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2012

英文 ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET A

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

School : _____
Name : _____ ()
Class : _____

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This booklet consists of 9 printed pages and 1 blank page.

Study the following advertisement and answer questions 1 to 5.

icanwrite Competition 2012

Bursting with a story to share?
Get involved in creating an interactive newspaper filled with memories of secondary school days!

Do you have a huge dose of creativity? A love for writing? Possess knowledge in online web-based programmes?

Gather students of various skills to form a team now!

What is the plan:

There are two rounds to the competition.

Round One: Students collate memories of school days and draft the newspaper.

Round Two: Selected teams will make the memories "come alive". During this round, they will receive guidance from experts and mentors who were former journalists with the Saturday Times.



Join us now!



Be sure to check out and download the full details of the competition at www.icanwrite.sg. There are attractive prizes to be won! Participating teams stand a chance to win book vouchers of the following values:

1st Prize: \$900


2nd Prize: \$600

3rd Prize: \$300

Some important dates:

24 August 2012, Friday	Round One: Submit mock-up newspaper
31 August 2012, Friday	Notification to teams selected for Round Two
September Holidays 2012	Mentorship Camp at Suntec City
14 September 2012, Friday	Round Two: Submit the finalized multimedia newspaper
12 September 2012, Saturday	Presentation by winning teams

For registration, email Ms Lily Tan at icanwrite@nlb.gov.sg

Organised by:  Merlion Library Board

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Singapore Multimedia News



Global Bookstores

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For each question from 1 to 5, 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)

1 All participants of the competition are required to _____.

- (1) attend a Mentorship Camp
- (2) create a multimedia newspaper
- (3) go through two rounds of selection
- (4) write online web-based programmes

2 Details of the competition can be obtained from the _____.

- (1) given email
- (2) official website
- (3) school teachers
- (4) multimedia newspapers

3 The organiser of this competition is _____.

- (1) Suntec City
- (2) Global Bookstores
- (3) Merlion Library Board
- (4) Singapore Multimedia News

4 The competition is probably targeted at _____.

- (1) working adults
- (2) primary school students
- (3) secondary school students
- (4) local authors and journalists

5 Which one of the following statements is true?

- (1) There are cash prizes to be won for the competition.
- (2) The Mentorship Camp is conducted during the September holidays.
- (3) Interested students can take part individually or form teams to participate.
- (4) All participants must prepare a presentation to be shared during judging

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

The pupils _____ hard to put on a musical for the teachers since July.

- (1) work
- (2) worked
- (3) had worked
- (4) have been working

Sanjay, like his friends, _____ to play basketball every evening.

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

Cindy seldom swims, _____?

- (1) is she
- (2) isn't she
- (3) does she
- (4) doesn't she

Tigers are a threatened species and receive protection _____ the law.

- (1) in
- (2) on
- (3) under
- (4) within

No amount of money _____ make a man of integrity steal.

- (1) will
- (2) may
- (3) must
- (4) shall

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11 It was Mr Yong and not Mrs Yong who baked the cake all by _____.

- (1) herself
- (2) himself
- (3) ourselves
- (4) themselves

12 No sooner had the teacher punished him _____ he started being naughty again.

- (1) then
- (2) than
- (3) while
- (4) when

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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. (3 marks)

They were diving blind. Carrying camera packs and hydrophones (13) the pair swam out to the middle of the cove and plunged straight down into the pitch-black water.

"We had no idea where the bottom was," said James. "We had to hide the equipment well enough so that the Japanese divers picking up dolphin bodies from the bottom wouldn't find it (14)

As they worked, they were constantly reminded of the reason they were there.

"We could hear the dolphins trapped in the nets," James recalled. "They were talking to each other. Do you know how sad they were (15) Despite their anguish, the pair was determined to complete their mission.

- 13 (1) [-] dash
(2) [:] colon
(3) [,] comma
(4) [;] semi colon

- 14 (1) [.] full stop
(2) [!] exclamation mark
(3) [, .] full stop and inverted commas
(4) [?] question mark and inverted commas

- 15 (1) [, .] comma and inverted commas
(2) [. ,] full stop and inverted commas
(3) [?] question mark and inverted commas
(4) [! ,] exclamation mark and inverted commas

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For each question from 16 to 20, 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)

16 They bought the train tickets under _____ names so that no one knew who they really were.

- (1) artificial
- (2) fictitious
- (3) invented
- (4) improvised

17 "Please _____ by the side of the road, Daddy. I feel like throwing up," Sally begged.

