



Maha Bodhi School  
2009 Semestral Assessment 1  
English Language (Paper 2)

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

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

Duration : 1 h 50 min ( Booklets A & B )

BOOKLET A

SECTION A: GRAPHIC STIMULUS COMPREHENSION (5 x 1 mark)

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

**TAN BROTHERS TRAVEL 2009 OFFERS!**

Don't miss out on the best deals in town.



To book your holidays, you can go to:

- Our website [www.tanbrotherstravel.com](http://www.tanbrotherstravel.com)
- The Singapore Expo Hall 3, Booth H95  
Exhibition dates: 15 May – 16 May, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- Tan Brothers Travel office at Pacific Tower Building, 11 Middle Road.  
Daily Opening Hours: 11 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

For further enquiries, please call Eugene at 6323 1590.

America / Europe / Cruise Holidays

*Alaska Cruise, 8 days* \$2 300

Cruise around beautiful Alaska on a ship  
Departure date: 18 June

*Charming America, 11 days* \$2 000

Tour Los Angeles City and Theme Parks  
Departure dates: 17, 24 June

*Hawaii Beach Delight, 7 days* \$2 500

Bask in the sun on the beautiful sandy beaches  
Departure date: 8 July

*Europe Spectacular, 15 days* \$3 000

Visit 4 major cities in Europe  
Departure date: 12 June

*Scotland Surprise, 7 days* \$2 700

Explore the Highlands of Scotland  
Departure date: 2 August

Senior citizens (above 60) will receive a food voucher worth \$50 upon booking.

Honeymooners will receive a \$100 shopping voucher if they sign up for the Europe Spectacular tour.

A discount of 10 per cent will be given to those who book before 15 May.

Tan Brothers Travel is a subsidiary of TT Holdings Pte Ltd.

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 OMS.

1. What is the main aim of the advertisement?  
It is to inform the public about the travel agency's \_\_\_\_\_
  - (1) website
  - (2) promotional tour packages
  - (3) booth at the Singapore Expo
  - (4) free vouchers given for every booking of tour packages
  
2. Mrs Tan, a customer, does not know how to use a computer and is only free on 21<sup>st</sup> of May to book a tour. She should \_\_\_\_\_
  - (1) call Eugene at 6323 1590
  - (2) go to the Singapore Expo Hall
  - (3) visit the Tan Brothers Travel office
  - (4) book through the company's website
  
3. Another customer, Mr Singh, has seasickness. Which tour is not suitable for him?
  - (1) Alaska Cruise
  - (2) Scotland Surprise
  - (3) Charming America
  - (4) Hawaii Beach Delight
  
4. For customers who can only travel after 17 July, which tour can they go for?
  - (1) Scotland Surprise
  - (2) Charming America
  - (3) Europe Spectacular
  - (4) Hawaii Beach Delight
  
5. Daniel's grandfather is celebrating his seventieth birthday. What will he receive if he books the Europe Spectacular tour on 9 May?
  - (1) A \$50 food voucher
  - (2) A \$100 shopping voucher
  - (3) A 10 per cent discount on the tour
  - (4) A \$50 food voucher and a 10 per cent discount on the tour

**SECTION B: GRAMMAR, PUNCTUATION AND VOCABULARY (20 x 1 mark)**

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 OMS.

6. Come and look at \_\_\_\_\_ wonderful gifts that Uncle Tan has bought for us.
- (1) this
  - (2) that
  - (3) these
  - (4) those
7. The ~~little boy~~ \_\_\_\_\_ hand ~~was caught~~ in the lift is now undergoing surgery.
- (1) who
  - (2) which
  - (3) whom
  - (4) whose
8. The Primary 5 Mathematics test was the toughest among all the subjects. Many pupils ~~did not~~ \_\_\_\_\_ the test.
- (1) pass
  - (2) passes
  - (3) passed
  - (4) passing
9. "Someone \_\_\_\_\_ my book without my permission!" Peter said when he ~~could~~ not find his book.
- (1) is taking
  - (2) has taken
  - (3) had taken
  - (4) was taking
10. \_\_\_\_\_ John is not feeling well, he wants to sit for the exam.
- (1) If
  - (2) Unless
  - (3) Despite
  - (4) Although
11. "Are these test papers \_\_\_\_\_?" asked Sally. "You seem to be the only one without any test papers."
- (1) hers
  - (2) mine
  - (3) theirs
  - (4) yours

12. ~~Neither Tim nor his brothers~~ \_\_\_\_\_ going to Disneyland this holiday as they have not done well for their exams.

