



**HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
2010 SEMESTRAL EXAMINATION 1
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY 5
PAPER 2 BOOKLET A**

NAME : _____

CLASS : P5 _____

INDEX NO : _____

30 QUESTIONS

30 MARKS

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & 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.

Shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

Parent's signature: _____

Booklet A	: _____	/ 30
Booklet B	: _____	/ 65
TOTAL	: _____	/ 95

Graphic Stimulus (5 marks)

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

**SPEND A DAY OF GIBBER, CHATTER,
WHISTLES, CRACKLES AND A FEW
GIGGLES TOO.**

Act fast and be one of 400 Hub Club families to join
Animal Planet at the Zoo and win attractive premiums
in exciting challenges.

Organised by:



ANIMAL PLANET DAY WITH STARHUB

13 March 2010, Saturday

9am – 11.30am, Singapore Zoo

Saving Gaia comes to life on a wild learning
adventure! Join forces with your whole family and pit
your knowledge against other teams. The smartest and
fastest families will win attractive Animal Planet
premiums!

Register now at www.starhub.com/hubclub to take
part in the Animal Planet Day at the Zoo with
StarHub!



Visit www.starhub.com/hubclub for more information.

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 Animal Planet Day is organised by _____.
- (1) Animal Planet
 - (2) HubClub
 - (3) the Singapore Zoo
 - (4) StarHub
- 2 If Regina wants to register, she should register at the _____.
- (1) Animal Planet website
 - (2) HubClub website
 - (3) Singapore Zoo website
 - (4) StarHub website
- 3 Animal Planet Day takes place at _____.
- (1) Animal Planet
 - (2) HubClub
 - (3) the Singapore Zoo
 - (4) StarHub
- 4 The Animal Planet Day is an event for _____.
- (1) individuals only
 - (2) children only
 - (3) adults only
 - (4) families only
- 5 Which one of the following statements is not true of the Animal Planet Day?
- (1) It is held on a weekend.
 - (2) It is held in the morning.
 - (3) It is possible to win Animal Planet premiums.
 - (4) Any number of Hub Club families can join the Animal Planet Day.

Grammar (7 marks)

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 My mother went shopping without _____.

- (1) I
- (2) me
- (3) mine
- (4) myself

7 "Has anyone ever _____ passion fruit?" Mrs Su asked the class.

- (1) eat
- (2) eats
- (3) ate
- (4) eaten

8 While Sham _____, the recess bell rang.

- (1) played
- (2) had played
- (3) is playing
- (4) was playing

9 Fareez goes to school by bus, _____?

- (1) is it
- (2) isn't it
- (3) does he
- (4) doesn't he

10 If I _____ in America, I will like to be a cowboy.

- (1) live
- (2) lives
- (3) lived
- (4) has lived

11 They trained every day, _____ they won the match.

- (1) if
- (2) thus
- (3) unless
- (4) because

12 Neither Sean nor his friends _____ durian now.

- (1) like
- (2) likes
- (3) liked
- (4) had liked

Punctuation (3 marks)

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.

As Wendy ran to get the mail, she cried, "My giant super heroes are here."

She opened the mail but they were not as big as a child, like in the advertisement. In small print were the words "not actual size (13) She sat on the floor and frowned.

"Can I come in (14) her mom, Mrs. Delane, asked.

Wendy nodded. Mrs. Delane sat down. She had a tiny package in her hand.

"Maybe you shouldn't send for any more toys," Mrs. Delane said (15) "but you have one more package."

Wendy took the package. It said "The Living Gargoyle Co."

Extracted from Grow Your Own Gargoyle by Valerie Hardin

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

Vocabulary (5 marks)

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 The company _____ a bus to take the staff to East Coast Park for Family Day.
- (1) hauled
 - (2) booked
 - (3) arranged
 - (4) chartered
- 17 Terry _____ in jail after being caught for shoplifting.
- (1) went up
 - (2) landed up
 - (3) handed up
 - (4) brought up
- 18 My grandfather cannot resist chocolates and ice cream because of his _____.
- (1) tall story
 - (2) bread and butter
 - (3) sweet tooth
 - (4) dog with two tails
- 19 Jason demonstrated _____ by offering his seat to the elderly lady.
- (1) charisma
 - (2) chivalry
 - (3) gentleness
 - (4) obedience
- 20 Although Tim has failed in this test, he is prepared _____ to achieve good results for the next test.
- (1) to give up
 - (2) to smack his lips
 - (3) to leave no stone unturned
 - (4) to blow his own trumpet

Vocabulary Cloze (5 marks)

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.

