



**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
FIRST SEMESTRAL EXAMINATION 2009
PRIMARY 5**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2: BOOKLET A

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 min

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There are a total of 80 questions – 30 MCQ and 50 open-ended questions.

Instructions to pupils:

- 1. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.**
- 2. Follow all instructions carefully.**
- 3. Answer all the question.**
- 4. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.**

Section A: Graphic Stimulus (5 x 1m = 5m)

Study the advertisement below and then answer questions 1 to 5.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

@ SALIM SUPERMART

Join us, be part of the team.

Salim Supermart is one of the largest supermarket chains in Singapore. At Salim, we aim to provide our consumers products at the best prices. We are opening our 5th mega store at Bukit Hakus in June. It is our very first 24-hr store. We are looking for a group of enthusiastic and energetic people to join our team.

Cashier

- 10 vacancies
- No experience required
- able to work night shifts
- completed secondary education
- like to interact with people

Storeman

- 10 vacancies
- must be physically fit
- some experience in store management required
- part time positions available

**Security Officer
(Night Shift)**

- 4 vacancies
- experience needed
- relevant experience will command higher pay
- completed secondary education

Delivery Staff

- 6 vacancies
- possess Class 3 driving license
- able to work late
- at least 1 year of relevant experience
- Starting pay: \$950

Other benefits:

- ✓ 5-day work week
- ✓ Annual Bonus
- ✓ Attractive salaries
- ✓ Medical and Dental benefits
- ✓ Opportunities for promotion & training

Walk-in Interview

Monday - Saturday
8am - 12noon, 2 pm - 7pm

SALIM SUPERMART headquarters
391 Kim Jian Avenue
Singapore 987654

Please bring along your educational certificates and identity card.

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.

1. The advertiser invites application for _____ different jobs.
 - (1) 4
 - (2) 6
 - (3) 24
 - (4) 30

2. Experience is not essential if you are applying to be a _____ at Salim Supermart.
 - (1) cashier
 - (2) storeman
 - (3) delivery staff
 - (4) security officer

3. Employees at Salim Supermart get _____.
 - (1) one rest day a week
 - (2) two rest days a week
 - (3) four rest days a month
 - (4) five rest days a month

4. Which one of the following statements is true?
 - (1) All Salim Supermarkets are open 24 hours a day.
 - (2) Salim Supermart is opening its fifth branch in June.
 - (3) Salim Supermart Headquarter is situated at Bukit Hakus.
 - (4) Salim Supermart is the largest supermarket chain in Singapore.

5. Interested applicants should _____.
 - (1) apply at the store located at Bukit Halus
 - (2) walk in for an interview at 391 Kim Jian Avenue
 - (3) approach the enthusiastic staff at the 24-hr store
 - (4) send application forms to Salim Supermart headquarters

Section B: Grammar Discrete (7 x 1m = 7m)

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.

6. Neither Jenny nor the boys _____ present when the fight broke out.
(1) is
(2) are
(3) was
(4) were
7. Caleb is unable to attend the ceremony as he is down _____ a fever.
(1) by
(2) on
(3) from
(4) with
8. Aunt Jenny likes flowers. I will take her to the Botanical Gardens should she _____ us this September.
(1) visit
(2) visits
(3) visited
(4) visiting
9. _____ I am extremely hungry, I will not eat a full meal.
(1) If
(2) Since
(3) Unless
(4) Whereas
10. I saw the man _____ in that direction. The police are after him now.
(1) ran
(2) run
(3) runs
(4) has run

11. A bunch of keys _____ found on the bench near the canteen yesterday.

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

12. He works hard but his job does not bring _____ much money.

- (1) in
- (2) up
- (3) back
- (4) along

Section C: Punctuation (3 x 1m = 3m)

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.

I was walking to school with my best friend one morning.

"Look (13) That's the dog I was telling you about," she said excitedly.

I looked to the direction she was pointing and saw Mario (14) my neighbour's new dog.

"Its name is Mario (15) I announced proudly.

We decided to play with it for a while before we continued our journey to school.

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

Section D: Vocabulary (5 x 1m = 5m)

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.

