



NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL  
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1 – 2012  
PRIMARY 5  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2

BOOKLET A

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

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

Date: 8 May 2012

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

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**INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES**

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

**Study the following poster and answer questions 1 to 5.**

Our ~~biannual~~

**FLEA MARKET**

is back again!

Youth Hub (beside Orchard MRT Station)

Saturday, 28 July 2012

10 am – 8 pm

- ~~Handmade~~ jewellery
- Second-hand branded goods
- One of a kind T-shirts, jeans and handbags
- Watches
- Toys (including a section on Special Edition Collectors' items)
- Books, comics, CDs, VCDs and DVDs



For those who want to enjoy the rewards of running your own business, sign up for our flea market.

Stall rental: \$30 per day

Email your application to Lifestyle Flea Market with your name, address, contact number and a description of the items you will be selling.\*

\*Terms and Conditions

1. Applicants must be 18 years old and above
2. Food and drinks are prohibited from sale.

Payment is made only if your application is successful.

Organizer: Lifestyle Media Centre

Website : [www.lifestylemedia.com.sg](http://www.lifestylemedia.com.sg)

Email : [fleamarket@lifestylemedia.com.sg](mailto:fleamarket@lifestylemedia.com.sg)

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. The flea market is held \_\_\_\_\_
  - (1) every July
  - (2) once a year
  - (3) twice a year
  - (4) once every 2 years
  
2. The poster is meant for \_\_\_\_\_
  - (1) visitors only
  - (2) employees of Youth Hub
  - (3) those who want to set up stalls only
  - (4) both visitors and those who want to set up stalls
  
3. Those who want to sell their goods must \_\_\_\_\_
  - (1) email their application to the Youth Hub
  - (2) have experience running their own business
  - (3) send in an application to Lifestyle Flea Market
  - (4) make payment when they send in their application
  
4. Which of the following can a person purchase in the flea market?
  - (1) bracelets
  - (2) magazines
  - (3) antique clocks
  - (4) new branded goods
  
5. Applications to set up a stall at the flea market will be rejected if the applicants \_\_\_\_\_
  - (1) want to sell beverages
  - (2) are above 18 years old
  - (3) work at Lifestyle Media Centre
  - (4) have rented a stall at Youth Hub before

**Section B – Grammar (7 x 1mark)**

For each question from 6 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

6. The traffic police asked him to \_\_\_\_\_ as he has committed a traffic offence.

- (1) pull off
- (2) pull over
- (3) pull back
- (4) pull away

7. The apprentice watched the chef \_\_\_\_\_ his signature dish.

- (1) cook
- (2) cooks
- (3) cooked
- (4) had cooked

8. A group of volunteers \_\_\_\_\_ to Japan soon to help the victims of an earthquake.

- (1) travels
- (2) travelled
- (3) will travel
- (4) have travelled

9. Neither Tom nor Irene \_\_\_\_\_ a cat but Samantha does.

- (1) has
- (2) had
- (3) have
- (4) are having

10. The bus driver, as well as the motorcyclist, \_\_\_\_\_ injured in the accident yesterday.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

11. \_\_\_\_\_ you have joined the team if the coach had not asked you to?

- (1) Will
- (2) Might
- (3) Would
- (4) Should

12. The firemen took quite a while to \_\_\_\_\_ the fire.

- (1) put off
- (2) put out
- (3) put away
- (4) put down

**Section C – Punctuation Discrete (3 x 1mark)**

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 (OAS).

Dinner is ready. It consists of salad, sushi and some roast duck. I love sushi the most and have always enjoyed eating it.

I would like to learn how to cook. Then, I will be able to cook my favourite dishes. I will also be able to prepare delicious food for my family members.

"Mom (13)" I often tell her, "I love your cooking! Please teach me to cook like you in future (14)

"Sure! I cannot wait to taste your cooking (15) my mother will reply.

Hopefully, my culinary skills will be just as good as my mother's in future. I cannot wait for that day to come.