Arriving in Sydney on his own from India, my husband found himself a temporary accommodation in Parramatta. During his first week of stay, he went out on a Sunday morning to (21) run some errands. He came back in the afternoon to (22) discover that his apartment had been robbed.

A little beige suitcase that had contained all his documents was gone. He was (23) devastated as the suitcase has all his (24) essential papers and certificates, including his passport and visa.

He reported the case to the police and completed the formalities (25) painstakingly. Then, he returned home with a heavy heart.

Adapted from Reader's Digest, March 2010

- 21 (1) work
 (2) exercise
 (3) meet his friend
 (4) do everyday jobs
- 22 (1) carry out
 (2) find out
 (3) look out
 (4) point out
- 23 (1) delighted
 (2) distraught
 (3) disgusted
 (4) disappointed
- 24 (1) mandatory
 (2) necessary
 (3) temporary
 (4) voluntary
- 25 (1) hastily
 (2) hurriedly
 (3) sadly
 (4) scrupulously

Comprehension (5 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Alexander Graham Bell was born in Scotland. His mother, who was deaf, was a musician and a painter of portraits. His father, who taught deaf people how to speak, invented "Visible Speech". This was a code which showed how the tongue, lips and throat were positioned to make speech sounds. Graham, or "Aleck", as his family called him, was interested in working with the deaf throughout his life.

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Graham had only attended school for five years, from the time he was ten until he was fourteen, but he never stopped learning. He read the books in his grandfather's library and studied tutorials.

When he was a teenager, he and his brother Melly used the voice box of a dead sheep to make a speaking machine that cried, "Mama!" This created even more interest in human speech and how it worked.

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When he was in his early twenties, his two brothers died of tuberculosis. Bell had the disease too and his father moved the family to Canada to look for a better climate in which to live. Bell recovered from the disease.

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Two years later, he went to Boston to start a school for teachers of the deaf. Then he became a professor at Boston University. It was at this time that he met Mabel Hubbard, one of his students who was ten years younger than he. Mabel had become deaf at the age of four due to scarlet fever. Five years later, they were married. At the wedding ceremony, he gave her a gift of all but ten shares of the stock in his newly formed company called Bell Telephone Company. They had two daughters and two sons who died young.

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Thomas Watson became an associate of Bell. He made parts and built models of Bell's inventions. One day while they were working, Bell accidentally heard the sound of a plucked reed coming over the telegraph wire. Watson had been tuning the metal reeds in the next room. Bell drew up a plan for the telephone and they continued to experiment. The next day, he transmitted the famous words, "Mr. Watson, come here. I want you!" A few months later on Feb 14, 1876, he applied for a patent on his telephone.

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He knew he would have to work quickly to get the patent because other people were also trying to make an invention to transmit the human voice. Elisha Gray claimed he too invented the telephone but Bell got to the patent office an hour or so before he did. It is said that Antonio Meucci also succeeded with the invention before Bell did. Since Bell had the patent, he had the right to be the only one to produce telephones in the United States for the next nineteen years.

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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.

- 26 Alexander Graham Bell's mother was a deaf _____.
- (1) cook and housekeeper
 - (2) musician and painter
 - (3) painter and store clerk
 - (4) secretary and painter
- 27 Alexander Graham Bell and his brother made a speaking machine from _____.
- (1) a rubber band
 - (2) an oatmeal box
 - (3) a pair of stockings
 - (4) the voice box of a dead sheep
- 28 How many competitors did Alexander Graham Bell have to face to get the patent?
- (1) He had no competitors.
 - (2) He had to face one person.
 - (3) He had to face two people.
 - (4) He had to face three people.
- 29 Why did Alexander Graham Bell apply for a patent on his telephone?
- (1) He invented the telephone.
 - (2) He heard the words "Mr. Watson, come here. I want you!"
 - (3) He wanted others to know that he had invented the telephone.
 - (4) He wanted the right to be the only one to produce telephones in the United States.
- 30 Based on the passage, which of the following statements about Aleck is true?
- (1) He was overly dependent on his parents.
 - (2) He was an inquisitive and determined person.
 - (3) He was a timid person who feared competition.
 - (4) He had little confidence due to his disability to hear.



