

TAO NAN SCHOOL

PRIMARY 5 ENGLISH LANGUAGE MID-YEAR EXAMINATION

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

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

Date: 12 May 2009

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

Duration: 1 hour 50 minutes

Time: 8.00 a.m. to 9.50 a.m.

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.

BOOKLET A

	SCORE	MARKS
BOOKLET A		30
BOOKLET B		65
TOTAL		95

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Section A (5 x 1 mark)

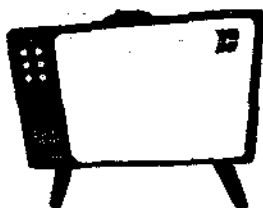
Graphic Stimulus

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

# MID-YEAR SALE

18 – 25 June 2009

Only at Marine Point



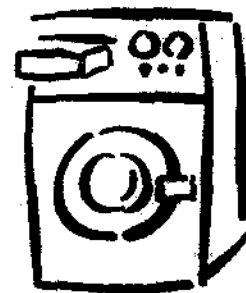
**29-inch TV**

Usual Price \$699  
Now \$399

**iCourts Mega Store**

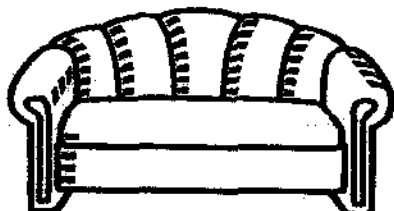
**Marine Point**

Opens Daily  
10 a.m. to 10 p.m.



**Washing machine**

Usual Price \$649  
Now \$398



**2-seater sofa**

Usual Price \$599  
Now \$299

**Great Bargains!**

Up to 60% off on  
selected items\*  
Whilst stocks last!

Level	iCourts Mega Store
5	Restaurants
4	Furniture
3	Electronic appliances
2	Bedding products
1	Lighting



**Mattress + Bed frame**

Usual Price \$2 888  
Now \$1 499

Other branches are located in:

- Vivo Mall
- Centre City
- Marina Circle
- Central Square

### Special Promotion at all iCourts stores

- Spend \$1 500 or more in a single receipt to qualify for an iCourts membership card.
- As an iCourts member, you will enjoy privileges like complimentary drinks and many more! So hurry down!

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

1. During the sale, \_\_\_\_\_
  - (1) 60% of the items must be sold
  - (2) 60% of the items are bargain buys
  - (3) all items are sold at a 60% discount
  - (4) certain items are sold at a 60% discount
  
2. The main aim of this advertisement is to \_\_\_\_\_
  - (1) persuade the public to shop at iCourts
  - (2) inform the public of all iCourts branches
  - (3) promote the consumption of complimentary drinks
  - (4) inform the public that the branch in Marine Point is very large
  
3. Which statement about the advertisement is true?
  - (1) The advertisement is for all iCourts branches.
  - (2) The Marine Point iCourts branch opens on weekdays only.
  - (3) The advertised mattress and bed frame are sold separately.
  - (4) iCourts members can enjoy their privileges on 23 June 2009.
  
4. To purchase a bolster, one would have to go to Level \_\_\_\_\_ of iCourts Mega Store at Marine Point.
  - (1) 1
  - (2) 2
  - (3) 3
  - (4) 4
  
5. The phrase 'whilst stocks last' in the advertisement tells you that sale items can be \_\_\_\_\_
  - (1) bought before 18<sup>th</sup> June 2009
  - (2) reserved for iCourts members
  - (3) purchased before the stocks run out
  - (4) replenished and sold at a further discounted price

Section B (7 x 1 mark)

Grammar

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 OAS.

6. Last Saturday, Alex \_\_\_\_\_ about his homework and spent hours playing computer games.

- (1) forgot
- (2) forgets
- (3) had forgotten
- (4) has forgotten

7. Jamie went over and helped Jessica \_\_\_\_\_ up her books.

- (1) pick
- (2) picks
- (3) picked
- (4) picking

8. The man \_\_\_\_\_ caught the thief was my teacher.

- (1) who
- (2) which
- (3) whom
- (4) whose

9. Mr Raju always finds time to accompany his child to school every day \_\_\_\_\_ he is very busy.

- (1) but
- (2) since
- (3) because
- (4) although

10. The plane \_\_\_\_\_ by the time John reached the airport.

- (1) has left
- (2) had left
- (3) is leaving
- (4) were leaving

11. "Your son, Lucas, attended school here, \_\_\_\_\_ he?" asked Mrs Tham.

