



**NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2 – 2009
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2**

Primary 5

Booklet A
30 questions
30 marks

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary 5 _____

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Booklet A	/ 30
Booklet B	/ 65
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Parent's Signature & Date

Total Time for booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

**DO NOT OPEN THIS BOOKLET UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO DO SO.
FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.**

Section A – Graphic Stimulus Comprehension (5 x 1mark)
Study the following text and then answer questions 1 to 5.



FOSTER



~ The Book People ~
Serving You for 35 Years!
Come and Celebrate with Us!

From 5-25 December 2009 at all our stores

25% Storewide Discount
for FOSTER Card Members
20% OFF for non-members

1-Day Special Buys on 13 December 2009
30% OFF for all customers
on books, stationery & gift items!
(Valid at Orchard Mall, East Mall & Sunset Plaza Only)

Great opportunity to buy
your loved ones Christmas
presents at bargain prices!

Join the Birthday Celebrations at our
NEW STORE IN ORCHARD MALL!

Saturday, 12 December 2009

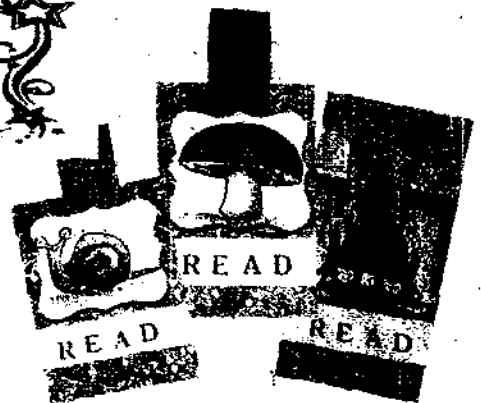
- 2.00 pm – "Santa's Story" Book Launch
- 3.15 pm – Balloon Sculpting
- 4.00 pm – Scrapbooking Workshop
- 5.15 pm – Face Painting

Sunday, 13 December 2009

- 2.00 pm – Origami Demonstration

FREE piping hot popcorn with any purchase
from 3.00 to 5.00 p.m.

FREE balloons and candies for all!
Receive a \$5 FOSTER gift voucher
with every \$50 spent in a single receipt!



FREE*
COMMEMORATIVE
BOOKMARK

With minimum \$20 purchase in a single receipt!
Hurry and collect the whole set of 3 bookmarks
while stock last!

*Limited to 1 redemption per receipt per customer only.

FOSTER, Your Trusted Friendly Book People Serving You At:

Orchard Mall

Sunset Plaza

East Mall

Changi Airport Terminal 2

For each question, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

1. The main reason for the promotional activities at the store in Orchard Mall is to _____
 - (1) reward Foster card members
 - (2) promote book-related activities
 - (3) publicise the opening of the new store
 - (4) celebrate their 35th anniversary of the Orchard Mall store

2. If a Foster card member shops during 5 – 25 December 2009, he can enjoy _____
 - (1) 30% discount on books only at all the stores
 - (2) 30% discount on gift items only at selected stores
 - (3) 25% discount on any books and gift items at all the stores
 - (4) 25% discount on any books and gift items at selected stores

3. A shopper who spends \$50 on stationery items at the store in Sunset Plaza on 13 December will receive/enjoy a _____
 - (1) \$5 Foster gift voucher
 - (2) commemorative bookmark
 - (3) 25% discount on the stationery items
 - (4) 30% discount on the stationery items

4. Peter plans to visit the store in Orchard Mall on 12 December. He can participate in all of the following except _____
 - (1) face painting
 - (2) scrapbooking
 - (3) origami making
 - (4) balloon sculpting

5. Based on the information in the advertisement, which one of the following statements is **FALSE**?
 - (1) The latest Foster bookstore is in Orchard Mall.
 - (2) A customer can have three commemorative bookmarks with \$60 purchase in a single receipt.
 - (3) Free popcorn will only be given only to customers who make a purchase at the Orchard Mall store from 12 to 13 December.
 - (4) A shopper who visits Foster bookstore in East Mall on 13 December 2009 will enjoy 30% discount on books, stationery and gift items.

