

METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)  
PRIMARY 5 CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT 2009

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Total Time : 1 hour 50 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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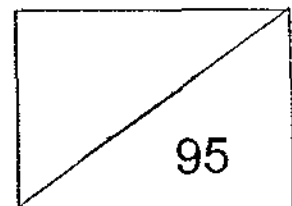
Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

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

Class : Primary 5. \_\_\_\_\_

Date : 26 February 2009



This booklet consists of 16 printed pages.

Study the following text and then answer questions 1 to 5.

## Lifestyle & Learning

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### The Basics of eBay Selling

Venue : Bukit Timah CC  
Tel : 6442 5317  
Date/Time : 16 – 17 Mar 2009  
Monday to Tuesday  
7.00 p.m. - 9.45 p.m.

Fee : Members : \$85  
Non-members: \$98

#### Synopsis:

eBay is the world's largest online marketplace. Participants will learn how to set up an account, do research on items, set processes, create a listing overview, carry out sales and monitor them.

**Trainer:** Mr John Tan is a full-time seller on eBay. He is also the co-founder of Shopper Parade Pte Ltd where the primary business is derived from eBay and e-commerce.



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### Chinese Creative Writing for Students

Venue : Changi CC  
Tel : 6781 6000  
Date/Time : 1 – 27 June 2009  
Mondays to Fridays  
6.15 p.m. - 7.45 p.m. (P5 & 6)  
7.45 p.m. - 9.15 p.m. (P3 & 4)

\*Fee : Members : \$115/  
Non-members: \$121

Applications can be made at the Lucky Education Centre

#### Synopsis:

Students will learn effective writing techniques, usage of illustrations for creative writing as well as different methods to improve their vocabulary and grammar.

#### Trainer:

Lucky Education Centre is a private school that offers value-added courses for students to supplement and enhance their school curriculum. The teachers are qualified and experienced in their respective fields. Courses are based on the syllabuses set by educational authorities.

\* A fee of \$5 for resource materials is applicable.

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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 My brother wants to sell his old books online. The section on \_\_\_\_\_ in the course, *The Basics of eBay Selling*, would be particularly useful for him.

- (1) doing research on items
- (2) creating a company online
- (3) carrying out sales and monitoring them
- (4) setting up email accounts in the marketplace

2 Mr John Tan will make a good trainer for the *eBay Selling* course as he \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) is the co-founder of eBay
- (2) offers a discount for members
- (3) he knows how to do research on items on eBay
- (4) is also conducting the Chinese Creative Writing class

3 Mrs Lim, a member of the Changi CC, will have to pay a total of \_\_\_\_\_ if she wants to enrol her daughter, a P5 pupil, for the Chinese Creative Writing class.

- (1) \$115
- (2) \$120
- (3) \$121
- (4) \$126

4 Which word in the advertisement has the same meaning as value-added?

- (1) effective
- (2) required
- (3) additional
- (4) supplement

5 Jane would like to know more about effective Chinese writing skills. She can sign up for the course by \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) going to eBay
- (2) applying online
- (3) contacting Changi CC
- (4) calling Shopper Parade Pte Ltd

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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)

6 The teacher caught Sarah and \_\_\_\_\_ drawing on the wall.

- (1) I  
(2) we  
(3) me  
(4) she

7 Neither Mrs Raju nor her daughter \_\_\_\_\_ strawberries, so do not buy any for them.

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

8 We hope to be invited to \_\_\_\_\_ part in the competition.

- (1) take  
(2) takes  
(3) took  
(4) taking

9 The witnesses saw the robbers \_\_\_\_\_ off with the loot.

- (1) make  
(2) made  
(3) makes  
(4) being made

10 By signing the contract, you agree to abide \_\_\_\_\_ all the terms and conditions.

- (1) to  
(2) by  
(3) for  
(4) with

11 They \_\_\_\_\_ on this project for the past few weeks and are in the process of putting the finishing touches to it.

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

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12 \_\_\_\_\_ the support of her parents, Mary ~~would not have~~ passed the examinations.

- (1) Except
- (2) Despite
- (3) Without
- (4) Besides

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)

“Did you buy anything in Europe ( 13 ) asked the Customs officer.  
 “Just a few articles ( 14 ) answered the lady. “I didn’t buy anything valuable.”  
 “May I open your case, please?” asked the officer.  
 “Of course,” said the lady, “but it’s only full of dirty clothes.”  
 “That doesn’t matter,” replied the officer. “I’m used to that.”  
 At that moment, the lady’s daughter, a little girl of six, cried out, ~~Oh~~ ( 15 ) you must not open that case. My mother has hidden her new gold watch in there. It’s in her brown handbag!”