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

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation mark and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OMS.

Mr Lim had just returned home. He told his son, Billy, to pack his toys while he prepared dinner. Billy did not do that (13) ~~instead~~, he continued playing with his toys. When Mr Lim asked him why he was not doing what he was told to (14) ~~he said~~ that he did not feel like it.

Feeling exasperated, Mr Lim ~~said~~ (15) ~~Go~~ and pack your toys or there will be no dinner for you."

Billy shuddered at the thought of having to stay hungry for the whole night. He apologised to his father and quickly packed his toys.

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

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 OMS.

16. The 90-year-old building was \_\_\_\_\_ to its original state after extensive renovation.
- (1) reduced
  - (2) restored
  - (3) reformed
  - (4) renovated
17. In 1918, the Spanish Flu pandemic \_\_\_\_\_ nearly a third of the population in Europe.
- (1) wiped off
  - (2) wiped out
  - (3) wiped away
  - (4) wiped down
18. People who are drunk always claim that they are very \_\_\_\_\_ when in fact, they are not even able to walk properly.
- (1) tame
  - (2) calm
  - (3) sober
  - (4) relaxed
- \*19. Tony was filled with \_\_\_\_\_ when he found out that his classmates could go for a camp while he had to rest at home.
- (1) envy
  - (2) pride
  - (3) suspicion
  - (4) bewilderment
- \*20. John \_\_\_\_\_ the opportunity of taking part in the basketball match because he had to stay home to look after his sister.
- (1) passed on
  - (2) passed up
  - (3) passed for
  - (4) passed down

\*Questions are from Vocabulary Enrichment List

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 OMS.

My friend, Les, owned a computer business. Once, while he was fixing a (21) complicated system for a customer, the customer asked him for advice in (22) choosing a security password. Les told him not to pick something too (23) obvious, such as his birthday or wife's name.

The customer then thought of a really special combination. It was so unique that that very night, he forgot what it was. He called Les at once. Les immediately (24) assigned him with a new password.

Minutes later, the customer called Les again. "Thanks for your help. I hope I won't have to trouble you again," said the (25) sheepish voice on the phone. The customer must have chosen a password that was easy for him to remember because he did not call Les again.

21. (1) difficult  
(2) complex  
(3) confusing  
(4) demanding
22. (1) electing  
(2) selecting  
(3) pinpointing  
(4) nominating
23. (1) distinct  
(2) common  
(3) noticeable  
(4) identifiable
24. (1) provided  
(2) appointed  
(3) presented  
(4) administered
25. (1) shy  
(2) tired  
(3) nervous  
(4) embarrassed