- (1) didn't
- (2) hasn't
- (3) wasn't
- (4) doesn't

12. Jane, together with her parents, \_\_\_\_\_ going to the East Coast Park now.

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

**Section C (3 x 1 mark)**

**Punctuation**

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

Taki bent over his oars and we made our way along the edge of a reef. After a while, he slowed the boat to a standstill and picked up his spear.

"Look," he said (13) "octopus."

My stomach gave a clutch of excitement. The only octopus I had seen before was one that was sold for its meat in town (14)

"There it is! Can't you see it? I am sure you didn't leave your eyes behind (15) snapped Taki impatiently, lowering his spear into the water.

Still, I could not see it.

Adapted from Taki, The Fisherman

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

D (5 x 1 mark)

July

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 OAS.

16. You should not have thrown a rock at that helpless bird. What an \_\_\_\_\_ act!
- (1) atrocious
  - (2) awkward
  - (3) incredible
  - (4) indifferent
17. The seriously injured accident victim might not \_\_\_\_\_ the operation to save his life.
- (1) pull off
  - (2) pull out
  - (3) pull over
  - (4) pull through
18. We should not let anything \_\_\_\_\_ the progress we are making in this project.
- (1) pause
  - (2) hinder
  - (3) hesitate
  - (4) postpone
19. The manufacturers will only \_\_\_\_\_ more of these gadgets if there is a thriving market for them.
- (1) give
  - (2) supply
  - (3) present
  - (4) demand
20. The little boy was \_\_\_\_\_ by his grandfather's stories about his childhood days. He found them extremely interesting.
- (1) enticed
  - (2) unmoved
  - (3) enthralled
  - (4) unaffected

Section E (5 x 1 mark)

Vocabulary Cloze

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

There was once a Japanese monk called Nichiren. He had warned for years that Japan would be (21) invaded if it did not start thinking of itself as one nation. The men in power did not listen to him. However, his words (22) rang in their ears when the Mongols did finally strike.

The Mongols, who were (23) aggressive nomadic people, swept across the world, crushing armies everywhere from Egypt to Korea. Nothing and nobody could stop them, not even the Great Wall of China which fell to its military offence.

The Mongols then set their sights on Japan and (24) demanded that it bow to their rule. The Japanese flatly refused, and both sides (25) prepared themselves for war. As the Mongols advanced towards Japan with their huge fleet of 900 ships and 40,000 soldiers, Nichiren said a special prayer.

Adapted from The Little Big Story Book

21. (1) plagued  
(2) attacked  
(3) criticised  
(4) demolished

22. (1) reviewed  
(2) recapped  
(3) resonated  
(4) reappeared

23. (1) stern  
(2) violent  
(3) unfriendly  
(4) unpleasant

24. (1) insisted  
(2) stressed  
(3) petitioned  
(4) maintained

25. (1) planned  
(2) arranged  
(3) equipped  
(4) neatened

**Section F (5 x 1 mark)**

**Comprehension**

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30 based on the passage.

Do some animals have certain mental powers which human beings do not? Of course they have instincts, but besides this, I am sure that they can feel certain things which we humans cannot. A personal experience proved this to me.

Some years ago, I had a dog named Howard. From the time that he was a puppy, he was timid, so we named him 'Howard' to rhyme with 'coward'! He was especially 5 afraid of thunderstorms. At the first hint of them, he would run whining into the house and hide under a table. What a hero!

I often went for walks with Howard. Once, as we were walking along a road, it began to rain. I quickly ran to a bus-stop for shelter. The bus-stop had a roof supported by metal poles. Soon after I had got there, Howard caught my trousers in his teeth and 10 tried to pull me away. At first, I was puzzled and a little angry at his behaviour. However, I decided to humour him and walked away from the shelter into the rain and started for home.