- 13
- (1) [ , ] comma.
  - (2) [ ? ] question mark
  - (3) [ . ] full stop and inverted commas
  - (4) [ ? ] question mark and inverted commas

- 14
- (1) [ , ] comma and inverted commas
  - (2) [ . ] inverted commas and full stop
  - (3) [ . ] inverted commas and comma
  - (4) [ . ] full stop and inverted commas

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

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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 ~~Naughty~~ Suzy has no \_\_\_\_\_ about ~~lying~~ to her friends.

- (1) ~~quests~~
- (2) ~~qualms~~
- (3) ~~queries~~
- (4) ~~quarrels~~

17 Members of the Adventure Club went on a one-week \_\_\_\_\_ to the jungles in Malaysia where they met the ~~aborigines~~, the ~~jungle~~ tribe.

- (1) ~~cruise~~ natives
- (2) ~~campaign~~
- (3) ~~excursion~~
- (4) ~~expedition~~

18 The ~~Principal~~ \_\_\_\_\_ the running of the whole school.

- (1) ~~oversees~~
- (2) ~~overrules~~
- (3) ~~overthrows~~
- (4) ~~overcomes~~

19 The injured man \_\_\_\_\_ left out the details in his recount as he ~~did not want to be blamed~~ for the accident.

- (1) ~~deliberately~~
- (2) ~~accidentally~~
- (3) ~~unknowingly~~
- (4) ~~unintentionally~~

20 When people are ~~cruel to animals~~, it really makes me \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) ~~see red~~
- (2) ~~turn blue~~
- (3) ~~feel green~~
- (4) ~~turn white~~

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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)

Some people think that the Sladang is a savage animal. They believe that it will often charge even if unprovoked. They always take great care to avoid any place where fresh tracks are to be seen. But I have not heard of a single case of an unprovoked attack. In some instances, men have been charged unaware. The cause may be ascribed either to their stumbling upon an animal that was nursing a wound inflicted by someone else, or to their meeting the mother of a newly-born calf. A wounded Sladang is highly dangerous. Not only will it charge, but it will also hunt down a man with the utmost vindictiveness and tenacity of purpose.

- 21 (1) rude  
(2) rough  
(3) ruthless  
(4) rebellious
- 22 (1) attack  
(2) destroy  
(3) damage  
(4) obstruct
- 23 (1) quickly  
(2) suddenly  
(3) expectedly  
(4) unfortunately
- 24 (1) led  
(2) moved  
(3) referred  
(4) attributed
- 25 (1) follow  
(2) search  
(3) pursue  
(4) investigate

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Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Her influence was extraordinary. She could make the men stop drinking, write home to their wives, submit to pain. "She was wonderful," said a veteran, "at cheering up anyone who was a bit low." The surgeons were **amazed** at her ability to strengthen men doomed to an operation. "The magic of her power over men was felt," wrote Kinglake, "in the room – the dreaded, the blood-stained room – where operations took place. For instance, the maimed soldier, if not yet resigned to his fate, might be craving death rather than meet the knife of the surgeon. When an injured soldier saw the honoured Lady-in-Chief patiently standing beside him and with lips closely set and hands folded, forcing herself to experience his pain, he would obey her **silent command** and bring himself to submit and endure." 5 10

The troops worshipped her. "What a comfort it was to see her pass even," wrote a soldier. "She would speak to one, and nod and smile to many more; but she could not do it to all. We lay there by hundreds; but we could kiss her shadow as it fell and lay our heads on the pillow, contented."

For her sake, the troops gave up the bad language which has always been the privilege of the British private soldier. "Before she came," ran another letter, "there was cursing and swearing but after that it was as holy as a church." 15

When the war was over, Miss Florence Nightingale wrote, "...the tears come into my eyes as I think how, amidst scenes of loathsome disease and death, there arose above it all the innate dignity, gentleness and chivalry of the men shining in the midst of what must be considered the lowest depths of human misery, and preventing instinctively the use of one expression which could distress a gentlewoman." 20

Adapted from *Florence Nightingale*  
by Cecil Woodham-Smith

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For each question from 26 to 30, 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)

26 The surgeons were 'amazed' (line 3) at Florence Nightingale because she \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) could make men write to their wives and submit to pain
- (2) made the men give up bad language and become gentlemen
- (3) cheered men who were feeling low, nodded and smiled at them
- (4) forced herself to stand by and support a patient undergoing surgery

27 The soldiers and Florence Nightingale were likely to be \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) in the church
- (2) at the battlefield
- (3) in a military hospital
- (4) in the operating theatre

28 Which word in paragraph 1 tells us that the soldiers were suffering?

- (1) endure
- (2) craving
- (3) doomed
- (4) resigned

29 Florence's 'silent command' (line 10) refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) the shadow she cast over the soldiers
- (2) her ability to order the men without speaking
- (3) the gentleness and dignity which she exhibited
- (4) her influence over the soldiers through her actions

