a real treat. Enjoy free admission to Jurong Bird Park, Night Safari and Singapore Zoo!



Terms & Conditions:

- Valid till 31 Aug 2011
- Valid for Singaporeans, PRs, & Employment Pass holders
- Proof of identity is required
- Not valid with other offers and online purchase
- Does not include panoramic/train ride at Jurong Bird Park and Singapore Zoo
- Night Safari admission includes tram ride

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

1. How many parks are involved in this special promotion?
 - 1) One
 - 2) Two
 - 3) Three
 - 4) Four

2. Which of the following is **not** part of the promotion?
 - 1) Free entry to the parks
 - 2) Special prices for tram rides.
 - 3) Cheaper merchandise at the parks' gift shops.
 - 4) Discounted prices at the restaurants in the parks.

3. The proof of identity is needed to ensure that _____
 - 1) the person is born in the month of August
 - 2) the person has not bought the tickets online
 - 3) the person is exactly 46 years old in August
 - 4) only a Singaporean is allowed to enter the parks

4. Which of the following is the purpose of the promotion?
 - 1) It is to introduce new exhibits at the parks.
 - 2) It is to attract more tourists to visit the parks.
 - 3) It is to celebrate the parks' 46th anniversaries.
 - 4) It is to commemorate the 46th year of Independence in Singapore.

5. Which of the following statements is **false** about the promotion?
 - 1) The promotion is valid on National Day 2011 only.
 - 2) Free tram rides are included in the Night Safari admission.
 - 3) People who buy their tickets on the Internet will not be eligible.
 - 4) A person who qualifies for the promotion can visit all three parks for free.

Section C – Punctuation Discrete (3 x 1) marks

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.

No one was more afraid of the dark than Timmy. Every night, when his parents tucked him into bed, he would ask, "Can I have the night light on, please (13)"

"Sure," his parents would reply (14) but you have to learn to sleep with the lights off someday ."

"I know," replied Timmy.

As the night light came on, Timmy curled himself into a ball and prayed that he would be able to fall asleep. Suddenly, the light flickered and went out.

"Help (15) Timmy exclaimed in great fear. No one came despite his repeated screams. His parents stood at their bedroom door, nodding that it was for the best.

13. 1) [:] colon
 2) [,] comma
 3) [.] full stop
 4) [?] question mark
14. 1) [, "] comma and inverted comma
 2) [. "] full stop and inverted comma
 3) [" ,] inverted comma and comma
 4) [" .] inverted comma and full stop
15. 1) [, "] comma and inverted comma
 2) [. "] full stop and inverted comma
 3) [? "] question mark and inverted comma
 4) [! "] exclamation mark and inverted comma

Section D – Vocabulary (5 x 1) marks

For each question from 16 to 20, 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.

16. Due to poor business, the shopkeeper has to _____ on expenses
- 1) cut in
 - 2) cut up
 - 3) cut off
 - 4) cut down
17. The secret identity of the king cannot be _____ or else he would be in grave danger.
- 1) given in
 - 2) given off
 - 3) given away
 - 4) given across
18. Due to the _____ of the drilling equipment by the workers, the company had to shut down the entire oil rig for repairs.
- 1) reuse
 - 2) disuse
 - 3) misuse
 - 4) non-use
19. Tommy was _____ a place at a prestigious university due to his excellent results in the entrance examination.
- 1) offered
 - 2) rewarded
 - 3) appointed
 - 4) nominated
20. It never _____ on Sally that her poor attitude towards work caused her to be dismissed from her job.
- 1) fell
 - 2) shone
 - 3) dawned
 - 4) occurred

Section E – Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1) marks

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

The Roman civilization is one of the greatest civilizations that ever existed. Some of the most (21) important changes to the way human beings live today come from their practices and inventions. Rome was one of the first cities to have a 22) working sewage system. Many other cities in the past merely disposed of their waste on the streets or rivers nearby. Due to its reputation as a great city, the population grew at a (23) steady rate in its first few centuries. However, Rome could not sustain such a huge population for long and many people were unhappy with the kings who ruled. The Romans soon 24) caused the downfall of the kings and began their self-rule by a group of representatives. People were now able to vote on issues concerning them. This system of government by a group of representatives (25) shaped the way many other cities are run and it has endured till this day.