Section B – Grammar Discrete (7 x 1mark)

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) and shade the corresponding oval on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

6. I _____ piano lessons from Miss Lim for many years now.
(1) take (2) am taking
(3) took (4) have been taking
7. The audience applauded loudly because they felt that the musicians _____ well.
(1) play (2) had played
(3) played (4) had been playing
8. After days of questioning by the police, the murderer finally _____ and confessed his crimes.
(1) broke off (2) broke in
(3) broke down (4) broke up
9. The recent volcanic eruption is the worst _____ a hundred years.
(1) in (2) by
(3) for (4) from
10. Annie could not sleep _____ she was very tired. She was too worried about her missing puppy.
(1) while (2) however
(3) despite (4) although
11. After receiving a tip-off, the police raided the flat. In the end, the occupant _____ away for questioning.
(1) led (2) was led
(3) was leading (4) had been led
12. This skirt is too _____ for me. I prefer a _____ one.
(1) long...shorter (2) longer...short
(3) long...shortest (4) longer...shorter

Section C – Punctuation Discrete (3 x 1mark)

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

“What’s happening?” Annemarie asked when Ellen and she were alone with Papa in the living room. “Something is wrong, isn’t it (13)

Papa’s face was troubled. “I wish that I could protect you children from this knowledge (14)” he said quietly. “Ellen, you already know. Now we must tell Annemarie.”

He turned to Annemarie and stroked her hair with his gentle hand. “The list with the names and addresses of all the Jews has fallen into the hands of the Nazis (15) Our Jewish friends, the Rosens, were on that list along with many others.”

Adapted from “Number The Stars” by Lois Lowry

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

Section D – Vocabulary Discrete (5 x 1mark)

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) and shade the corresponding oval on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

16. In our modern society, mobile phones have become an _____ part of our lives.
(1) indirect
(2) imminent
(3) impending
(4) indispensable
17. ~~When the telephone rang,~~ Mrs Lam had an _____ that something had gone wrong. Moments later, a policeman called to say that her husband had met with an accident.
(1) intuition
(2) intrusion
(3) intimidation
(4) intervention
18. Benny was booked by the head prefect for his long and _____ hair.
(1) undone
(2) unravel
(3) unkempt
(4) unplaced
19. Instead of bringing honour and glory to his family like his siblings do, Ron is always getting into trouble. He is the _____ of the family.
(1) dark horse
(2) green horn
(3) red herring
(4) black sheep
20. When Jane knocked at the door and no one answered, she decided to take a _____ through the keyhole.
(1) wink
(2) blink
(3) peek
(4) glimpse

Section E - Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1mark)

For each question, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

Raising a teenager is like caring for a plant. Plants need occasional watering but the (21) good and advantageous effects of water are lost when too much water is poured on them.

Most parents have the (22) natural inclination to protect their children from harm. This may explain a parent's protective actions even when his children become teenagers. By over protecting their teenagers, parents are actually hindering their growth. Teenagers with overprotective parents tend to (23) depend too much on their parents. They lack the confidence to make their own decisions and the perseverance to carry through when facing (24) obstacles. This would make the (25) progression in life stages from teenager to adulthood a stressful process for both the child and the parents.

21. (1) valuable
(2) nurturing
(3) beneficial
(4) constructive
22. (1) impulse
(2) aptitude
(3) tendency
(4) competency
23. (1) bet
(2) rely
(3) bank
(4) sponge
24. (1) difficulties
(2) calamities
(3) distractions
(4) obstructions
25. (1) transition
(2) resolution
(3) promotion
(4) transformation

Section F- Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

Read the given passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Shaped like a goblet and filled with murky fluid, *the pitcher plant looks very inviting to passing insects*. It glistens attractively in the sunlight, but as Shakespeare once wrote, 'All that glitters is not gold.' The pitcher plant is a death trap. After entering the plant, the unwary insect will struggle but will not succeed in escaping from its sticky clutches; soon it will slip down into the fluid-filled chamber and drown. Even hard-shelled insects such as cockroaches are easily digested. Pitcher plants depend on insects for the nutrients needed to keep them alive.