30 The men showed their devotion to and respect for Florence Nightingale by \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) craving for death
- (2) submitting to pain
- (3) laying their heads on the pillow
- (4) giving up the use of bad language

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There 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 (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

**EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.**

(A) above	(D) can	(G) in	(K) over	(N) what
(B) be	(E) for	(H) may	(L) to	(P) where
(C) but	(F) into	(J) of	(M) under	(Q) would

"Just walk straight forward, Mrs Frisby. There is nothing to trip over, and nothing to bump (31) . If you get off course, you will feel the wall." He added, "The dark part does not last long."

Now (32) did he mean by that? She thought it (33)

for a minute or two as she walked and had just decided to ask him, when (34)

her surprise she saw ahead (35) her a faint glow. A light! But how could there be a light down so far?

"There, we are through it," said Justin cheerfully. "I know that black-out bit must be annoying the first time, (36) it is necessary."

"But aren't we (37) the ground?"

"Oh yes, about three feet down by now, I (38) guess."

"Then how can there (39) light?"

"I could tell you," Justin said, "but if you will wait fifteen seconds, you will see (40) yourself."

In a few more steps the tunnel – Mrs Frisby could now discern, dimly, its shape and direction – took a turn to the right, and she did see for herself. She stopped in astonishment.

Adapted from *Mrs Frisby and the Rats of NIMH* by Robert C. O'Brien

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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)

(41)

When Mei Leng started working at CYC about 40 years ago, she was **tasked** to jobs, such as trimming loose threads. But these days, she is huddled over her trusty (42)  machine make button holes and sewing buttons on the fronts and cuffs of made-to-measure shirts.

(43)

Doing this is not as simple as it sounds. As CYC is very strict about **kwalitēe** control, (44)  even the **tiēniest** discrepancy on a shirt will mar it. For example, if the spacing between (45)  buttons on a shirt front missed the mark by even a centimetre, a new shirt has to be tailored from scratch.

(46)

"There's a lot of **priseesion** required for this job," Mei Leng explained in Cantonese. "I have to be very accurate in my measurements."

The pressure Mei Leng faces increases when customers provide their own fabric. (47)

There is no room for mistakes since the fabric supplied is **suffishunt** for only one shirt. (48)

For the average, Mei Leng works on 200 shirts daily. If the buttons and button holes (49)  are machine-sew, it takes her about five minutes to finish one shirt. For hand-made requests, it can take her about half an hour on one shirt.

(50)

But she agreed that hers is not a job that would **apill** to the younger generation. "Younger people may not be interested because the work that I do can get monotonous and you need a lot of concentration," she said.

Adapted from *Weekend Today*, 9-10 August 2008

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

The cheetah shares the grasslands of Africa with the lion. It is a golden-eyed cat that does not roar. In \_\_\_\_\_ (51) or in fear it may growl and snarl, but in a quieter mood it will \_\_\_\_\_ (52) like any housecat. Yet it is a fearsome hunter, the fastest animal on four \_\_\_\_\_ (53). In fact, this beautifully spotted creature can chase its prey in speeds \_\_\_\_\_ (54) to 110 kilometres an hour.

Specially shaped for speed, the cheetah is \_\_\_\_\_ (55) any other big cat. It is different both \_\_\_\_\_ (56) form and behaviour. The long legs carry a slim but power-packed body, driven by immense \_\_\_\_\_ (57) of energy provided by unusually large lungs and heart.

Because its body is so unusual, being designed entirely for swift pursuit, the cheetah is most at home in open country. It needs space so that it can run down its prey without the hindrance of thick undergrowth or obstacles \_\_\_\_\_ (58) as large clumps of trees.

\_\_\_\_\_, (59) if the cheetah's chase is prolonged by the prey twisting and turning, or if uneven terrain makes for a long and difficult chase, then the cheetah soon \_\_\_\_\_ (60) up. This is because while the cheetah is built for speed, it does not have great endurance. It is only capable of sustaining a chase at top speed over a limited

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\_\_\_\_\_. Consequently, it usually conceals itself until its intended victim comes  
 (61)  
 within a hundred metres or so, and then it bursts \_\_\_\_\_ from cover.  
 (62)

Cheetahs do not possess the massive teeth and jaws of other big cats, and so do not  
 \_\_\_\_\_ in the same way. Their method is to crash into their fleeing prey.  
 (63)

slashing at its flanks with the long sharp \_\_\_\_\_ on their front paws. They aim to  
 (64)

bow the prey over and then twist the victim's head around, so \_\_\_\_\_ the soft  
 (65)

throat is exposed. The captured animal is then killed by strangulation and bites to the neck.