21. 1) significant
2) successful
3) favourable
4) indescribable

22. 1) helpful
2) durable
3) functional
4) permanent

23. 1) fast
2) regular
3) common
4) staggering

24. 1) overran
2) overcame
3) overboard
4) overthrew

25. 1) figured
2) resulted
3) influenced
4) concluded

Section F – Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1) marks

Read the given passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Although Singapore has become known for its beautiful cityscape and its well-designed urban housing, there are still many natural sites that Singaporeans can be very proud of. One of the most popular nature spots in Singapore is the Bukit Timah Nature Reserve. On weekends, it is common to see people trekking in the rainforest, strolling along the trails or just enjoying the beautiful scenery from the hilltop while having a little picnic. 5

Another popular nature spot in Singapore is the island of Pulau Ubin in the North-East of Singapore. Pulau Ubin is enjoyed by people who make day trips to cycle along old forest roads or by campers who would like to experience a night sleeping in the forest or along its sandy shores. Many Singaporeans also visit Pulau Ubin to experience the rustic charm of the little *kampongs* or villages there. Such *kampongs* no longer exist in mainland Singapore, and there are less than a hundred people living in the Pulau Ubin *kampong* today. Such *kampongs* are simple and do not have many modern amenities such as tap water and electricity that urban homes have. However, the simple way of life in the *kampongs* brings about fond memories among the older visitors. Also, there is far less stress and people there are more carefree in their outlook towards life. They tend to live longer and more peaceful lives as a result. 10 15

As a result of the increasing number of visitors to Pulau Ubin, more shops have sprung up and more people are working on the island. A new resort with modern facilities has been built and most shops have Internet access for work purposes. However, most people who work in Pulau Ubin no longer live there and they would rather live in mainland Singapore and take a ferry ride to work each morning. However, if there is rainy weather in Singapore, these workers may not be able to go to work on some mornings as the sea is too choppy for boats to travel safely. Also, ferry operators do not work after dark, so if these workers miss the last ferry, they may end up sleeping in the ferry terminal! 20 25

A lot has been done by the government and other organizations to ensure that nature reserves in Singapore are well protected. Laws restricting the types of activities taking place in such nature reserves have been put in place and are strictly enforced. Littering, harming the flora and fauna and building of man-made structures can be punishable with heavy fines and even imprisonment. They will go a long way in protecting the few nature spots left in Singapore. 30

For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the correct answer and shade the corresponding oval on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

26. According to the passage, which of the following activity is **NOT** done by visitors to Bukit Timah Nature Reserve?

- 1) Hiking.
- 2) Camping
- 3) Picnicking
- 4) Forest Trail Walks

27. Which of the following words have the same meaning as **rustic** in line 11?

- 1) Simple
- 2) Elegant
- 3) Beautiful
- 4) Sophisticated

28. Who does the word "**they**" in line 18 refer to?

- 1) Villagers who live in *kampongs*.
- 2) People who camp in Pulau Ubin.
- 3) People who live and work in Pulau Ubin.
- 4) Older visitors who are visiting Pulau Ubin.

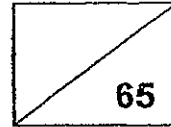
29. What was one problem encountered by people working in Pulau Ubin?

- 1) There were no modern amenities.
- 2) They had to live in the *kampongs*.
- 3) They were subjected to strict laws.
- 4) They were not able to get to work in bad weather.

30. What is the main idea in the last paragraph?

- 1) Singapore has very strict laws.
- 2) Life in Pulau Ubin has changed a lot.
- 3) Strict laws help to protect the nature spots in Singapore.
- 4) No activities are allowed to take place in nature spots in Singapore.

