



**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL  
MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2010  
PRIMARY FIVE  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)  
BOOKLET A**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (     )

Class: Primary Five \_\_\_\_\_

30 Questions  
(30 Marks)

20 May 2010

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.

This booklet consists of 9 printed pages excluding the cover page.

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

We are turning

**ONE!**

Celebrate with Vandee Food Court!  
at Ang Mo Kio Hub

**PROMO!**

**\$3.10**

**Noodles Set Meal**

Includes:

- Hot plate beef/ chicken with noodles
- Vegetables or soup
- A soft drink of your choice

*Only available at Noodles Stall 1*

**PROMO!**

**\$4.10**

**Fish and Chips Set**

Includes:

- Fish and Chips
- French Fries
- A soft drink of your choice

*Only available at Western Stall 4*

**\$2.10**

**for any 2 drinks**

Only for Coke/Sprite/Milo/  
Ice Lemon Tea/Tea/Coffee

*Only available at Drink & Dessert  
Stall 7*

**FREE!**

**11 pieces of Black Pepper  
Chicken Wings  
(worth \$11.00)**

*With every Family Set Meal purchased  
at Korean Stall 3*

Write your name and contact number at the back of the promotional coupons and stand to win attractive prizes in our Lucky Draw which will be held on 2 June 2010, 1 p.m. at Vandee Food Court, Ang Mo Kio Hub.

*Coupons are valid from 1 May 2010 to 1 June 2010.*

For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

1. The main aim of this advertisement is to inform the public of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) Ang Mo Kio Hub's First Anniversary
  - (2) Ang Mo Kio Hub's Opening Ceremony
  - (3) Vandee Food Court's First Anniversary
  - (4) Vandee Food Court's Opening Ceremony
  
2. The promotional coupons are only valid for \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) one day
  - (2) one week
  - (3) one month
  - (4) one year
  
3. Alexander bought a Noodles Set Meal which consisted of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) hot plate beef with noodles and vegetables
  - (2) hot plate chicken with noodles and vegetables
  - (3) hot plate beef with noodles, vegetables and a soft drink
  - (4) hot plate chicken with noodles, vegetables, soup and a soft drink
  
4. Anthony bought a Family Set Meal from the Korean Stall and is entitled to receive \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) two free drinks
  - (2) attractive prizes
  - (3) a discount of \$11
  - (4) 11 pieces of black pepper chicken wings
  
5. Which one of the following statements is **true**?
  - (1) Chicken wings are sold at \$11.
  - (2) I can get a can of coke and a cup of coffee for \$2.10.
  - (3) A plate of Fish and Chips set is available at \$4.00.
  - (4) The lucky draw will be conducted one month after the validity period of the coupons.

For each question from 6 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (7 marks)

6. Each of the boys \_\_\_\_\_ going for the class party next Saturday.

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

7. Rachel was excited to meet her best friend, Sue, \_\_\_\_\_ she had not seen in months.

- (1) who
- (2) who's
- (3) whom
- (4) whose

8. Mum decided that we should eat \_\_\_\_\_ instead of going out.

- (1) in
- (2) up
- (3) out
- (4) away

9. Due to the H1N1 situation, my parents' \_\_\_\_\_ our trip next month.

- (1) is cancelling
- (2) were cancelling
- (3) will be cancelling
- (4) would have cancelled

10. All except Shaun \_\_\_\_\_ to the Esplanade to watch the performance by Pet Shop Boys next week.

- (1) goes
- (2) is going
- (3) are going
- (4) have gone

11. \_\_\_\_\_ of the salt in the packet has been used. We need to buy a new packet.

- (1) Many
- (2) Much
- (3) A few
- (4) Plenty

12. Our country has forged a strong alliance \_\_\_\_\_ our neighbouring countries in order to fight terrorism.

- (1) at
- (2) in
- (3) on
- (4) with

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

The Great White Shark is the largest sea predator, growing up to 21 feet and weighing 5,000 pounds. It does not have a sense of feeling anywhere except in its mouth, so the Great White Shark bites before it eats to see what an object is (13) Tommy Robredo, an Australian researcher who has had encounters with the mighty creature (14) is studying the feeding and living patterns of the Great White Shark. "The Great White Shark is a sight to behold (15) Tommy exclaims enthusiastically. "You must encounter the Great One at least once in your lifetime," Tommy suggests.