13.       (1) [ , ]   comma  
          (2) [ . ]   full stop  
          (3) [ ; ]   semicolon  
          (4) [ ? ]   question mark
14.       (1) [ " ]   inverted commas  
          (2) [ , " ]   comma and inverted commas  
          (3) [ . " ]   full stop and inverted commas  
          (4) [ ? " ]   question mark and inverted commas
15.       (1) [ " ]   inverted commas  
          (2) [ , " ]   comma and inverted commas  
          (3) [ . " ]   full stop and inverted commas  
          (4) [ ? " ]   question mark and inverted commas

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

**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 (OAS).**

16. Jim brought us to a \_\_\_\_\_ house with many spider webs and started to tell us ghost stories.
- (1) quaint
  - (2) isolated
  - (3) dilapidated
  - (4) unfurnished
17. The manager offered Mary a very competitive salary package to \_\_\_\_\_ her to join the company.
- (1) await
  - (2) entice
  - (3) attract
  - (4) escalate
18. I have not eaten for two days and I am \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) frantic
  - (2) famished
  - (3) fainthearted
  - (4) flabbergasted
19. Hundreds of people are under quarantine as it is not certain if they have already been \_\_\_\_\_ with the contagious disease.
- (1) tainted
  - (2) infected
  - (3) afflicted
  - (4) contaminated
20. The contestants have to overcome many obstacles and \_\_\_\_\_ their way out of the giant maze within a certain amount of time.
- (1) mangle
  - (2) manifest
  - (3) manipulate
  - (4) manoeuvre

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

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 (OAS).

"Let's order a pizza! That would certainly be a treat for lunch!" said Andy excitedly as he rubbed his hands together in (21) glee. He had not eaten his favourite food for a month and was already (22) envisioning the aromatic and piping-hot slices of pizza in his mouth.

"But...I don't like pizza," (23) whined Serene, his younger sister. She looked as if she was about to throw a tantrum. She clenched her fists and made a face.

"What do you want then?" asked Andy as he tried to (24) placate his sister. All of a sudden, Serene started (25) bawling. Andy sighed as he tried to stop his sister from crying. It seemed that he would have to go without his favourite food for another day again.

21. (1) mirth  
(2) delight  
(3) gladness  
(4) enjoyment
22. (1) realising  
(2) conceiving  
(3) visualising  
(4) contemplating
23. (1) yelled  
(2) griped  
(3) bellowed  
(4) whimpered
24. (1) calm  
(2) pacify  
(3) soothe  
(4) reassure
25. (1) wailing  
(2) shouting  
(3) shrieking  
(4) screeching

**Section F – Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1mark)**

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

The boys had just wanted to have some fun/ ~~like all the other children in the~~ neighbourhood. That was why they had come up with a game to pass time. Farhan had brought his tennis ball and they had taken turns trying to hit some targets they had set up in an empty plot of land. Initially, they enjoyed themselves trying to knock the targets down. However, when it was Jeff's turn, he threw the ball too hard, causing it to fly over to the house next door, hitting the windows of Mr Gomez's house.

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Their initial reaction was one of shock. No one knew what to do. The three boys stood in a circle looking at one another, with helpless expressions on their faces. They were in serious trouble now. Nathan shrugged his shoulders and forced a laugh out, trying to ease the tension. However, after a few minutes when the inevitable did not happen, the boys became puzzled. Was Mr Gomez not at home? Was that why he had not stormed out of the house to confront the culprit who had broken his window? It was not possible that he could not have heard the glass shattering just moments ago for Mr Gomez was known to complain to his neighbours about their dogs' barking a few houses away. Also, the possibility that he was away was unlikely as he was a recluse who spent most of his time at home and hardly ventured out, except to the supermarket for his weekly grocery shopping.

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The boys approached Mr Gomez's house slowly. Nathan peered through the broken window and his jaw dropped at the sight before him. Mr Gomez was lying unconscious on the kitchen floor! Beside him lay his walking stick which he usually used to aid him in walking as well as their tennis ball. Had Mr Gomez been hit by their ball? With a guilty conscience, the boys rushed to call for an ambulance. The paramedics soon arrived and sent Mr Gomez to the hospital. As the boys watched the departing ambulance drive off for the hospital, they hoped that Mr Gomez would be all right.

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After a few hours, the boys learnt from their parents that Mr Gomez had not been hit by their ball. Rather, he had fainted because he was suffering from high blood pressure. Although the boys were relieved that it had not been their fault, they visited Mr Gomez in hospital and told him about how they had broken his window. Mr Gomez praised them for their honesty and thanked them for breaking his window. If not, they would not have discovered him and he might not have been sent to the hospital in time. The boys smiled sheepishly at one another, glad that everything had turned out fine in the end.