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Total Duration of Paper: 1h 50 min

Section	Marks
Grammar Cloze	10
Editing for Spelling and Grammar	10
Comprehension Cloze	15
Synthesis / Transformation	10
Comprehension Open Ended	20
Total	65

Grammar Cloze (10 marks)

There are 10 blanks in the passage below. From the list of words in the box, choose the most suitable one and write its letter in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion
USE EACH WORD ONLY ONCE

(A) against	(B) and	(C) at	(E) by	(F) for
(G) from	(H) her	(J) his	(K) in	(L) on
(M) round	(N) was	(O) who	(P) with	(Q) where

She was eight years old and small for her age. Carrying (31) _____
baby brother on her left hip (32) _____ a tiring job. The baby was large
(33) _____ plump, so all the way to the huge mansion (34) _____
her mother worked, she panted and puffed. He was holding a biscuit (35) _____
one hand and a bright red spoon in the other. His sturdy body was well-protected
(36) _____ a cotton vest and an oversized bib. (37) _____ chubby bottom
was bare. (38) _____ the ankle of his left leg was a little silver anklet
(39) _____ two bells. The baby soon discovered that by knocking his leg
(40) _____ her side had the delightful effect of producing a tinkling sound. He
chuckled happily as she plodded her way to see their mother.

Adapted from 'Or else, the Lightning God and other stories'



Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10 marks)

Correct each word in **BOLD** for spelling and each UNDERLINED word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

"A Series of Unfortunate Events" was written by Daniel Handler. Written under the

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pseudonamé of Lemon Snicket, it is the story of a young engineer, Violet Baudalaire

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and her **seblings**. The series follows the misadventures of three children who becomès

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orphans when both their parent died in a fire. They are **phased** by their **eevel** uncle who is

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set on getting hold of the family fortune in any means necessary.

(47)

(48)

Each child had a specific skill that helps them to **excape** from their uncle's

(49)

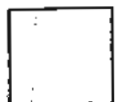
clutches. Violet's skill is to invent. Wise **beyawh** her years, she can build a miniature

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helicopter out frorr an egg beater and some old copper wire. Her technical skills often

save the children from many sticky situations.

Adapted from 'The Modern Engineer'



Comprehension Cloze (15 marks)

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

Peach blossoms are painting Clarke Quay a different hue this Chinese New Year.

Gazing at (51) _____ Singapore River, you can see the pink (52) _____ gliding through the water. They are (53) _____ beautifully on the roofs and sides of bumboats. (54) _____ the first time, there is also a fireworks (55) _____ over the Clarke Quay waterfront.

Clarke Quay is an entertainment (56) _____ and young people as well as (57) _____ from all over the world come here to have an (58) _____ time. There are a lot of (59) _____ offering a great variety of international cuisines. Besides restaurants, there are also bars and pubs that (60) _____ drinks to thirsty revelers who come here to dance the (61) _____ away.

Ms Nadia Tan, a final year (62) _____ from the Singapore School of Management was there (63) _____ her parents. She remarked, "The performances at Clarke Quay (64) _____ unique and interesting. Coming down to this happening place on Chinese New Year's eve is a wonderful way to (65) _____ the new year."

With such an exciting programme, it is no wonder that many merrymakers make their way to Clarke Quay during this festive season.

Excerpt from 'The Straits Times, February 12, 2010



Synthesis and Transformation (10 marks)

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 given one(s).

66. The wholemeal buns taste good. They are nutritious.

Not only _____

67. Miss Lee woke up early this morning. She wanted to prepare breakfast for her father before going to work.

In order to _____

68. It was a very difficult problem sum. Janice managed to solve it in two minutes.

Despite _____

69. "Have you ever been to South Africa?" my teacher asked me.

My teacher _____

70. Malik does not like swimming. His sisters do not like swimming too.

Neither _____



Comprehension Open Ended (20 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 71 to 80.