*Adapted from: <http://www.handipoints.com/reading-comprehension/sharks/great-white-shark.htm>*

13. (1) [ , ] comma  
(2) [ . ] full stop  
(3) [ ! ] exclamation mark  
(4) [ ? ] question mark
14. (1) [ , ] comma  
(2) [ . ] full stop  
(3) [ ! ] exclamation mark  
(4) [ ? ] question mark
15. (1) [ , " ] comma and inverted commas  
(2) [ . " ] full stop and inverted commas  
(3) [ ! " ] exclamation mark and inverted commas  
(4) [ ? " ] question 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 Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

16. I had \_\_\_\_\_ taken my father's set of keys as I left home this morning. I only realised it when he called me in school.

- (1) inaccurately
- (2) inadequately
- (3) inadvertently
- (4) inappropriately

17. Kobe is an \_\_\_\_\_ boy. He always offers a helping hand when asked.

- (1) obliging
- (2) inspiring
- (3) impulsive
- (4) impetuous

18. Despite trailing by two goals, our team spirit was not \_\_\_\_\_. We fought back and won the game three goals to two.

- (1) dissolved
- (2) decreased
- (3) dampened
- (4) diminished

19. Samantha was \_\_\_\_\_ after spending all her pocket money on toys. She did not have any money to buy food for recess.

- (1) upbeat
- (2) dead broke
- (3) green-eyed
- (4) down-trodden

20. The head prefect \_\_\_\_\_ one last time at the memorised script before starting his speech.

- (1) read
- (2) peered
- (3) studied
- (4) glanced

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

In 1988, the year Evan was two and Michael was one, both boys were put in intensive care with dangerously enlarged hearts. When Shelley asked the doctor to **(21) recommend** a book on the heart condition the boys were suffering from, he replied, "You would not understand the terms used in the book. You should **(22) concentrate** on being a mother and not try to be a doctor."

When does an ordinary mother like Shelley turn into a crusader and start **(23) championing** a cause? Was it the day in 1990 when Evan was hospitalised yet again for heart failure and the doctor had simply **(24) dismissed** Shelley's request for a heart consultation? This time she cut him off. "I do not know if you heard me," Shelley said **(25) matter-of-factly**. "But if you are not going to do it, I will find somebody who will." Something changed at that moment. She would not stand back again.

21. (1) confirm  
(2) endorse  
(3) suggest  
(4) sanction
22. (1) focus  
(2) settle  
(3) ponder  
(4) contemplate
23. (1) holding  
(2) delaying  
(3) opposing  
(4) advocating
24. (1) rejected  
(2) removed  
(3) discounted  
(4) abandoned
25. (1) gently  
(2) directly  
(3) tactfully  
(4) convincingly

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

When she was seventeen, a wealthy English girl named Florence Nightingale was determined to pursue a career in nursing. Her parents were angry and refused to allow her to become a nurse because, at that time, it was not thought to be a suitable profession for a well-educated woman. In those days hospitals were filthy and dangerous places too. The smells were so bad that they literally made people sick. Florence, however, had made up her mind and travelled to different hospitals and took up courses on becoming a nurse.

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There came a time when numerous people caught the deadly disease, cholera, and many nurses refused to help because they too were afraid of becoming ill. Florence, on the other hand, patiently nursed all the patients who came her way.

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When British soldiers went to fight the Crimean War, Florence was placed in charge of the nurses who cared for the wounded. Florence believed that hospitals needed good medicine, fresh food, pure water, clean sheets and bandages. She felt that these items were necessary <sup>but</sup> because they were either difficult to get or expensive. She devoted her time to making hospital conditions the best they could be. The wounded soldiers liked her because of the conditions they were treated in.

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They fondly referred to her as the "Lady with the Lamp" because she carried a lamp through the dark rooms of the hospital everyday. She also visited every wounded soldier on a daily basis and spoke to them with care. All the soldiers who recovered never failed to speak about the cleanliness of the hospital and the care they received.

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Florence Nightingale, later in her life, laid the foundation stone for professional nursing by summarising her principles in life into a book entitled 'Notes on Nursing'. Today, the Nightingale Pledge is taken by new nurses in her honour and the annual International Nurses Day is celebrated around the world on her birthday. Florence Nightingale remains a role model for nurses and was a true heroine to the soldiers and everyone back home in England.

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For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

26. Florence Nightingale became a nurse because \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) she wanted to help the sick
- (2) she wanted to go against her parents
- (3) there were not enough nurses around
- (4) she enjoyed working in dangerous places

27. How did Florence's parents react to her decision to be a nurse?

- (1) They fell ill.
- (2) They wept over her decision.
- (3) They were taken aback and displeased.
- (4) They were very supportive and encouraging.