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For each of the questions 66 to 70, 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 This is the spot. I found my wallet here.

\_\_\_\_\_ where  
\_\_\_\_\_

67 "You have ruined my gown!" Griselda screamed at Cinderella.

Griselda screamed that \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68 After Mother had trimmed away the fats from the chicken, she cooked it.

Before \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69 My parents will buy me a puppy if I do well in my examinations.

Unless \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70 The book was very interesting. Sulin read it three times.

\_\_\_\_\_ such \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

I came out of the Museum of Natural History and was crossing the street on my way to the subway, when I saw the crowd about halfway down the block, and the police cars, too. I could hear the whine of an ambulance.

For a minute, I hesitated, but then I walked on. The crowds of the curious just get in the way of officials trying to save lives. Dad always complains about that. Of course, I knew I would read about it in the afternoon papers. Besides, I would ask Dad about it after dinner. 5

That night, over dinner, I found out that the victim had run into the museum, trying to shake his attackers off but he did not succeed and was killed. According to Dad, the victim and his two attackers were what were left of the gang that broke into a jewellery store two weeks ago. The police managed to get the jewels back, but they did not grab all the men. And not all the jewels either. One diamond was left. A big one – worth \$30,000. The woman who reported the killing said he said three words to her, very slowly, 'Try – Sarah – Tops.' Then he died. 10

"Who's Sarah Tops?" asked Mum. 15

Dad shrugged. "I don't know. I don't even know if that's really what he said. The woman was hysterical. If she's right and that's what he said then the killers didn't get the diamond. Maybe the dead man left it with Sarah Tops, whoever she is."

"Is there a Sarah Tops in the phone book, Dad?" I asked.

Dad said, "Did you think we didn't look? No Sarah Tops. Nothing in the city directory. Nothing in our files. Nothing." 20

Mum said, "Maybe it's not a person. Maybe it's a company. Sarah Tops Cakes or something."

"Could be," said Dad. "There's no Sarah Tops company, but there are other types of Tops companies and they'll be checked for anyone working there named Sarah." 25

"Well," I said, sort of let down and disappointed. And then it hit me. What if –

What followed happened very quickly. Dad got me into the museum an hour later. We were let in by a guard. We took the lift to the fourth floor, where the big shapes loomed in the bit of light that shone this way and that as the guard moved his torch. We entered the hall and there they all were. Some in glass cases; but the big ones in the middle of the large room. Bones and teeth and spines of giants that ruled the earth, millions of years ago. I went towards one. "What's this?" I said, pointing out a piece of coloured plaster to the guard. 30

"Chewing gum," said the guard, frowning. "Those darn kids –" 35

I said, "The man was trying to get away and he saw his chance to throw this – hide it from the gang –"

Dad took the gum from me, squeezed it, and then pulled it apart. Inside, something caught the light and flashed. Dad put it in an envelope and said to me, "How did you know?" 40

I said, "Well, look at it."

It was a magnificent skeleton. It had a large skull with bone stretching back over the neck vertebrae. It had two horns over the eyes, and a third one, just a bump, on the snout. The nameplate said: *Triceratops*. 44

Adapted from *Sarah Tops* by Isaac Asimov

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71 What two things did the narrator see on his way to the subway?

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72 The narrator hesitated but 'walked on' (line 4). What were two reasons the narrator gave for doing so?

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73 What crime was committed in the museum?

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74 Give one evidence from the passage to show that the narrator's father was a police officer.

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75 Why were the victim and his attackers wanted by the police?

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76 Which sentence in the passage shows that Dad doubted the woman's words?

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77 Where was 'Sarah Tops'?

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78 What does the word 'they' (line 31) refer to?

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79 What did the narrator's father put into the envelope?

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80 Pick a word from lines 35 to 44 in the passage which means "splendid or grand".

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# ANSWER SHEET

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TERM : CA 1

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J	C	M	Q	B	E

41)with      42)making      43)quality      44)tiniest      45)misses

46)precision      47)sufficient      48)On      49)sewn      50)appeal

51)anger      52)purr      53)legs      54)up      55)unlike

56)in      57)amounts      58)such      59)However      60)gives

61)time      62)out      63)attack      64)claws      65)that

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**72)The narrator did not want to get into the way of officials trying to save lives and he would also get to read about the crime in the newspaper.**

**73)A murder was committed.**

**74)The author said that he could ask his father for the details of the crime.**

**75)The men were part of a gang that had robbed a jewellery store.**

**76)It is "The woman was hysterical."**

**77)'Sarah Top' on the fourth level of the Museum of Natural History.**

**78)They refer to the dinosaur exhibits.**

**79)He put the diamond into the envelope.**

**80)IT is "magnificent".**