**SECTION C: COMPREHENSION (MCQ)****( 5 x 1 mark )**

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

<p>A strange encounter happened to Sam once. He was lost. His father had told him not to wander away from the picnic grounds but he did not listen. He was so sure he could find his way back. He had done that so many times as a scout. However, he had been walking now for an hour and a half, and he didn't have the foggiest idea where he was. He sat on a fallen tree and put his chin in his hands, sulking.</p>	1 5
<p>Suddenly, Sam swore aloud, thinking that there was no one to hear him.</p> <p>"That's not very nice language for a young boy," said a voice beside him, startling Sam who almost fell from that tree. "I don't like to hear young people swear, whatever the reason. You do have a reason, don't you?"</p>	
<p>It was an old man dressed in dark, uncomfortable-looking clothes and heavy black boots. He had a thick beard, eyebrows that nearly covered his eyes, and a battered and shapeless hat that was pushed to the back of his head. Despite his shoddy appearance, Sam was still glad to see him.</p>	10
<p>"S-s-sorry I s-s-swore," Sam stuttered. "B-b-but I'm lost."</p>	
<p>"Lost! Lost? What nonsense," the man said. "You know where you are. It's just the other people who don't know where you are, right?" Sam nodded nervously. "Of course I'm right," the man went on. He stopped and looked up suddenly, as if he had heard a noise. "Hmm," he said. "They're looking for you, you know, in the wrong places. City people!" He almost spat the last words out. "Come on, young boy. Follow me."</p>	15
<p>They walked for several kilometres but the surroundings remained unfamiliar to Sam. Sensing that he was feeling worried, the man pointed out all sorts of interesting things along the way, like animal tracks and tiny, hidden flowers. Sam watched in awe. Finally, they came to a large, flat, muddy area that stretched away to the left and right as far as Sam could see. On the other side, however, he could make out people and cars.</p>	20 25
<p>"Better take those fancy shoes off," said the old man. "They'll be gone before you know it."</p>	
<p>Sam did as he was told. Then he stepped into the thick mud that came past his ankles. With his new friend walking beside him, he made his way across the muddy grounds.</p>	30
<p>After walking some distance, Sam reached the end of the muddy area. He saw his parents looking anxiously for him. His father was startled to see Sam slip and stop his way out of the mud.</p>	
<p>"How did you find us?" Dad asked in amazement.</p>	
<p>"My friend showed me the way," Sam explained.</p>	35
<p>"What friend?" Dad asked, still puzzled.</p>	
<p>Sam turned around to show him, but all they saw was just a single set of footprints across the mud.</p>	45

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 OMS.

26. How did Sam feel right after he realised that he was lost?

He was \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) afraid that someone might hurt him
- (2) worried that no one would rescue him
- (3) sad that his parents were not with him
- (4) upset that he could not find his way back

27. Why do you think Sam was happy to see the old man (line 13)?

- (1) He needed someone to help him.
- (2) He believed the old man knew his way around.
- (3) He was certain the old man would not harm him.
- (4) He felt that the old man had an interesting way of dressing.

28. Why did the old man point out interesting things along the way (line 21)?

The old man \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) wanted to show him the way back
- (2) hoped that he would remember the way back
- (3) wanted to divert his attention from his troubles
- (4) was bored as he had been walking for a long distance

29. Why did the old man tell Sam to take off his shoes (line 26)?

- (1) He did not want Sam to lose his shoes.
- (2) He did not want Sam to dirty his shoes.
- (3) He wanted Sam to get through the mud safely.
- (4) He wanted Sam to get through the mud quickly.

30. Sam's father would not believe that Sam's friend had helped him find his way back because \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) Sam was a scout
- (2) the footprints belonged to Sam
- (3) the friend's footprints could be clearly seen
- (4) Sam could always find his way back whenever he was lost

===== END OF BOOKLET A =====



Please remember to check your work thoroughly.





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Booklet A ( 30 marks )	
Booklet B ( 65 marks )	
Total ( 95 marks )	

**BOOKLET B**

**SECTION D: GRAMMAR CLOZE ( 10 x 1 mark )**

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.

**EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE**

<del>(A)</del> at	<del>(D)</del> by	<del>(G)</del> off	<del>(K)</del> upon	<del>(N)</del> from
<del>(B)</del> to	<del>(E)</del> as	<del>(H)</del> out	<del>(L)</del> while	<del>(P)</del> towards
<del>(C)</del> in	<del>(F)</del> for	<del>(J)</del> then	<del>(M)</del> when	<del>(Q)</del> however

There are many cats in Sukhito's neighbourhood. He gets very annoyed when he is woken up (31) \_\_\_\_\_ cats fighting at night. It has happened quite often and Sukhito always pours a pail of water (32) \_\_\_\_\_ them to chase them away. One night, he was fast asleep (33) \_\_\_\_\_ a commotion jolted him (34) \_\_\_\_\_ of his dreams. It was the cats again!

"Just you wait," muttered Sukhito (35) \_\_\_\_\_ he dragged himself to the kitchen to get a pail of water. Just (36) \_\_\_\_\_, he smelt something peculiar. The air smelt as if something was burning! He rushed to the kitchen and flung the door open. (37) \_\_\_\_\_ realising that his suspicion was correct, (38) \_\_\_\_\_ the kitchen was ablaze, he shouted for help. That brought his neighbours running to his flat.