28. Nurses were unwilling to help cholera patients because \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) their help was not needed
- (2) they themselves were sick
- (3) they were afraid of catching the disease
- (4) they felt that they were already at the brink of death

29. In paragraph 3, the word "they" in line 15 refers to the \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) nurses in the hospital
- (2) lack of proper hospital conditions
- (3) medical supplies and basic necessities
- (4) wounded soldiers who needed treatment

30. Which one of the following statements is **false** according to the passage?

- (1) Florence Nightingale took good care of the patients.
- (2) Florence Nightingale was known as the "Lady with the Lamp".
- (3) Florence Nightingale made the effort to speak to every soldier.
- (4) Florence Nightingale trained the doctors and nurses using her book 'Notes on Nursing'.



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BOOKLET B**

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

Class: Primary Five \_\_\_\_\_

50 Questions  
(65 Marks)

20 May 2010

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

Components	Marks
Booklet A	30
Booklet B	65
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>95</b>

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

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Write your answers in this booklet.

This booklet consists of 7 printed pages excluding the cover page.

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 in order to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

<del>(A)</del> amongst	<del>(D)</del> by	<del>(G)</del> has	<del>(K)</del> in	<del>(N)</del> where
<del>(B)</del> and	<del>(E)</del> for	<del>(H)</del> have	<del>(L)</del> over	<del>(P)</del> with
<del>(C)</del> as	<del>(F)</del> from	<del>(J)</del> however	<del>(M)</del> that	<del>(Q)</del> until

The year was 1918. In a small Japanese town, a young professor, Mr. Ryosuke Namiki, decided to improve upon the pens used (31) \_\_\_\_\_ drawing then. He developed a fountain pen and (32) \_\_\_\_\_ partnership with Mr. Wada, went on to revolutionise the way the world would write. (33) \_\_\_\_\_ was the beginning of a success story called Pilot Corporation.

Today, Pilot (34) \_\_\_\_\_ manufacturing facilities across 7 factories in Japan, United States, France and Brazil, a global network of 14 subsidiaries and its products are sold in (35) \_\_\_\_\_ 100 countries. With the largest production capacity (36) \_\_\_\_\_ all writing instrument manufacturers and complete in-house facilities, every activity is stringently monitored, making Pilot synonymous (37) \_\_\_\_\_ 'Quality Writing Instruments'.

What started in 1918 (38) \_\_\_\_\_ a simple version to improve writing experience has (39) \_\_\_\_\_ 2003 turned into a global corporation. What has not changed, (40) \_\_\_\_\_ is Pilot's commitment to quality. Continued research and development ensures that Pilot products adhere to quality standards.

*Adapted from Pilot Pen Advertisement*

Correct each **word** in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box. (10 marks)

Murphy was a **diligent** student who studied daily. He looked

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forward to have tests and examinations in school. He studied hard for

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them because his parents could give him rewards whenever he did

well.

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Whenever Murphy **suceded** in scoring full marks for his weekly

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**grammer** tests, he would receive his favourite action figurines. When

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he did well on his examinations, he looked forward to visiting the largest

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toy store in town. There, he could buy anything he want.

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Although Murphy was a **conscienceous** boy, he only worked hard

because he was rewarded. Since he was not rewarded for his daily

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work, he did it **stopily**. He also did not handed in his work on time. His

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parents were in a **dylema**. They were afraid that he might start doing

badly in school if they removed the reward system. So, they had to

come up with a new plan quickly.

Fill in the blanks with the most suitable answer. (15 marks)

Elephants scored a big win on 22 March 2009. Representatives from 175 countries at the UN Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) in Qatar, rejected a bid to allow the sale of (51) \_\_\_\_\_. This was in response to the two African nations, Tanzania (52) \_\_\_\_\_ Zambia, who had asked to open up the ivory trade.

Conservationists feared that lifting a 21-year-old ban on the (53) \_\_\_\_\_ of ivory would have encouraged illegal hunting that would in turn affect elephant populations. African elephants once (54) \_\_\_\_\_ in the millions. Today, there are fewer than 500,000. In the 1980s, as many as a million elephants were (55) \_\_\_\_\_ throughout Africa. Hunters killed the animals for their ivory tusks (56) \_\_\_\_\_ were used to make jewellery and other items. "The slaughter of elephants in Africa was terrible," says Todd of the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW). The (57) \_\_\_\_\_ works day and night to protect animals.

The ivory wars (58) \_\_\_\_\_ until 1989, when CITES voted to ban all trade in ivory. With (59) \_\_\_\_\_ blocked off, the demand for ivory fell. Governments cracked (60) \_\_\_\_\_ on poachers and imposed heavy penalties to deter them from their activities. As a result, elephant populations began to (61) \_\_\_\_\_ gradually

Tanzania and Zambia had asked CITES to allow ivory sales from government stockpiles. Ivory is so (62) \_\_\_\_\_ that it is known as "white gold". Both countries hold almost 250,000 pounds of ivory which is (63) \_\_\_\_\_ \$30 million.