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Section G – Grammar Cloze (10 x 1) marks

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40 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) above	D) below	G) many	K) should	N) there
B) against	E) by	H) of	L) some	P) which
C) as	F) can	J) on	M) such	Q) who

Global warming is an issue which is frequently discussed today. _____ people believe that it is a serious issue but a small number still believe that nothing serious will result from it. Scientists and other experts have warned _____ taking this issue lightly. If the rate _____ warming continues, they predict that the polar ice caps would begin to melt further. _____ a result, many countries around the world would begin to experience serious climate changes. Low-lying countries which are presently only a few metres _____ sea level will soon become covered by water.

As polar ice caps melt, changes to the temperature of both the lands and the oceans will take place. Species of fish and other aquatic life _____ are sensitive to the water temperature may become extinct. The rise in temperature will also result in the rapid growth of algae and other microorganisms in water bodies. When _____ a huge number of microorganisms grow and then die, they consume a large amount of oxygen in the water. This creates what scientists call a "death zone" as no other species _____ live in such a low oxygen environment. "Death zones" in the oceans have already been reported in many parts of the world. _____ is no other solution to global warming than to reduce our carbon footprint. _____ can do the most to stop global warming? The answer is you.

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

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

Writing stories for children was never something E.B. White thought he would do. He

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started his career writing advertising for an agency. Later, he became a journalist and wrote

(42)

his own columns in several newspapers and magazines. One day, his **neice**, Janice White,

paid him a visit and asked him to write a children's story for her. White thought long and hard,

(43)

and promised that he will write a children's book for her in the future. Janice waited and

(44)

waited, and she thought that her uncle had **abanderned** the children's book project. She

(45)

(46)

wrote to him repeatingly. White always wrote back to inform her to have more patient as no

one would read a children's book during the Second World War.

(47)

In 1945, his first children's book, *Stuart Little*, was finally publish. As her uncle was

already a famous writer, Janice expected the book to receive positive reviews but she was to

(48)

be **disapointted**. Many critics felt that White's story was interesting, but his simple style of

(49)

writing was not a **technic** that most writers of children's books would use. Nonetheless, the

(50)

book was well-loved by children and made E.B. White one of the greatest **authers** ever.

Section I – Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1) marks
Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Ancient civilizations have been well-researched by historians and archaeologists over the past few centuries. However, very _____ is known about a particular civilization. This is the island of Atlantis and its people which became lost around 9000BC. Atlantis was first described _____ the philosopher Plato in 360BC. Plato mentioned that the island was the worst _____ for all cities to follow as it was ruled by cruel and greedy kings. Atlantis ruled over many other cities, using its large _____ of ships to conquer distant lands. The inhabitants of these conquered cities were often forced to be _____, working for the rulers of Atlantis without pay or freedom. However, the evil empire of Atlantis got its just desserts when an earthquake struck the island and it _____ into the ocean within a day.

Due to the lack of _____, many historians find it impossible to prove that Atlantis once existed. In fact, most people believe that Atlantis is an _____ place rather than a real one. Despite the difficulties of searching the oceans for Atlantis, many people continue to spend millions of dollars each year on Atlantis expeditions. They believe that the money spent to find such an important place is _____ it. With the rise of new forms of _____ such as satellite photos and underwater cameras, the search for Atlantis has become easier. In 2011, a man named Richard Freund claimed that he had found the lost island of Atlantis. Such a _____ stirred up great interest. As a result, it was widely _____ in the newspapers. However, when other experts examined his photographs, they concluded that these photographs were not _____ to prove that Atlantis exists.

_____ Atlantis was lost almost twelve thousand years ago, it has captured the imagination of the people. Whether the story is true or _____, no one knows. Only time will tell.

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

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

66. I always carry some loose change. I may need to make a phone call.

in case

67. Even though it rained heavily, the children enjoyed the outing.

Despite _____

68. The explorers did not want to offend the natives. They did not enter the sacred temple.

In order not to _____

69. "Do not touch the paintings until they are dry," Mrs Cheng instructed the pupils.

Mrs Cheng instructed the pupils _____

70. She has not completed her homework.

yet

There are no questions on this page.