When I was about two hundred metres away from the shelter, there came a blinding flash of lightning and soon after, there was a crash of thunder which nearly 15 deafened me. Howard stopped walking and began whining. Knowing that he was afraid, I bent to pick him up.

As I straightened up, I glanced at the bus shelter which we had just left. I was shocked to see that two of the poles were bent and the roof was lying on the ground, broken. The shelter had been struck by the bolt of lightning. I gave Howard a big hug 20 and muttered my heartfelt thanks. He had just saved my life. He was truly my hero!

Adapted from Reader's Digest

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 OAS.

26. What made the writer name his dog 'Howard'?

- (1) His dog was a hero.
- (2) His dog was fearful.
- (3) His dog had certain mental powers.
- (4) His dog liked to play under the table.

27. The word 'them' in line 6 refers to the \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) tables
- (2) storms
- (3) heroes
- (4) cowards

28. The writer was 'puzzled and a little angry' (line 11) because he \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) had got wet in the rain
- (2) had been bitten by Howard
- (3) wanted to continue the walk
- (4) wanted to take shelter at the bus-stop

29. Which of the following best describes how the writer felt in the last paragraph?

- (1) He was determined to protect his dog.
- (2) He was shocked by the thunder and lightning.
- (3) He was grateful that he had been warned in time.
- (4) He was upset that the bus shelter had given way.

30. Which of the following is the most suitable title for this passage?

- ~~(1)~~ A Rainy Day
- ~~(2)~~ The Brave Dog
- ~~(3)~~ The Bus Shelter
- ~~(4)~~ Saved by a Hero

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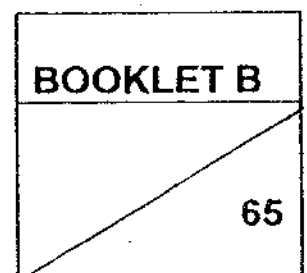
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**Write your answers in this booklet.**



Section G (10 x 1 mark)

Grammar Cloze

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, in the passage below. From words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

<del>(A)</del> from	<del>(D)</del> a	<del>(G)</del> their	<del>(K)</del> the	<del>(N)</del> one
<del>(B)</del> will	<del>(E)</del> had	<del>(H)</del> its	<del>(L)</del> with	<del>(P)</del> although
<del>(C)</del> but	<del>(F)</del> it's	<del>(J)</del> has	<del>(M)</del> on	<del>(Q)</del> within

The story of "Who Moved My Cheese?" was written by Dr. Spencer Johnson. It was a story created to help him deal \_\_\_\_\_ a difficult change in his life. It showed him taking his changing situation, \_\_\_\_\_ not himself, seriously.

When his friends noticed how much better life \_\_\_\_\_ become for him, he revealed his "Cheese" story. Years later, several of his friends commented \_\_\_\_\_ how hearing the story helped them to change for the better. His co-author of "The One-Minute Manager", Ken Blanchard, encouraged him to finally write it as \_\_\_\_\_ book to share with others.

When \_\_\_\_\_ book, "Who Moved My Cheese?", was published, it became an accelerating, word-of-mouth 'Number One International Bestseller'. One million hardcover copies were printed \_\_\_\_\_ the first sixteen months, followed by over ten million copies in the next two years.

The book has benefitted many people and has helped them improve \_\_\_\_\_ careers, businesses, health and marriages. The Cheese story manages to find \_\_\_\_\_ way into homes, companies and schools. It \_\_\_\_\_ spread around the world in many foreign languages. The book's appeal is universal.

(1 mark)

**Spelling and Grammar**

Each word in bold for spelling and each underlined word for grammar, write the correct word in the relevant box.

One lazy afternoon, May was cutting out the animals of the Chinese zodiac. She

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asked her grandmother why the animals were placed in that order in the lunar ~~kelender~~.

(42)

That was when her grandmother narrated the story by "The Great Race" to her.