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

18 Dinesh's ideas were _____ ingenious. She would definitely clinch the Young Innovators Award.

- (1) acutely
- (2) generally
- (3) incredibly
- (4) effectively

19 The vehicles involved in the accident _____ the flow of traffic and caused a massive jam.

- (1) choked
- (2) interfered
- (3) hampered
- (4) obstructed

20 Jonathan felt a sudden pang of _____ for putting the blame on his younger sister.

- (1) regret
- (2) apology
- (3) bitterness
- (4) discomfort

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

(5 marks)

My five-year-old son entered an art competition at his school. Rejecting my offer to help, he (21) lugged his masterpiece to school all by himself. It was a real (22) achievement as the masterpiece was almost half his size. He was extremely eager to see if his entry would win.

During the prize-presentation, we discovered that all the entries were awarded the same black-and-gold ribbon. My son kept asking me, "Who's the winner?"

"Well, it looks like everyone's a winner, son!" I could sense his disappointment. Why hold a contest if you are not going to pick a winner? I understand that the school is trying to (23) convey the message that everyone had done a great job. However, I worry that children might get the message that losing is a hardship no one should face. The adults tend to believe our children are too (24) vulnerable to handle defeat. A competitive spirit is key to our success as adults; why shouldn't we (25) foster it in our children?

- (1) carried
- (2) tucked
- (3) yanked
- (4) lurched

- (1) feat
- (2) stunt
- (3) victory
- (4) venture

- (1) send
- (2) conduct
- (3) dispatch
- (4) transport

- (1) brittle
- (2) feeble
- (3) dainty
- (4) defenceless

- (1) adopt
- (2) uphold
- (3) cultivate
- (4) stimulate

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Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

It was 1942. The Japanese had just invaded our village. My mother and I had been rounded up with the other women and children, and were being sent off to a concentration camp. We encountered many cruel Japanese soldiers there but there was one soldier I will never forget. His name was Takashi. He was different from the rest.

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One day, the toilets at the camp broke down and some girls – aged between 15 and 25 and considered healthy enough to do the back-breaking jobs – were ordered to dig trenches to be used as an alternative. For months, we laboured in the trenches. It was hard work in the tropical sun, especially for those who had never done manual work and were malnourished.

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Every day, we worked until lunchtime while a Japanese soldier rested in the shade of a tree, making sure we were not idle. Then one day, our usual guard did not turn up. In his place came Takashi, small and insignificant. He did not recline under the tree as his predecessor had. He went around to all the trenches and tried to make conversation with us but we could not speak Japanese and did not understand his Malay.

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At noon, we had an hour off for lunch. All we had to eat was dry tapioca bread. Takashi also ate his lunch, alone under his tree. Then something extraordinary happened. He walked over to where we sat and handed me and another girl the rest of his lunch. It was real white bread with butter on it! We thanked him profusely. From that time on, Takashi would always bring us a treat and allow us long breaks in our digging. To show our gratitude, we taught him Malay. With a marvellous memory, he could remember all the words we had taught him. He learnt fast and we, in turn, learnt some Japanese words from him.

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One day, Takashi did not appear and another guard took his place. We all missed him terribly. It was not his fruit or sweets. It was his gentle nature and eager smile. Takashi had taught us a valuable lesson. He had shown us that a person's true worth is not what he or she thinks or feels, but how they use those thoughts and feelings to help others. Unlike his colleagues, there was no malice in Takashi, just kindness and curiosity. He truly was a gentle Japanese soldier who made me realise how wrong it is to dislike people because of their race, colour or religion.

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Adapted from "A Gentle Soldier" by Tania Dyett, Reader's Digest July 2005

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- 26 The author was at the camp because she was _____.
- (1) being held captive
 - (2) a volunteer at the camp
 - (3) working for the Japanese
 - (4) teaching the Japanese to speak Malay
- 27 The girls found it tough to dig the trenches as they _____.
- (1) were sick and hungry.
 - (2) had injured their backs
 - (3) were treated like labourers
 - (4) were inexperienced and undernourished
- 28 What was it about Takashi that took the girls by surprise?
- (1) He was not proficient in Malay.
 - (2) He offered to share his lunch with the girls.
 - (3) He tried to make conversation with the girls.
 - (4) He did not rest under the tree like the previous soldier.
- 29 What "valuable lesson" (line 27) did the author learn?
- (1) She learnt to be gentle and happy.
 - (2) She learnt to share her food with others.
 - (3) She learnt not to discriminate against others who are different.
 - (4) She learnt that a person's true worth is what he or she thinks or feels.
- 30 Which of the following statements about the author is true?
- (1) The author was a Japanese soldier.
 - (2) The author had a good memory and learnt fast.
 - (3) The author could not be more than 25 years old.
 - (4) The author took the initiative to befriend Takashi.

- End of Booklet A -





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Answer all questions.

Write your answers in this booklet.