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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. Why were the boys in the empty plot of land?
- (1) They wanted to play tennis.
  - (2) They wanted to enjoy themselves.
  - (3) They wanted to be like everyone else in the neighbourhood.
  - (4) They wanted to hit Mr Gomez's window with their tennis ball.
27. What was the boys' first reaction when the ball broke the window?
- (1) They were stunned
  - (2) They were perplexed.
  - (3) They did not know what to do.
  - (4) They laughed to ease the tension.
28. What does 'the inevitable' in line 10 refer to?
- (1) It refers to Mr Gomez not being at home.
  - (2) It refers to Mr Gomez not hearing his window shattering.
  - (3) It refers to Mr Gomez complaining about the barking of his neighbours' dogs
  - (4) It refers to Mr Gomez coming out of the house and scolding them for breaking his window.
29. According to paragraph three, which of the following is not true?
- (1) Mr Gomez walked with the help of a walking stick.
  - (2) Nathan was surprised to find Mr Gomez lying on the floor.
  - (3) The boys were in Mr Gomez's house when they found him.
  - (4) The boys thought they were responsible for Mr Gomez's condition.
30. According to the last paragraph, why were the boys 'relieved'? (line 28)
- (1) Mr Gomez was going to be all right.
  - (2) Mr Gomez had high blood pressure.
  - (3) Mr Gomez had not been hit by their ball.
  - (4) Mr Gomez had been sent to the hospital in time.



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BOOKLET B

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

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) as	D) by	G) in	k) should	N) upon
B) at	E) could	H) of	L) that	P) with
C) and	F) for	J) on	M) this	Q) within

Mr Wee decided to try his luck. "Are you up (31) \_\_\_\_\_ a game of tennis?" he asked his son with enthusiasm. All he got in return was a grunt, followed (32) \_\_\_\_\_ silence.

Mr Wee sighed. How was he ever going to spend quality time (33) \_\_\_\_\_ Luke? Their relationship had never been close (34) \_\_\_\_\_ it seemed to be getting worse and worse, especially after he had given Luke the latest mobile phone for his birthday.

Mr Wee had bought that gadget with the hopes (35) \_\_\_\_\_ his son would become closer to him, but he was badly disappointed. It had only succeeded (36) \_\_\_\_\_ drawing his son away from him. Luke hardly spoke to him any more. He spent all his time (37) \_\_\_\_\_ the gadget, living in a world of his own.

Knowing that he could not allow the situation to carry on, Mr Wee thought (38) \_\_\_\_\_ a plan. While his son was sleeping, he (39) \_\_\_\_\_ hide the gadget so that his son would not be able to find it. His son would probably be angry for a few days but Mr Wee was confident that Luke would get over it (40) \_\_\_\_\_ a few days and tennis would once again interest him. With that, he set out to carry out his plan.

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

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

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It was the examination period. Jason looked forward to have tests and examinations in

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school. He studied hard for them because his parents could give him rewards whenever he

did well.

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When Jason ~~suceded~~ in scoring full marks for his weekly spelling tests, he received

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his favourite action ~~feegurifs~~. When he did well for his examinations, he looked forward to

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(46)

be takes to the largest toy store in town. There, he could buy anything he want.

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Although Jason was a ~~consientous~~ boy, he only worked hard because he was

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rewarded. Since he was not rewarded for his daily work, he did it ~~slapeely~~. He also did not

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handed in his work on time.

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Jason's parents were in a ~~delémia~~. They were afraid that he might start doing badly in

school if they removed the reward system. They had to come up with a new plan quickly.

**Section I – Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)**

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Once, there were two brothers. One was an (51) \_\_\_\_\_ the other was a pessimist. One Christmas, the boys' (52) \_\_\_\_\_ set out to get presents for their/sons. (53) \_\_\_\_\_ that the pessimistic son was hard to please, the parents first tried to find a present for him. But they (54) \_\_\_\_\_ each idea that came across because the parents knew that the boy would not be satisfied.

(55) \_\_\_\_\_ a long time of selecting and comparing, they finally (56) \_\_\_\_\_ to get a shiny new bicycle for the boy. They (57) \_\_\_\_\_ so much time trying to pick the right present for the pessimistic boy that they (58) \_\_\_\_\_ little time left for the optimistic son. Not to worry, they thought to themselves, he is (59) \_\_\_\_\_ to please. So they collected some horse droppings from the barn, (60) \_\_\_\_\_ them in a box, and gift-wrapped the package.

On Christmas day, the pessimistic son opened his present (61) \_\_\_\_\_ his brother. As you could imagine, he was unhappy with the bicycle, as he was almost certain that he would fall and (62) \_\_\_\_\_ himself.

The optimistic son opened his package next. With great enthusiasm he began to empty the droppings from the box onto the floor as he exclaimed, "I know there is a (63) \_\_\_\_\_ in here somewhere." However, he searched for one to no (64) \_\_\_\_\_.

Hence, when we say 'find the pony', it (65) \_\_\_\_\_ to find value or good in something where none is evident. Sometimes it may be extremely difficult to find the good in something but it is always there.