(43)

"The Chinese have always been curious at the placing of the animals in the Chinese

(44)

zodiac. Legend has it that Buddha orders all the animals to take part in a race to the Jade

(45)

City. Their final position in the race would determine the order of their apperence for all

matters of earthly importance.

(46)

However, to reach the Jade City, the animals had to overcome harsh terain like the

(47)

deserts and the jungles. At the end, the dog was one of the last to reach his destination.

(48)

He had been true to his friend, the pig, who slowed him down and this resulted in him lost

the race. The wily and resourceful rat was the winner of the race. Hence, one may have

(49)

lost the race but is not necoeserill the weakest."

(50)

With that, May put down her pair of scizors and jumped for joy. "I am so glad to be

born in the year of the dog!" May exclaimed.

Section I (15 x 1 mark)  
Comprehension Cloze  
Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Calvin Tan was retrenched last year. He had to support his daughter whom he dearly. Unable to find a \_\_\_\_\_, he resorted to stealing to make \_\_\_\_\_ (51). Unfortunately, during a police line-up, a burglary victim identified him \_\_\_\_\_ (52). Shortly after, he was \_\_\_\_\_ to two years in prison. His daughter could only \_\_\_\_\_ him twice a month. This separation from the \_\_\_\_\_ of his \_\_\_\_\_ (54) \_\_\_\_\_ (55) caused him great pain. However, he drew strength from looking \_\_\_\_\_ the original \_\_\_\_\_ (56) photograph that he had of her.

While he was in \_\_\_\_\_, he began to read books. Gradually, he was \_\_\_\_\_ (57) prompted to turn \_\_\_\_\_ a new leaf. He worked hard at improving his behaviour \_\_\_\_\_ (58) hopes of an early release. He wanted to be there for his daughter who was growing \_\_\_\_\_ (59).

Although Calvin had done much on his part, he \_\_\_\_\_ that his daughter \_\_\_\_\_ (60) might not accept him. Therefore, he decided to \_\_\_\_\_ her a letter before his \_\_\_\_\_ (61) release. He told her that \_\_\_\_\_ she was willing to accept him, she should pin \_\_\_\_\_ (62) yellow ribbon on her blouse when he came home.

On the day of his \_\_\_\_\_, Calvin took a bus home. Throughout the journey \_\_\_\_\_ (63) home, he \_\_\_\_\_ whether his daughter would be wearing a yellow ribbon. \_\_\_\_\_ (64)

Much to his pleasant surprise, his daughter with a yellow ribbon pinned to her blouse ran towards him with her \_\_\_\_\_ outstretched. She cried, "I love you, Daddy." Hugging \_\_\_\_\_ (65) her tightly, he replied, "Daddy will never leave you again."

A J (5 x 2 marks)

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For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the words(s) provided. Your answers must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

66. I love my grandmother. My grandmother is now overseas.

\_\_\_\_\_ whom

\_\_\_\_\_

67. Miss Ng will be disappointed with Ahmad. Ahmad does not repent.

Unless \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

68. "My team was thrashed in the football game yesterday," Henry said to David.

Henry told David that \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

69. Wei Ming's parents were not happy with him. His teacher was not happy with him.

Neither \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

70. Valerie passed her driving test. She was amazed.

Much \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Section K (10 x 2 marks)

Comprehension Open

Read the passage below and answer Questions 71 to 80 based on the passag

When I was a child, the highlight of my visit to the fire station where my father worked, was always a trip to the vending machine. It used to dispense bottles of fizzy soda for fifty cents each. Once, I took two of my friends to the station to show off the fact that my father was a firefighter. I asked my father if we could each have a soda.

I detected the slightest of hesitations in my father's voice before he gave us each 5 fifty cents. My friends and I raced to the vending machine to see whose bottle cap might hold the lucky star on the inside. That was my lucky day! My cap had a star!

Later that evening, I heard my mother chide my father with her hands on her hips, "You should have just said you didn't have the money for the sodas! We don't have any extra money and you gave up your lunch for those sodas?" My father, in his usual way, 10 just shrugged it off.

I realised how great a sacrifice my father had made just so my friends and I could have a soda each. I promised myself that someday, I would show my father that I appreciated him for all the sacrifices that he had made for me.