School :

Name :

Class :

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This booklet consists of 7 printed pages.

here are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, 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 (O) and (Q) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

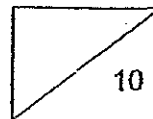
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| (A) above | (D) by | (G) its | (K) over | (N) up |
| (B) away | (E) into | (H) of | (L) the | (P) which |
| (C) before | (F) it | (J) out | (M) under | (Q) with |

In 1883, an eruption completely destroyed Krakatoa, a volcanic island between Sumatra and Java. The volcano had been rumbling for (31) _____ four months. Then, on 27 August, Krakatoa blew (32) _____ top in what was the loudest eruption on earth. The blast was heard four thousand kilometres (33) _____ in Australia. Tonnes of black smoke and ash were released into the sky, blotting (34) _____ the sun and creating brilliant sunsets all around the world. Huge tidal waves, called tsunamis, hit the shores (35) _____ Java and Sumatra, killing over 36 000 people.

What is a volcano? A volcano is basically a hole in the earth through (36) _____ a fiery mixture of gas, steam, ash and lumps of semi-liquid rock, called lava, are hurled (37) _____ the air. Fragments of volcanic ash fall to the ground and harden into a light, grey rock. Over millions of years, layers of lava build (38) _____ into volcanic mountains. Such mountains are often tall and cone-shaped, (39) _____ a crater at the top. Interestingly, many volcanoes are (40) _____ the sea with explosive eruptions occurring on the seafloor, at depths of 13 000 feet.

The oldest volcano is known to be Mt. Etna which is about 350 000 years old.

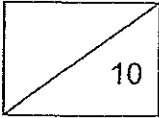
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Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box. (10 marks)

On waking up, I found myself on the shore. With great effort, I lifted my tired body
(41) (42)
above the sand. I found, to my horror, that my clothes had almost been tear apart.
(43)
They looked more like rags than the set of new clothes that I had been wearing early.
(44)
My body was covered with **bruzes**. I tried to stand up but fell back on the sand almost
(45)
immediately. As I lie there, I began looking around for signs of human habitation.
(46)
I remembered how I had been struggling for surviving just a few hours ago. I had
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almost given up hope of ever finding people around that **dezzerted** place when I suddenly
(48) (49)
saw a thin **collum** of smoke in the distance. Though weak and **exhorsted**, I struggled on in
the direction from where the smoke was rising. However, after a few steps, I passed out.
When I opened my eyes some time later, I found myself lying on a soft bed of straw. I had
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been found **unconshers** by one of the villagers. That villager had saved me.

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Dr Toh Chin Chye was remembered by many. He was highly regarded as one of Singapore's founding _____ and had contributed significantly to Singapore's development and growth. Dr Toh was also instrumental _____ the transformation of the National University of Singapore and higher education in Singapore.

When Dr Toh passed away, many Singaporeans from all walks of life turned up to _____ their last respects to him. Among _____ was retired teacher, Mr Raju, who came in spite of the fact that he was _____ crutches. "He really cared for the poor," he said.

Mr Han, a retiree, recalled, "I was a _____ of a scholarship from Dr Toh and the moment was _____ in a 1967 newspaper article. _____ not for him, I wouldn't have obtained my degree." Mr Han also recalled _____ touched his mother was by Dr Toh's humility. He did not have any airs about him; in fact he _____ the effort to speak to her during the award. _____ Mr Han met Dr Toh again about ten years ago and he showed him the article. Dr Toh then requested Mr Han to do him a _____ and make a copy for him as a form of keepsake.

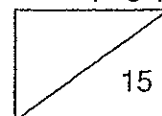
Mrs Lily Siow, _____ has been Dr Toh's neighbour for more than 40 years, _____ him as a very "humble man who walks around the estate without any bodyguards".

Mr Robin Lim also recalled the weekly lunches Dr Toh had with his staff every Sunday. "His wry _____ of humour brought endless laughter to those present," he said fondly.

Dr Toh had indeed touched many lives.

Source : The Straits Times, 7 Feb 2012

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For each of the questions from 66 to 70, rewrite the 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 Ali was well-behaved. The other children were not.

The only _____

67 Li Shan could not see clearly in the room. The room was poorly lit.

Owing to _____

68 Raj did not spend the money he had found. He was honest.

_____ prevented

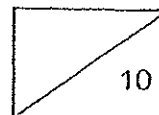
69 My father will cook for us if he is not working.

Unless _____

70 I envy Mary's ability to make friends easily.

_____ of

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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

When I was five, my family and I spent our holiday with Aunt Joyce and her son, Joe, in Devon. At the beginning of the holiday, Aunt Joyce had bet me ten dollars that I could not learn to swim. She knew I hated swimming as I was afraid of the water. In spite of the fear, I spent hours in the sea trying to swim but by the last day, I still could not do it.