Section K – Comprehension (10 x 2) marks

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

The night was still and all that could be heard were the crickets' songs. I stood very still and motioned to the other rangers to do so. I knew that they would be coming very soon and they must not know that we were waiting for them. The sound of an engine soon echoed in the distance and in a moment, the jeep had reached the clearing just in front of us. The poachers disembarked and started laying traps. I signalled to the other rangers that we were ready to move in. 5

However, a hand grabbed my shoulder. I turned and Ranger Wakabi pointed to a man beside the jeep. In the moonlight, I could see that the man was carrying a rather large weapon. It must be a machine gun, and we were no match for them. I looked at the humble little pistol in my hand and shook my head. What could I do? I could not possibly let them capture the endangered animals and get away with it. We needed a good plan to apprehend the poachers without anyone getting hurt and I could not think of one. 10

Another ranger, Ranger Sapoy, whispered in my ear, "Look! Only one of them is armed and he is not moving. Wakabi and I can creep up towards him from behind the jeep and subdue him. However, the rest of you have to distract him before we move in on him." It sounded like a good plan and Rangers Sapoy and Wakabi soon moved to the edge of the clearing. They tiptoed towards the back of the jeep and got ready. The rest of us soon created a commotion in the bushes and the man with the machine gun stood erect and walked towards us. 15 20

The two rangers sprang out from the back of the jeep and pushed the armed man to the ground. In the struggle, the man fired off a burst of bullets towards the direction of the bushes. The rest of the rangers emerged from the bushes and apprehended the other poachers. However, I did not move an inch. All I felt was a sharp pain piercing my belly and a few seconds later, I blacked out. 25

I woke up to find myself lying on a hospital bed. Dr Jamal smiled as he looked at me. "You are one lucky young man," announced Dr Jamal. He added that the bullet which had pierced through me had exited the body without damaging any vital organs. 30

"Will I recover soon?" I asked.

"You will be back on your feet in a few days. Such wounds heal very quickly," explained Dr Jamal. 30

"That's great! There are more poachers out there that I must stop," I added.

Later, when the other rangers visited me in the hospital, they informed me that they had found the carcasses of several endangered animals on the poachers' jeep from the previous night. My heart sank. However, it made me even more eager to recover soon so that I could get back to protecting the animals in the Nairobi Nature Reserve. 35

For each question from 71 to 80, write your answer in the space provided. All answers must be in complete sentences.

71. What was the writer's occupation?

72. Who does "they" in line 2 refer to?

73. Why did Ranger Wakabi grab the writer's shoulder?

74. Why did the writer think that the rangers were no match for the poachers?

75. What was the plan used by the rangers to apprehend the poachers?

76. Which word in paragraph 3 has the same meaning as to conquer someone with force?

77. Which two-word phrase in the passage tells you that the writer became unconscious?

78. What caused the sharp pain felt by the writer in line 24?

79. Why did Dr Jamal say that the writer was "lucky" in line 27?

80. Did the rangers find any animals which were alive on the jeep? How do you know?

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ANSWER SHEET

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TERM : CA2

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
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Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
3	1	3	1	3	2	4	3	2	1	1	4	3	G	B	H	C

Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
A	P	M	F	N	Q

- 41)advertisements 42)niece 43)would 44)abandoned
45)repeatedly 46)patience 47)published 48)disappointed
49)technique 50)authors 51)little 52)by 53)example
54)fleet 55)slaves 56)sank 57)evidence 58)unreal
59)worth 60)technology 61)claim 62)reported 63)enough
64)since 65>false
- 66)I always carry some loose change in case I need to make a phone call.
67)Despite the heavy rain, the children enjoyed the outing.
68)In order not to offend the natives, the explorers did not enter the sacred temple.
69)Mrs Cheng instructed the pupils not to touch the painting until they were dry.
70)She has yet to complete her homework.
71)The writer was a ranger.
72)It refers to the poachers.
73)He wanted to warn the writer about the man carrying a machine gun.
74)The poachers were armed with a machine gun but the rangers were only armed with a little pistol.
75)Two rangers would subdue the poacher with the machine gun while the other rangers would apprehend the other poachers.
76)It is "subdue".
77)It is "blacked out".
78)It was caused by a bullet fired by the poacher.
79)The bullet which had pierced through the writer excited the body without damaging any vital organ.
80)No. The only found the carcasses of several endanger animals on the poacher's jeep.