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It is now an offence in Singapore to own, sell or display to the public any of the island's five species of pitcher plants. Jail terms and fines of up to \$10 000 await *those who break the law*.

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Many of you, no doubt, travel quite frequently to Malaysia, where the variety of pitcher plants is *staggering*. Locals there refer to them as *periuk kera*, or translated as 'the monkey's cooking pot'. There are at least 70 species growing in the wild. As the number of tourists to Malaysia's nature reserves increases, so does the threat to the continued existence of these exquisite plants. Like Singapore, the Malaysian government also prohibits the import and export of all types of pitcher plants. It would be very foolish indeed to try to bring any home as souvenirs.

15

A good place to go and take photographs or make sketches of these wonderful plants is MacRitchie Reservoir Park. If you walk over the wooden bridge near the tea-house, you will soon see swathes of pitcher plants along the edge of the water and patches of them scattered alongside the jogging trail as far as the old Chinese grave. Admire them. Peer into their chambers of death, but please do not touch them. The pitcher plant, like all beautiful things, is extremely fragile.

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For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the correct answer and shade the corresponding oval on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

26. The *second part* of sentence 1 in paragraph 1 tells the reader

- (1) how the pitcher plant got its name
- (2) how deadly the fluid in the pitcher plant is
- (3) the danger the pitcher plant poses insects
- (4) the pitcher plant appears attractive to insects

27. In what way does the pitcher plant prove the truth of Shakespeare's words?

- (1) The pitcher plant shines brightly in the sunlight.
- (2) To pitcher plants, insects are precious like gold.
- (3) Insects are tricked by the seemingly inviting pitcher plant.
- (4) Insects will lose the golden opportunity to escape once they enter the pitcher plant.

28. In line 10, "those" refer to the _____

- (1) members of the public
- (2) people who are jailed or fined
- (3) people who go against the law
- (4) frequent travellers to Malaysia

29. The word 'staggering' in line 12 probably means _____

- (1) varying
- (2) surprising
- (3) interesting
- (4) fascinating

30. Based on the text, which one of the following statements is **TRUE**?

- (1) Pitcher plants are deadly to insects, yet these plants can die easily.
- (2) Pitcher plants are found aplenty along coastal waters of Singapore.
- (3) It is not allowed to take pitcher plants out of Malaysia but bringing them into the country is not an offence.
- (4) Fortunately, tourism has not really affected the existence of pitcher plants in the nature reserves of Malaysia.

Booklet B

Name: _____ () Class: Primary 5 _____

Section G- Grammar Cloze (10 x 1mark)

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.

Use each word only **ONCE**.

(A) a	(D) been	(G) for	(K) in	(N) who
(B) an	(E) can	(H) had	(L) me	(P) whom
(C) are	(F) down	(J) I	(M) on	(Q) would

The lesson finally ended. The teacher dismissed my classmates and (31)_____. We squealed in delight as we chased one another along the corridor outside the staff room. Our game was rudely interrupted by a loud bark, "Hey! You (32)_____ not allowed to play here!"

We stopped (33)_____ our tracks and turned around. It was the discipline master, Mr Lim. We exchanged worried looks. Then, we stood still as he (34)_____ instructed. "We have only (35)_____ here for five minutes!" Jack protested. However, Mr Lim insisted that we (36)_____ disturb the teachers in the staff room.

"And you!" He pointed (37)_____ accusing finger at me. "Why is your shirt not tucked in?" I had always prided myself (38)_____ being the teachers' pet. I looked around nervously. Indeed, I was the only one with the shirt tail hanging out.

"I am going to take (39)_____ all your names!" Mr Lim announced grimly. With great reluctance, I gave him my name. Meanwhile, Liming and Dan, (40)_____ had sneaked up behind Mr Lim, were pointing at Mr Lim's notebook. We later learnt that Mr Lim had booked over ten pupils just that morning.