Finally, Sukhito and his neighbours managed to extinguish the fire. Sukhito was of course very grateful (39) \_\_\_\_\_ the cats which had woken him up (40) \_\_\_\_\_ the nick of time. They had saved his life.

SECTION E: EDITING FOR SPELLING AND GRAMMAR

( 10 x 1 mark )

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

Once upon a time, there was a king of Majapahit who constantly worried about what would become of his kingdom after he was gone. This was because the king had three sons

(41)

(42)

who always **kworrel**d among themselves over trivial matters. Their **friquant** arguments

distressed the king so much that he (43) seek advice from a wise old man.

(44)

The wise old man had a solution. He asked the princes to **asember** in a hall. There,

he gave each prince a stick and asked them to break the sticks with a single blow. All three

(45)

(46)

princes break the sticks given to them rather easy. Then, the old man tied three sticks

together with a string and instructed the princes to break them. The princes smiled,

(47)

(48)

thought that this would be a piece of cake too. However, as each prince **atanted** to break

(49)

the bundle of sticks, he found that he could not doing so.

(50)

Finally, the princes **reelaiced** the significance of staying united and from that day on,

they stopped arguing with one another. The king's worry was finally over.

**SECTION F: COMPREHENSION CLOZE****( 15 x 1 mark )**

Read the passage carefully and then fill in each blank numbered 51 to 65 with a suitable word of your own.

There was a nasty storm. Water rose so rapidly that the residents were (51) \_\_\_\_\_ unaware. At first, the storm seemed nothing (52) \_\_\_\_\_ of the ordinary and people went (53) \_\_\_\_\_ their business as usual. However before long, the destruction caused by the storm became apparent.

"My daughter, Rani, was a street (54) \_\_\_\_\_ at her aunt's house playing with her cousins," said a sobbing father, Vijay Pillay. "When the rain became (55) \_\_\_\_\_, she decided to run home fast."

Rani had run home at just the wrong moment. The street between her aunt's house and her home became a torrent of water in seconds. She was (56) \_\_\_\_\_ in the oncoming rush of water that was several feet high, after being (57) \_\_\_\_\_ unconscious by the objects (58) \_\_\_\_\_ were being tossed about in the raging river.

"She was one of the brightest girls in the neighbourhood," added a neighbour. "It is such a (59) \_\_\_\_\_ for the family. She was their hope for the (60) \_\_\_\_\_." The loss of Rani Pillay was just one of many tragic stories that (61) \_\_\_\_\_ from one of the city's worst disasters. In despair, residents were asking what they had done to (62) \_\_\_\_\_ it.

"We work so hard here and get so little in (63) \_\_\_\_\_," Ramaswami, a resident, lamented. "The people in the area (64) \_\_\_\_\_ until they drop onto their makeshift beds, exhausted. Most are too (65) \_\_\_\_\_ to send the children to school. Those who attend school have to leave school as soon as possible to support the family."

There were donations of cash and food to the victims of the flood. Hopefully, their lives could become normal soon.

SECTION G: SYNTHESIS / TRANSFORMATION

( 5 x 2 marks )

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).

66. "I am going to the beach this afternoon," said James.

James said \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

67. The villagers are poor and do not have proper homes. They are happy and contented.

\_\_\_\_\_ although  
\_\_\_\_\_

68. You have to explain the instructions clearly or he will not understand you.

\_\_\_\_\_ unless  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. Lawrence is a pianist. Lawrence's favourite composer is Mozart.

\_\_\_\_\_ whose  
\_\_\_\_\_

70. The postman reached the house. The postman saw a fierce-looking dog in the garden.

\_\_\_\_\_ when  
\_\_\_\_\_

SECTION H: COMPREHENSION

( 10 x 2 marks )

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

It takes a long time for a young elephant to learn to control its trunk, which contains thousands of different muscles. Baby elephants' trunks often wiggle around out of control, and the elephants sometimes trip over them. They also suck on their trunks, like a child sucking its thumb.