I was homesick during the whole of my first term at St Peter's. Homesickness is a bit like seasickness. The only comfort is that both homesickness and seasickness are instantly curable.

I was so devastatingly homesick during my first two weeks that I set about devising a stunt for getting myself sent back home, even if it were only for a few days. My idea was that I should, all of a sudden, develop an attack of acute appendicitis.

You will probably think it is silly that a nine-year-old boy should imagine he could get away with a trick like that. However, just a month before, my elder sister actually had appendicitis and for several days, I was able to observe her at close quarters. She complained most about a severe pain in the lower right side of her tummy.

I went straight to the Matron's room and knocked on her door immediately after breakfast. I didn't even feel frightened of the Matron.

"Come in!" boomed a voice.

I entered the room clutching my stomach on the right hand side and staggered pathetically.

"What's the matter with you?" the Matron shouted into my face.

"It hurts, Matron," I moaned. "Oh, it hurts so much!"

"You've been over-eating!" she barked. "What do you expect if you guzzle currant cakes all day long!"

She prodded my tummy all over with her fingers and called for the school doctor. He examined me and decided that I should go home.

I kept quiet. I just lay there and tried to look very ill but my heart was singing songs of praise and joy.

At Dr Dunbar's clinic in Cardiff where my home was, my stomach was prodded again and I did my yelping routine. However, Dr Dunbar fixed me with a penetrating but not unkindly eye.

"You're faking, aren't you?" he said.

"How do you know?" I blurted out.

"Your stomach is soft and perfectly normal," he answered. "If you have any inflammation, the stomach would have been hard and rigid. It's easy to tell. So you miss home, don't you? This is common for a child of your age. All right then, take a few days off but promise me, don't pull such a trick again," he said to me gently and left me after that.

Excerpt from Boy by Roald Dahl

71. According to the author, what do homesickness and seasickness have in common?

72. Which word in the second paragraph tells you that the author had planned his stunt very carefully?

73. Why did the author plan such a stunt?



4. "I didn't even feel frightened of the Matron." What can you tell from this statement?

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5. Why did the author stagger pathetically into the Matron's room?

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6. What did the Matron think when she first saw the author walking into her room?

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7. Which sentence in the passage tells you that the author was very happy that his trick worked but he did not show it?

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8. Did the author manage to pull off his trick? Why do you say so?

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79. How did Dr Dunbar know that the author was faking his illness?

80. Describe how you would feel about Dr Dunbar if you were the author. Why?

End - of - Paper

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ANSWER SHEET

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TERM : SA1

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- 41) pseudonym 42) siblings 43) become 44) parents 45) evil
 46) by/through 47) has 48) escape 49) beyond 50) of
 51) the 52) blossoms 53) decorated 54) for 55) show
 56) location 57) tourists 58) enjoyable 59) restaurants 60) serve
 61) night/evening 62) student/undergraduate/scholar 63) with 64) are
 65) welcome/begin/start
 66) Not only are the wholemeal buns nutritious, they also taste good.
 67) In order to prepare breakfast for her father before going to work, Miss Lee woke up early this morning.
 68) Despite the fact that it was a very difficult problem sum, Janice managed to solve it in two minutes.
 69) My teacher asked me if I had ever been to South Africa.
 70) Neither Malik nor his sisters like swimming.
 71) According to the author, both homesickness and seasickness are instantly curable.
 72) The word is 'devising'.
 73) He was homesick and wanted to get himself sent back home.
 74) From this statement, I can tell that he is actually very afraid of the Matron.
 75) He was pretending to be very sick so that he would be sent home.
 76) The Matron thought that the author had been over-eating and that was why the author had appendicitis.
 77) The sentence is 'I just lay there and tried to look very ill, but my heart was singing songs of praise and joy'.
 78) The author managed to pull off his trick. The reason is because the school doctor examined his body and decided that he should stay at home and rest.
 79) He checked the author's stomach and found out that it was soft and perfectly normal, but having inflammation, it would be hard and rigid, hence, Dr Dunbar knew that the author was faking.
 80) If I were the author, I would be grateful to Dr Dunbar as he showed understanding/kindness/sympathy to me.