"Never mind, Richard," Aunt Joyce said, "there's always next year."

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I was determined not to wait that long. Aunt Joyce had made me a bet and I doubted that she would remember it the next year. On our last day, we got up early, packed our bags and set out on the twelve-hour journey home. The roads were narrow and it was a hot day. Everyone wanted to get home. As we drove along, I saw a river. Gathering all my courage, I knew I had to do it.

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"Dad, can you stop the car, please?" I said.

It was now or never. Dad looked in the rear-view mirror, slowed down and stopped on the grass verge. We all piled out of the car.

I took off my clothes and ran down to the riverbank in my underpants. By the time I reached the water's edge, I was rather frightened. Out in the middle of the river, the water was flowing fast. Dad was looking utterly unconcerned and Mum was smiling encouragingly.

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I braced myself and jumped forward against the current, but I immediately felt myself sinking, my legs slicing uselessly through the water. I tried to reach up to the surface, but the current pushed me around and dragged me downstream. I could not breathe and I swallowed water. I kicked and writhed around. It was of no help.

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Then my foot found a stone. Stepping on it, I pushed myself upwards. I came back above the surface and took a deep breath. The breath steadied me and I relaxed momentarily. I had to win that ten dollars.

I kicked slowly, spread my arms and found myself swimming across the surface. I was still bobbing up and down but I suddenly felt released. I could swim. I did not care that the river was pulling me downstream. I swam triumphantly out into the middle of the current. Above the roar and bubble of the water, I heard my family clapping and cheering enthusiastically. As I swam in a lopsided circle and came back to the riverbank, I saw Aunt Joyce fish in her huge black handbag for half a minute. I crawled up out of the water and ran up the bank. I might have been cold and caked in mud but I could swim and I loved it!

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"Here you are, Richard," Aunt Joyce said. "Well done!" I looked at the ten-dollar note in my hand. It seemed a fortune.

"All right, everyone," Dad said. "On we go."

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It was then that I noticed Dad, too, was dripping wet. I realised what he had done for me. I was so touched that I ran and gave him a hug.

Source : *The Autobiography by Richard Branson*

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71 Who was Richard?

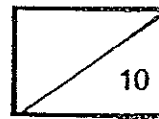
72 In paragraph 1, why did the writer spend hours in the sea trying to swim?

73 Quote the sentence which suggests that the writer lived far away from Devon.

74 Explain clearly what the writer meant by "It was now or never." (line 12).

75 What does "It" in line 21 refer to?

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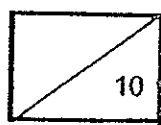
76 What did the writer do to stay afloat when he nearly drowned?

77 From line 22 to 32, which word has the same meaning as "showing the feeling of happiness derived from a victory"?

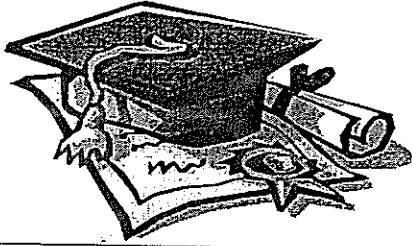
78 What was Aunt Joyce fishing for (line 30)?

79 What did the writer's father do to show that he cared for the writer?

80 How had the writer's feelings towards swimming changed at the end of the passage?



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ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2012

**SCHOOL : HOKKIEN
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Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
H	P	E	N	Q	M

- 41)from 42)torn 43)earlier 44)bruises 45)lay
- 46)survival 47)deserted 48)column 49)exhausted 50)unconscious
- 51)fathers 52)in 53)pay 54)them 55)on
- 56)recipient 57)captured 58)If 59)how 60)made
- 61)ceremony 62)favour 63)who 64)describes 65)sense
- 66)The only child that was well-behaved was Ali.
- 67)Owing to the fact that the room was poorly lit, Li Shan could not see clearly.
- 68)Raj's honesty prevented him from spending the money he had found.
- 69)Unless my father is working, he will cook for us.
- 70)I am envious of Mary's ability in making friends easily.

71)Richard was the writer.

72)Aunt Joyce had bet him ten dollars that he could not learn to swim, so the writer wanted to swim and win ten dollars.

73)On our last day, we got up early, packed our bags and set out on the twelve-hour journey home.

74)The writer meant that he would swim and win the money, or he would not do it again.

75)It refers to the writer kicking and writhing around.

76)He stepped on a stone, pushed himself upwards, came above the surface and took a deep breath for air so that he would not drown.

77)It is "triumphantly".

78)Aunt Joyce was fishing for a ten-dollar note.

79)He jumped into the water, swam under the writer and lifted the writer up so that the writer could swim and prove his Aunt that he could swim.

80)He was afraid of the water at first but he loved swimming in the end.