*Adapted from [www.english-for-students.com](http://www.english-for-students.com)*

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

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. Candy asked Jane, "Where are these books supposed to go?"

Candy: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

67. I will pursue the matter. I must find out the truth.

Till \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68. I have just met George. He is a pilot.

\_\_\_\_\_ whom  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. Kitty likes to chase mice. She always sleeps at noon.

\_\_\_\_\_ who  
\_\_\_\_\_

70. She is arrogant. No one will want to support her cause.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Section K – Comprehension (10 x 2marks)**

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

The morning mist had just begun to clear. The faintest hint of sunlight beamed through the drifting clouds and a cool morning breeze swept lightly across Terri. She stretched herself and prepared herself for the moment she had been waiting for.

Terri adjusted the lens of her long range camera. She peeped through the eyepiece at an object almost five hundred metres away. Yet, through the powerful lens, the object looked as if it was right under her nose. She wriggled slightly on her belly, careful not to make any noise, for it was about time the badgers would appear.

Badgers are known by nature lovers to be shy and they only appeared in the open at first light. In the nature reserve, they sometimes came just to swim near the shore in search of food. Badgers are also known to go into hiding when they sense humans or when they hear an unfamiliar sound. Thus, Terri performed a final check to see if her camera and flash were muted.

Terri waited for a few moments and as she turned her camera to scan the surroundings, she saw two objects which looked like coconut husks bobbing near the shoreline. To an amateur, those "husks" would appear to be something insignificant. However, to an experienced wildlife photographer like Terri, she could immediately tell that they were the shiny tops of the badgers.

Terri smiled to herself as she took tens of photos of the badgers. One of the shots involved a badger almost looking right into the camera's lens! Terri thought to herself, "That would be the cover photo for the second edition of the Wildlife Book!"

As Terri proceeded to take more photos, the badgers seemed satisfied and swam away from the shoreline towards the direction of their burrows on the other end of the lake. Terri got up, finally able to stretch and let out a loud yawn. She packed her equipment carefully and placed them in her bag. She glanced at her watch, and saw that she could finally catch a nap and have her meal before her next assignment in the nature reserve: The Ruby-throated Hummingbirds.

Humans have always favoured hummingbirds. They are the only birds which do not harm crops or livestock, made loud noises, foul the environment with their droppings or attack when handled by human hands. The Ruby-throated hummingbird is especially prized for its eye-catching colours and its intelligence.

As Terri aimed her camera into a dull patch of green in the nature reserve, she could hear a buzz in the distance. As the buzz got louder, the patch of green began to be lit with spectacular ruby hues. Terri clicked away with great delight, knowing that it had been a productive day from dawn to dusk. Very few, if any, wildlife photographers will ever have a day like this.

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

71. What was Terri waiting for in Paragraph 1?

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72. Which three-word phrase in the passage tells us that Tern was lying face down?

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73. How do you know that the camera's lens was powerful?

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74. What was Terri's occupation?

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75. According to the passage, what was a likely reason that the badgers swam away?

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76. State two reasons why hummingbirds are favoured by humans.

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77. Why did Terri stretch and give out a loud yawn only after the badgers had left?

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78. What do the spectacular ruby hues in the last paragraph refer to?

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79. Why did Terri consider it to be a productive day?

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80. Do you think that Terri has a good understanding of wildlife? Provide one example from the passage to explain your answer.

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**End-of-Paper**



# ANSWER SHEET

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Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
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Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
L	G	J	H	E	Q

- 41)having      42)would      43)succeeded      44)figures      45)taken  
46)wanted      47)conscientious      48)sloppily      49)hand      50)dilemma  
51)optimist      52)parents      53)Knowing      54)rejected      55)After  
56)decided      57)spent      58)had      59)easy      60)put  
61)with      62)hurt      63)pony      64)avail      65)means
- 66)Candy asked Jane where those books were supposed to go.  
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71)Terri was waiting for the badgers to appear.  
72)The three-word phrase is "on her belly".  
73)Terri could see an object almost five hundred metres away but it looked as if it was right in front of her.  
74)Terri was an experienced wild life photographer.  
75)They had managed to find food.  
76)The hummingbirds are the only birds which do not foul the environment with their droppings or attack when handled by human hands.  
77)She did not want to frighten the badgers away.  
78)They refer to the Rudy-throated humming birds.  
79)Terri had managed to take many shots of many types of spectacular creatures.  
80)Yes she does. She know that the two object that looked like coconut husks were the shiny-tops of the badgers.