The two countries argued that their ivory was not (64) \_\_\_\_\_ from poachers but had come from animals that had died naturally. Zambia's environment minister pointed out that her country was making concerted (65) \_\_\_\_\_ to protect elephants while providing for its citizens. The income from the sale of ivory would help the country. "We can't justify failure to send a child to school because we are using resources to conserve elephants," she said.

For each question from 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s). (10 marks)

66. Ravi was not feeling well. He could not attend Mary's wedding.

\_\_\_\_\_ because  
\_\_\_\_\_

67. "Did you tell your teacher that you could not finish your work yesterday?" May asked Alvin.

May asked Alvin \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68. The boys were not willing to help the teachers. Mabel was also not willing to help the teachers.

Neither \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. Jack is likely to be the softball captain because he is extremely skilful.

\_\_\_\_\_ who  
\_\_\_\_\_

70. Before handing in her class test, Emily checked her work thoroughly.

After \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

A black car whizzed past me. She tightened her grip on my hand. In her other hand she held a bag of groceries. Her strong grip caused my arm to ache and I wondered for a moment which she held more tightly, the groceries or me. She pulled me across the busy road. I scampered along, trying to keep up with her while gripping tightly to my melting ice-cream cone.

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Her pace quickened. My young legs lacked the power to keep up with her pace. Despite her age, her physical vigour was comparable to anyone that I had encountered. Though she was lowly paid, she worked extra hours daily in wealthy homes cleaning and washing clothes just to scrape through each month. She even ensured that all eight children whom she had raised single-handedly received tertiary education. She was indeed a superwoman!

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She is none other than my granny. When I was growing up, I lived with her on weekdays while my parents worked long hours. When I was young, my whole world revolved around Granny. I felt blessed that I was one of the three things that had her constant attention. The television and the rice cooker were her favourite companions. She found great joy in providing me with ice-cream and delicious soups. She took care of my nosebleeds, bruises and cuts. In my world, she is my epitome of love.

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Another black car whizzes past me. As I watch the cars speed by, I tighten my grip on her arm. I take care that it does not hurt her. I look at her. Her strong, determined gaze is gone, now replaced by a timid and lost expression. Her pace is slow yet firm and steady. I raise my hand to signal to the oncoming drivers of our presence. As soon as the road is clear, we cross the street.

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She is 84 years old now, every single bit showing on her face! Granny has now moved in with my family. Everyone helps by taking turns to take her to the doctor.

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Despite all the changes, something stays the same: I may grip a strawberry ice-cream cone in one hand but I am sure to **hold onto Granny even more tightly.**

*Adapted from Where's my Daddy? (Readers Digest August 2009)*

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

71. Based on the first paragraph, why did the author's granny hold his hand tightly?

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72. Which ten-word phrase in the second paragraph suggests that the author's granny was the most energetic woman he had ever known?

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73. What impressed the author most about his granny that made him refer to her as a superwoman?

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74. What was the author's granny's occupation?

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75. Where do you think the author stayed on weekends?

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76. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as the phrase "perfect example"?

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77. State an example of how the author's granny found satisfaction in showering him with love.

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78. What does the word "it" in line 20 refer to?

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79. Explain clearly how the author's granny has aged over the years.

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80. In the last paragraph, the author mentioned that he will "hold onto Granny even more tightly" (line 27). What can you conclude about the author's character based on the statement?

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END OF PAPER

# ANSWER SHEET

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## EXAM PAPER 2010

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Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
L	A	P	C	D	J

- 41)having      42)would      43)succeeded      44)grammar      45)in  
46)wanted      47)conscientious      48)sloppily      49)hand      50)dilemma  
51)ivory      52)and      53)sale      54)numbered      55)killed  
56)which      57)organisation      58)continued      59)trade      60)down  
61)grow      62)valuable      63)worth      64)bought      65)efforts

66)Ravi could not attend Mary's wedding because he was not feeling well.

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70)After checking her work thoroughly, Emily handed in her class test.

71)She help his hand tightly so that they could get across the busy road safely.

72)The ten-word phrase is "physical vigour was comparable to anyone I had encountered."

**73)She had single-handedly raised eight children and saw them through tertiary education.**

**74)She was a maid who worked in wealthy homes.**

**75)He stayed at his own home.**

**76)The word is "epitome".**

**77)She enjoyed providing the author with ice-cream and delicious soups.**

**78)"It" refers to the author's grip on his granny's arm.**

**79)She used to be strong but now she is rather timid.**

**80)He is loving.**