Over the next twenty years, my father worked three jobs to support our family of 15 seven and his health suffered. His doctor insisted on fitting his heart with a pacemaker after his fourth heart attack.

One afternoon, my father's old red station wagon broke down and he asked me to pick him up after his medical checkup. He had previously vehemently refused when my brothers and I offered to replace his old car. He said that he did not want something that 20 he could not afford to pay for himself. My brothers and I were very disappointed.

As he stepped out of the doctor's office, he looked unusually serious. We drove in silence and my father started talking about the memories each place we passed held for him. That was when I realised that the doctor had told him that he was dying. He made me promise to keep his impending death a secret. I did this with a heavy heart. 25

At that time, I was looking to buy a new car. I asked my father to go with me to pick one out. As I started talking with the salesman, I spotted my father admiring the most beautiful brown sedan that I had ever seen. He ran his hand over it like a sculptor who was marvelling his own work.

I finally decided to get a smaller blue car whose petrol consumption was incredibly 30 economical. My father took one final look at the brown car before leaving the showroom sadly. I heard him muttering to himself, "Really like that car. Wish I could afford it."

A few nights later, I asked my father if he would come with me to pick up my new car. When we reached the dealer's yard, the salesman handed him a set of keys to his new car – the brown one – and explained that it was for him from me. My father looked at me in stunned surprise. I smiled at this man, who had given up everything for his family, as I hugged him tightly and told him that it was now his turn to keep a secret for me from my brothers.

My father took his new car for a drive and pulled up outside my home later that evening. He thanked me for the car and said, "I understand why you bought me the car, but why is there a bottle cap with a star in the centre taped to the steering wheel?" I explained my childhood promise as my father listened with tears in his eyes.

Adapted from Reader's Digest

**ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.**

71. Which two-word phrase in the first paragraph tells us that the writer was proud of his father?

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72. Referring to paragraph 2, explain fully why the writer's father hesitated before giving the writer and his friends the money for the sodas.

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73. After the writer's mother found out about the soda incident, which two actions of hers showed that she was upset with the writer's father?

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74. Why did the writer say that his father's health "suffered" (line 16)?

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75. Explain clearly why the writer and his brothers were "very disappointed" (line 21).

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76. What does "this" in line 25 refer to?

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77. Why did the blue car appeal to the writer?

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78. Explain clearly why the writer's father felt sad when he was leaving the showroom.

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79. What "secret" (line 37) did the writer's father have to keep?

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80. Did the writer keep the promise he made as a child? Give a reason for your answer.

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END OF PAPER

# ANSWER SHEET

**EXAM PAPER 2009**

**SCHOOL : TAO NAN PRIMARY  
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**TERM : SA1**

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
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Q18*	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
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Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
D	K	Q	G	N	J

41)calendar      42)about      43)about      44)ordered      45)appearance

46)terrain      47)in      48)losing      49)necessarily      50)scissors

51)job      52)meet      53)sentenced      54)visit      55)apple

56)at      57)prison      58)over      59)up      60)thought

61)send      62)if      63)release      64)wondered      65)arms

66)My grandmother, whom I love, is now overseas.

67)Unless Ahmad repents, Miss Ng will be disappointed with him.

68)Henry told David that his team had been thrashed in the football game the day before.

69)Neither Wei Ming's parents nor his teacher was happy with him.

70)Much to Valerie amazement, she passed her driving test.

71)The two-word phrase is 'show off.'

**72)He was deciding whether to sacrifice his lunch for the sodas.**

**73)She chided the writer's father with her hands on her hips.**

**74)Over the next twenty years, he worked three jobs to support their family, hence, his own health suffered from heart attacks.**

**75)They offered to buy the writer's father a new car but he said he did not want something that he could not afford himself.**

**76)It refers to the writer promising his father to keep his impending death a secret.**

**77)Its petrol consumption was incredibly economical.**

**78)He could not afford to buy the brown car.**

**79)The writer had bought his father a car.**

**80)Yes,he did. The writer had shown his father that he appreciated him buying him the brown car.**