Elephants usually live between 45 and 60 years. They may lose and regrow their molars teeth six times in their lifetime. When their last set of teeth wears out, elephants can no longer chew food and they die. This is a common cause of death, as few predators can kill an adult elephant. In fact, there is only one animal that poses a real threat to elephants – humans.

A hundred years ago, five to ten million elephants wandered freely across Africa. By 1990, only around 600 000 were left. Many people feared there would soon be none left.

One reason why so many elephants died is that they no longer had enough land on which to roam in search of food. Land that was once occupied by elephants and other wild animals had been taken over by people for farming and raising cattle. With nowhere to go, the elephants starved. Another more serious problem is hunting. Elephant tusks are made of smooth, hard ivory, which is very beautiful and easy to carve. People carved ivory into all kinds of things from comb to pool balls to piano keys.

With more powerful weapons, it had become easier for hunters to obtain elephants' tusks. To meet the strong demand for them, hunters even killed elephants that were protected in wildlife reserves. Many people were willing to break the law and kill elephants when a single tusk was worth thousands of dollars. By 1980s, these poachers were killing up to 100 000 elephants a year.

The only way to put an end to poaching was to ban the sale of ivory. Thus, in 1989, a concerted effort was made by many countries to make trading of ivory a crime. Immediately, the demand for ivory fell and so did the price. It dropped from 400 dollars to 60 dollars per kilogram. With little money to be made from poaching, the slaughter mostly stopped.

Land for elephants remains a problem. In Asia, elephants live in the forests of Indonesia, Thailand and other countries. However, the forests are being cut down at an alarming rate. This results in fewer and fewer wild elephants as they have nowhere to live. A hundred years ago, 100 000 elephants lived in Asia. Now, there are fewer than 20 000. The only way to save elephants and other creatures is to leave them with enough land. In the coming century, as the number of people on Earth continues to grow, this will be one big challenge.

Adapted from 'Elephants'  
(Animals Animals) by Marshall Cavenish Corporation.

For each question from 71 to 80, write your answer in the space provided.

**ALL ANSWERS MUST BE BASED ON THE PASSAGE AND IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.**

71. Why does a baby elephant sometimes trip over its trunk?

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72. What was the common cause of death among elephants?

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73. What did people do with the land they took over from the wild animals?

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74. Why was ivory popular?

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75. What did hunters resort to in order to obtain the elephants' tusks?

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76. What made hunters "willing to break the law" (line 22)?

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77. Explain clearly why the price of ivory fell sharply in 1989.

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78. What does "This" in line 32 refer to?

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79. Which word in Paragraph 6 suggests that the author is against the killing of elephants?

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80. Explain clearly why the coming century will be one big challenge.

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# ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2009

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Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
2	3	1	1	4	3	4	1	2	4	4	2	1	2	2	2	2

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
3	1	2	2	2	2	1	4	4	1	3	1	2	D	A	M	H

Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
E	J	K	F	B	C

- 41)quarreled    42)frequent    43)sought    44)assemble  
45)broke    46)easily    47)thinking    48)attempted  
49)do    50)realised    51)caught    52)out  
53)about    54)away    55)heavier    56)drowned  
57)hit    58)which    59)loss/tragedy    60)future  
61)arose/resulted    62)deserve    63)return    64)work/toil  
65)poor  
66)James said he was going to the beach that afternoon.  
67)The villagers are happy and contented although they are poor and do not have proper homes.

**68)He will not understand you unless you explain the instructions clearly.**

**69)Lawrence whose favourite composer is Mozart is a pianist.**

**70)The postman saw a fierce-looking dog in the garden when he reached the house.**

**71)It has yet learn how to control its trunk, so it sometimes wiggles around causing the elephant to trip.**

**72)It was the inability to chew food due to the wearing out of the last set of teeth.**

**73)They farmed and raised cattle./They used it for farming and raising cattle.**

**74)It was smooth, hard, very beautiful and easy to carve.**

**75)They killed elephants in wild life reserves.**

**76)It was the money would make when they sold the ivory.**

**77)The sale of ivory became a crime so people could not but it and the demand fell.**

**78)It refers to the cutting down of forests at an alarming rate.**

**79)It is " slaughter."**

**80)The human population will continue grow and there will not be enough land for elephants to live on.**