16. He claimed that he is telling the truth but I am not _____.
- (1) assured
 - (2) convinced
 - (3) influenced
 - (4) committed
17. The teacher gave us a test to _____ our understanding of the lesson.
- (1) mark
 - (2) assess
 - (3) predict
 - (4) challenge
18. The winners of the singing contest were _____ attractive prizes.
- (1) granted
 - (2) awarded
 - (3) rewarded
 - (4) dispensed
19. The bridegroom _____ a grin on his face as he posed for pictures with his bride.
- (1) wore
 - (2) carried
 - (3) applied
 - (4) displayed
20. Children must be _____ against giving away their personal particulars to strangers on the internet.
- (1) informed
 - (2) cautioned
 - (3) threatened
 - (4) encouraged

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1m = 5m)

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.

Seng Chew's motorcycle entered the quiet car park. He was (21) tired after a hard day's work. He (22) went round the car park in search of a parking lot. When he could not find a lot after two rounds, tiredness gave way to (23) frustration. Just then, he (24) spotted a lot next to a brand new car. However, the car was (25) carelessly parked over part of the motorcycle lot. As it was impossible for Seng Chew to park there, he reversed his motorcycle into the small lane next to the loading bay and walked home.

21. (1) rested
(2) fatigued
(3) indifferent
(4) nonchalant

22. (1) circled
(2) enclosed
(3) revolved
(4) surrounded

23. (1) accord
(2) anxiety
(3) anguish
(4) annoyance

24. (1) noticed
(2) detected
(3) observed
(4) identified

25. (1) unfairly
(2) unevenly
(3) deceitfully
(4) haphazardly

Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1m = 5m)

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

After kilometres of travelling through the forest, Indra, Jude and Harry arrived at the clearing. As it was already late in the evening, the boys decided to set up their tents and spend the night there.

Exhausted, the boys had a light meal and went straight to bed. Not long after, they were awakened by calls of nocturnal animals. Indra decided to light an oil lamp and keep watch as Jude and Harry slept. As the minutes slipped by, Indra began dozing off too. It was the sound of drums that woke them from their sleep this time. The sound of native drums. The boys sat up, froze into deadly silence and listened. Tension mounted rapidly as the sound of the drums drew nearer and nearer. The boys were fully aware of the danger they were in – if the natives saw them as intruders, they might attack them.

As suddenly as it began, the sound of the drums stopped. The boys were alarmed. They were now sure that the natives had found them. Indra signalled for the boys to be ready with their bags. He had planned for them to make a dash for the river if the natives were to attack.

Minutes passed, nothing happened. The boys were retreating into their tents when all of a sudden, they found themselves surrounded by natives with spears in their hands. Stunned, the boys stood rooted to the ground. One of the natives, donning a different headgear from the rest, stepped forward and uttered a few words. They **seemed to have come on friendly terms.**

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.

26. The boys decided to set up ^{the} tent at the clearing because
- (1) they were tired
 - (2) they were hungry
 - (3) it was getting late
 - (4) it was near the river
27. How did the boys know that they had been found?
- (1) There was tension in the air.
 - (2) The natives identified them as intruders.
 - (3) The nocturnal animals were making frightful calls.
 - (4) The sounds of the drums were getting closer and closer.
28. The word 'stunned' in *line 24* tells us that the boys _____
- (1) did not realise they had been found
 - (2) realised they did not know the natives
 - (3) were shocked by the speed of the natives
 - (4) did not expect to be surrounded suddenly
29. The natives 'seemed to have come on friendly terms' (*lines 26-27*) because they _____
- (1) wore different headgears
 - (2) only surrounded the boys
 - (3) were carrying spears in their hands
 - (4) tried to communicate with the boys
30. Which one of the following statements is **not** true?
- (1) Indra looked after the boys while they slept.
 - (2) Indra had planned for them to escape by the river.
 - (3) The sounds of drums woke the boys from their sleep.
 - (4) The boys fled when they realised the natives were nearing their tents.



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PAPER 2: BOOKLET B

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 min

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| Booklet A | /30 |
| Booklet B | /65 |
| Total | /95 |

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| PAPER 1 - Writing | /55 |
| PAPER 2 - Language Use & Comprehension | /95 |
| PAPER 3 - Listening Comprehension | /20 |
| PAPER 4 - Oral Communication | /30 |
| TOTAL | /200 |

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Section G: Grammar Cloze (10 X 1m = 10m)

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40. 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 in order to avoid confusion during marking.