Section H - Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1mark)

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

The collapse of the 11-storey building was followed immediately by a deafening

41)

boom. The ground shaken for hundreds of metres from the centre of the disaster. For a

42)

while, the dust were very thick and that greatly reduced visibility. The people of the town

43)

genuwintly feared that this was the end of the world. Screams of fright and pain were

44)

aldible amidst the confusion.

45)

In time, perdestrains and residents got over their shock and were soon rushing

46)

to the scene of the collapsed building. Whom they saw shocked them. There was a

mountain heap of rubble consisting of bricks, wires and broken furniture. The once sturdy

47)

building laif in collapsed ruins.

48)

Whife getting over their initial shock, they all rushed to help. In that terrible

49)

moment, everyone's heart went out in simperthy to the injured. Ignoring the danger, brave

50)

souls jumped in to rescue the injured. Using only their bepe hands, they dug out those

who had been buried under the rubble. Only one thought was on their minds – that was to

get those who were hurt to receive medical help as quickly as possible.

Section I - Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

It was morning when I woke up. I tried to get up but I could not move an inch. Something strange had happened while I was (51)_____. All around me was the hum of little voices. I could see nothing (52)_____ the empty sky. I knew there were people around me, but as far as my eyes could reach, I could see (53)_____ one.

I was frightened and puzzled. I felt a tingling sensation on my left leg. Indeed, (54)_____ alive was moving up my body towards my chin. It felt like a large insect and I looked down anxiously. It came into (55)_____ and there I could see a tiny man about six inches tall, marching up my chest with a bow and arrow in his hand. I could hardly (56)_____ my eyes as another forty little men charged up my body as (57)_____ it was a battlefield.

Horrified at the sight of these astonishing people, I cried out (58)_____ loudly that all the little men ran away. Many of them were hurt jumping from my side down to the ground but soon the others came back and climbed over me again. One of the little (59)_____ came far enough to see my face and called out to others. My fear increased as I could not understand him.

Soon, I could see hundreds of workmen building a stage about eighteen inches (60)_____ near my right ear. When the job was done, a well-dressed officer climbed to the top with three servants. (61)_____ there, he could speak directly into my ears and leaning towards me, he gave a long speech. The officer seemed friendly and when he had finished talking, I felt (62)_____ frightened. As I was (63)_____, I put my finger in my mouth to show that I needed food. At once, the (64)_____ understood me and shouted orders to his men. Baskets of food which were smaller than marbles and barrels of water no larger than nuts were brought to my (65)_____. The little people were very amazed at the amount of food and water I could take at one go.

Adapted from "Gulliver's Travels" by Jonathan Swift

Section J – Synthesis /Transformation (5 x 2marks)

For questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentences using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the given ones.

66. The man had tried smuggling cigarettes illegally into Singapore. His van was confiscated.

whose

67. The bomb exploded in the restaurant. My family had lunch there one week ago.

where

68. David is still feeling hungry. He has just had his dinner.

yet

69. Susan waited at the taxi stand. She read a magazine during that time.

while

70. My brother always carries his camera with him. He may see something interesting.

in case

Section K - Comprehension Open-ended (10 x 2marks)

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

"Last bus to La Paz!" shouted the minibus driver's wife. The sun was setting as we clambered into the minibus. I smiled at Mother. Having taught English in the city of Trujillo, Peru, for four months, I was elated when Mother visited me. We decided to venture into Bolivia, a country east of Peru.

It was going to be a three-hour ride and soon it was dark. The only other passenger in the bus was a middle-aged bearded man who was nursing a bad cold. Along the way, I noticed people who were waiting on the side of the road for a bus. I thought it was *strange* that we did not stop. Since when does a minibus driver in South America miss an opportunity to pick up more passengers? We bumped along in the darkness for hours. The driver spent much of the journey talking on his mobile, but I could not hear the conversations.