Use each WORD once ONLY

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| A) as | D) for | G) more | K) on | N) though |
| B) against | E) from | H) most | L) others | P) while |
| C) by | F) into | J) much | M) they | Q) with |

The first farmers of prehistoric Britain began to settle in small communities about five thousand years ago. _____ of the village people worked the land, hunted and made things _____ (31) needed such as pots, tools, weapons and clothes. _____ (32) villages grew bigger, some people specialised in making or doing particular things. Some spun wool; others made clothes and bedding _____ (34) animal skins. Some trapped wild animals _____ (35) others fished.

To share and exchange what they produced, they set up markets. To begin with there was no money. People bartered _____ (36) each other, knowing perhaps that a simple leather bag was worth the same as twelve small fish. _____ (37) the first century BC, when the Celtic tribes ruled Britain, money had come _____ (38) use. Their smaller silver coins were modelled _____ (39) the coins of Macedon in northern Greece, showing that trade had begun with _____ (40) distant places. Eventually, trade flourished and more beautiful designs on coins appeared.

Marks

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Section H: Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1m = 10m)

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

We arrived at Broadmarsh just after 11 o'clock. We were

(41)

(42)

all dressed with Victorian costumes. I am wearing a plain yellow dress

with black shoes and stockings. My hair was tied up in a bun. I had a

(43)

shoal to keep me warm.

(44)

As soon as we arrived, we were tell off for being late. I thought that

(45)

it was not fair as it was not our fault but I were too scared to speak up.

Next, we were given instructions. We were not allowed to

(46)

(47)

communekate and had to move about quietly. If we were speaking to,

we would always have to say "Yes, ma'am" or "Yes, sir".

We were shown into the dining room where we were taught to

(48)

fold **napkeens**. It was really difficult and Jermaine was scolded for

making a mess of hers.

(49)

All of a sudden, we heard a bell in the **coridoor**. The bell

warned everyone that we were wanted in the bedrooms and so we

(50)

hurried up the **stares** as quietly as possible.

Marks

Section I: Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1m =15m)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

I have never ever shared this experience with anybody and what I am about to tell you is the scariest moment I have ever encountered in my entire life. One night, I woke up to use the bathroom. Without switching on the lights, I _____ my way slowly to where the bathroom was located. Suddenly, I noticed from the corner of my eyes, an elderly woman opening the door leading to our basement. She was _____ a long nightgown and though she looked pretty normal, _____ a strange feeling overwhelmed me and fear ran down my spine.

I ran to my brother's room and woke him up. I told him what I had seen and both of us decided to _____. Very quietly, we crept out of his room, each _____ with a baseball bat. Just then, we _____ the noise of someone flushing the toilet in our parents' bedroom. The hair at the back of our necks _____, for we were fully _____ that our parents were away on a business _____. There should not be anyone in that bedroom! We _____ looked at each other helplessly.

Finally, my dear brother, _____ the braver one, decided to lead the way into our parents' bedroom. He opened the door cautiously and _____ the room, with me _____ closely behind him. We almost fled in fright when we _____ the lights in the bathroom and heard strange noises coming from inside. Suddenly, an old woman emerged from the bathroom. We _____ and at the same time, the old woman yelled too.

Then we started laughing as we _____ that the old woman was
(64)
none other than my grandmother. Without informing us, our parents
had _____ for her to come and stay with us while they were
(65)
away. What a terrible fright we had!

Marks

Section J: Synthesis/Transformation (5 x 2m = 10m)

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 like durians. I like mangosteens more.

_____ prefer

67. The sergeant ordered the platoon, "Do fifty push-ups immediately!"

The sergeant ordered _____

68. Annie dislikes the naughty character in the movie. Peter dislikes the character too.

Neither _____

69. Danielle will not listen to you. You have to discipline her.

_____ unless

70. Mr Raja plunged into the choppy seas to save the drowning girl. He did not think of his own safety.

Without _____

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Section K: Comprehension Open-ended (10 x 2m = 20m)

Read the passage below carefully and answer questions 71 to 80.