We were getting close to La Paz when the minibus suddenly slowed and turned off the main road. Mother looked at me sharply, but I reassured her. During my travels, I was used to seeing minibus drivers detour to pick up family members or undertake repairs to the bus. However, I felt a creeping fear almost immediately after our minibus turned into a much narrower track. I could see a red car driving ahead of us. We nearly hit it when its driver slammed on the brakes suddenly. The doors of the red car burst open. Four armed bandits, with their faces covered, charged into the minibus brandishing guns. I was dragged on to the floorboard and a hand clamped over my mouth.

"Don't make any noise!" voices shouted in Spanish. I felt a pistol pressed against my temple. Someone taped my wrists while another tied a blindfold over my eyes. Although I could not see my mother, I could hear her heavy and rapid breathing. As my mind scrambled in a million directions, these thoughts puzzled me: Why had the bus driver not done anything? Why had his wife not screamed? Then I recognised the congested breathing close to me - the bearded man in the minibus was one of those holding me down! *It all began to make sense* to me. Amid the confusion and shouting, I offered them money.

Without a word, someone taped my mouth shut and the engine started. I had no clue how far we travelled. We were taken to a house and were searched by two men. They took the small bag I was wearing and the money belt in my jeans. I was yanked up into a sitting position and I felt the gun at my head again. A hand ripped the tape away from my mouth and lifted my blindfold. They removed my debit card from my pouch and waved it at me frantically.

"PIN number, PIN number!" the voice demanded. Next, they moved on to Mother who gave her numbers shakily. I translated her numbers into Spanish and prayed hard that mine had been correct. We heard the minibus engine start and drive off. When the men returned hours later, I heard them counting cash.

Since we were blindfolded, sounds took on a new importance and what I heard terrified me. Something was being constructed from cardboard and masking tape. Were they making a coffin or something to deaden the sound of a gunshot? After some time, two men came into our room and pulled us to our feet. I pleaded with them to release us but they just shouted at me to get moving. I could hear Mother crying. My heart sank. It was hopeless. This was it – *the end was coming*. 40

Adapted from Reader's Digest, March 2008

For each question 71 to 80, write your answer in the space provided.
ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Where was the bus going to?

72. At which part of the day did the writer and her mother start their bus journey?

73. What did the writer think was 'strange' (line 8)?

74. Give two reasons for the writer not being alarmed.

75. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as "waving something around dangerously"?

76. What did the writer find puzzling in paragraph 4?

77. Explain clearly what the writer meant by "It all began to make sense ..." (line 27).

78. Why did the bandit tear away the tape from the writer's mouth in paragraph 5?

79. Could the writer's mother speak Spanish? Explain your answer.

80. What did the writer think was going to happen when she said "the end was coming" (line 44)?

End-of-Paper

ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2009

SCHOOL : NAN HUA PRIMARY
SUBJECT : PRIMARY 5 ENGLISH

TERM : SA2

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

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
3	4	3	3	3	2	1	1	4	3	3	2	1	L	C	K	H

Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
D	Q	B	M	F	N

41)shook 42)was 43)genuinely 44)audible 45)pedestrians

46)What 47)lay 48)After 49)sympathy 50)bare

51)asleep 52)but/except 53)no 54)something 55)sight

56)believe 57)if 58)so 59)men/people 60)high 61)Once/From

62)less 63)hungry 64)officer 65)mouth

66)The man, whose van was confiscated, tired smuggling cigarettes illegally into Singapore.

67)The bomb exploded in the restaurant where my family had lunch one week ago.

68)David has just had his dinner, yet he is still feeling hungry.

69)Susan read a magazine while She waited at the taxi stand.

70)My brother always carries his camera with him in case he sees something interesting.

71)The bus was going to La Paz.

72)They started when the sun was setting.

73)She thought it was strange that the mini bus driver did not stop to pick up more passengers who were waiting on the side of the road.

74)She was used to seeing mini bus drivers de tour to pick up family members or under take repairs to the bus.

75)The word is "brandishing."

76)The found it puzzling that the driver had not done anything and his wife had not screamed.

77)She realised that the mini bus driver, his wife and the bearded man were working with the bandits to rob them.

78)He wanted the writer to tell him the PIN number for her debit card.

79)No, she could not because the writer had to translate what her mother said into Spanish.

80)She thought that they were going to be shot.