Masuko went to a corner of the garden where the earth was soft and squashy. She did not have to dig. She simply pressed the cherry seed into the soil with her thumb. Then, she returned to play on the monkey bars with her friends. And all this while, she forgot all about the cherry seed, pushing it to the back of her mind. 5

When it was winter in the hills, the cold wind would blow over the dry and bare garden. In the evening, Grandmother told Masuko different folktales. In turn, Masuko would read the newspapers to her, as Grandmother's eyesight was too weak to do so by herself. Masuko found the newspapers rather dull but Grandmother always insisted that she read every piece of news to her. 10

Soon it was spring and it was time for the wild birds to fly north again, to Siberia. Early one morning when she got up to chop wood, Masuko saw the **V-shaped formation** streaming northwards, the calls of the birds resonating clearly through the thin air in the mountains. 15

It was an evening in the garden when Masuko bent to pick up what she thought was a small twig and found, to her surprise, that it was well rooted. She stared at it for a moment and then ran to fetch Grandmother, shouting in excitement as she dashed into the house, "Mama, come and look, the cherry tree has come up!" 20

"Which cherry tree?" asked Grandmother in bewilderment.

"The seed we planted last year! It has come up!"

Masuko went down on her knees, while Grandmother bent **almost double** at the tiny tree. It was about four inches high.

"Oh yes! The seed has grown!" exclaimed Grandmother. "But it still isn't a tree yet," Grandmother chuckled. "You have to water it regularly before that happens." 25

Masuko ran indoors and returned to the garden with a bucket of water.

"Don't drown it!" warned Grandmother. 30

Carefully, Masuko sprinkled some water on the tree and circled it with some pebbles that were lying around in an unused pot near it.

Masuko checked the tree every morning but it did not seem to be growing very fast. Soon, she stopped looking at it every day. After two weeks, Masuko decided to take a look at the plant and as she walked by, she found that it had grown at least an inch. 35

That year, the monsoon rains came early and Masuko plodded to and from school in her raincoat and gumboots. Ferns sprang from the trunks of trees and lilies sprout up amidst the long grasses. Even the cherry tree grew quickly in this season.

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It was about two feet high when one day, a wild goat entered the garden and ate up almost all the leaves of the cherry plant.

"It's alright, my sweet child," said Grandmother gently. It pained her to see the sad expression on Masuko's face. "It'll grow again. Cherry trees are tough."

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ANSWER IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Why was it easy for Masuko to plant the seed?

72. In paragraph 2, why was the garden bare?

73. Why did Masuko not enjoy reading the news to her grandmother?

74. What does the "V-shaped formation" (line 14) refer to?

75. Which phrase in paragraph 4 tells you that Masuko did not expect the seed to germinate and grow?

76. Explain clearly why Grandmother "bent almost double" (line 23-24) to look at the cherry plant?

77. Write down the two things that Masuko did immediately when she saw the cherry plant?

78. Why did Masuko check on the plant every day?

79. Why did Masuko need to wear gumboots during the monsoon season?

80. How did Masuko feel when the tree had only very few leaves left?

ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2009

**SCHOOL : NANYANG PRIMARY
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47)spoken 48)napkins 49)corridor 50)stairs 51)made, felt
52)wearing 53)investigate 54)one 55)heard 56)stood, raised
57)aware 58)trip 59)as, being, usually 60)entered 61)following
62)saw 63)yellow 64)saw, realised, found 65)arranged, asked, called
66)I prefer mangosteens to durians.
67)The sergeant ordered the platoon to do fifty push-ups immediately.
68)Neither Anne nor Peter likes the naughty character in the movie.
69)Danielle will not listen to you unless you discipline her.
70)Without thinking of his own safety, Mr Raja plunged into the choppy sea to save the drowning girl.
71)The earth sort and squasy in that corner of the garden so it was easy for Masuko to plant the seed.

72)It was winter, and all the plants in the garden had withered and died.

73)She found the newspapers rather dull.

74)It refers to the formation the wild birds were making.

75)The phrase is "to her surprise."

76)The cherry plant was tiny and as she had bad eyesight, she had to bend down to take a closer look.

77)They are Masuko stared at the cherry plant and went to get her grandmother to come.

78)She wanted to find out if the plant grew any taller than the previous days.

79)The ground was very wet in the monsoon season and she did not want to slip and fall or get her feet wet.

80)She felt very sad.