



NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1 - 2010
PRIMARY 5

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2

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Class: Pr. 5 _____

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Parent's Signature & Date

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

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

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

BOOKLET A

Section A – Graphic-Stimulus Comprehension (5 x 1 mark)

Study the following poster and answer questions 1 to 5.

JOIN THE GLOBAL EARTH HOUR MOVEMENT.

SUPPORT ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE!

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EARTH HOUR

MARCH 27, 8:30 PM
BROUGHT TO YOU BY WWF

THE CITY OF EDMONTON'S EARTH HOUR CELEBRATION
SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 7:30 - 9:00 PM AT CITY HALL PLAZA

TURN OFF YOUR LIGHTS and come celebrate Earth Hour in front of City Hall. The celebration will be a family-friendly event of local entertainers, kids' activities and free refreshments.

Participate in the countdown to 8:30 p.m. when the City of Edmonton will switch off the lights of City Hall and other downtown buildings.

For more information visit www.edmonton.ca/EarthHour
Register your participation by visiting www.wwf.ca/earthhour



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This event is
powered by
bullfrogpowered
with 100%
green electricity



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 Edmonton Earth Hour celebration will begin at _____.

- 1) 7.30 p.m.
- 2) 8.30 p.m.
- 3) 9.00 p.m.
- 4) 9.30 p.m.

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2. The main purpose of the event is to _____.

- 1) create a fun festival for families.
- 2) create awareness on climate change.
- 3) provide free refreshments for partygoers.
- 4) encourage people to visit downtown Edmonton.

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3. The main target audience for the celebration is _____.

- 1) the environmentalists
- 2) the tourists in Edmonton
- 3) families with young children
- 4) the local entertainers and performers

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4. To take part in the event, participants must _____.

- 1) bring along their families
- 2) be working near City Hall
- 3) register themselves online
- 4) visit www.edmonton.ca/EarthHour

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5. Based on the information in the poster, which one of the following statements about the event is **false**?

- 1) Earth Hour is commemorated worldwide.
- 2) All lights will be turned off in the whole city of Edmonton.
- 3) Earth Hour is an initiative by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF).
- 4) The Bullfrog Power company is one of the organisers of the event.

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Section D – Vocabulary (5 x 1 mark)

For each question from 16 to 20, one of the four options is the correct answer. Make your choice and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

- 16 The mountaineers are planning another _____ to ascend Mount Everest using a more dangerous route.
- 1) trip
 - 2) voyage
 - 3) journey
 - 4) expedition
- ()
17. No one in the hall was listening to the speaker as he was _____, speaking in a roundabout manner.
- 1) beating around the bush
 - 2) stirring up a hornet's nest
 - 3) killing two birds with one stone
 - 4) making a mountain out of a molehill
- ()
18. Many animals _____ to a warmer place before winter.
- 1) transit
 - 2) migrate
 - 3) emigrate
 - 4) immigrate
- ()
- 19 Feeding the 'big man', Gulliver, proved to be an _____ task for the little Lilliputians.
- 1) apt
 - 2) ardent
 - 3) arduous
 - 4) appropriate
- ()
20. The world champion lost the chess game to a young boy because he had become _____ and underestimated his opponent.
- 1) adamant
 - 2) crestfallen
 - 3) competent
 - 4) complacent
- ()

Section E – Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

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

Grigori Perelman is considered by many to be the best mathematician alive today. He was born in 1966 in Saint Petersburg, Russia. He showed incredible mathematical ability at a (21)young age. He was selected to represent Russia in the (22)extremely demanding International Mathematics Olympiad when he was 16 years old and received a perfect score for his solutions. When he graduated, many people (23)anticipated that Perelman would join a famous university. However, he chose to work in a small research laboratory in Russia, working on a very important and difficult mathematics problem. In 2002, he (24)astounded mathematicians around the world when he published his findings. He was awarded the Fields Medal, the most prestigious prize in Mathematics, and US\$1 million for his achievements. However, he (25)rejected both the prizes and even quit his job as a mathematician. As of today, he is jobless and lives with his mother in a tiny flat in Russia.

21. 1) low
2) tender
3) childish
4) immature ()
22. 1) baffling
2) gruelling
3) gruesome
4) complicated ()
23. 1) agreed
2) believed
3) expected
4) confirmed ()
24. 1) gasped
2) amazed
3) confused
4) impressed ()
25. 1) forfeited
2) declined
3) returned
4) detested ()

Section F – Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

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

One of the most popular tourist destinations in South-East Asia are the temples of Angkor Wat in Cambodia. More than half a million foreign tourists visit the site each year and it has been considered by many writers and travellers to be one of the most beautiful places in the world. The name "Angkor Wat" actually means "city temple" in the ancient Cambodian language, and *it* is appropriate as the entire temple complex is actually more than 1 kilometre long and 800 metres wide. 5

The temples were built in the 12th Century at the command of King Suryavarman II as an offering to the Hindu god Vishnu. Thousands of workers worked day and night for almost 40 years to build the temples and the outer walls. However, King Suryavarman II did not live to see the completion of the temple. In fact, some of the construction work stopped upon his death and in the temples today, you can see that some of the decorations on the walls of the temples remain incomplete. 10

Two hundred years after the construction of the temples, the new king of Cambodia converted the national religion from Hinduism to Buddhism. As a result, the temples of Angkor Wat were converted into a Buddhist site. Over the next few centuries, the temples began to fall into disuse and were almost abandoned by the Cambodian people. 15

In the late 19th Century, many explorers and scientists from the Western world began to travel to Cambodia to study the land and its people. When they discovered Angkor Wat in the midst of a very dense forest, many of them were amazed at its design and its beauty. As they compared the complicated designs of the temples with the simple lives of the villagers living in Cambodia, they falsely believed that Angkor Wat was not constructed by the Cambodians but by people who had arrived from Rome or Egypt. Nonetheless, modern research has proven that the temples in Angkor Wat were built by the Cambodians using their own designs. 20 25

Even though the claims of the Western scientists and explorers were false, they had a positive effect on the temples of Angkor Wat. Their writings **generated** a lot of interest around the world and the government of Cambodia decided to restore the temple. Soon, Angkor Wat has returned to its place as the pride of the Cambodian people. The Cambodian national flag since 1863 has included a drawing of Angkor Wat in the middle, showing how important the temples are to the Cambodians. 30

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. Based on the text, we know that Angkor Wat _____.

- 1) has only one temple
- 2) was built to be a tourist attraction
- 3) was designed to be a Buddhist temple
- 4) was built by Cambodians using their own designs ()

27. What does the word "it" in line 5 refer to?

- 1) The temple complex.
- 2) The name "Angkor Wat".
- 3) The Cambodian language.
- 4) The city in which Angkor Wat is built. ()

28. Why did the Western scientists and explorers think that Angkor Wat was not built by the Cambodians?

- 1) Angkor Wat had been abandoned by the Cambodians.
- 2) Angkor Wat looked like the buildings in Egypt and Rome.
- 3) They knew that Romans and Egyptians had visited Cambodia in the past.
- 4) They thought that the simple Cambodian villagers were incapable of building such a complex structure. ()

29. The word _____ is similar in meaning to "generated" in line 28.

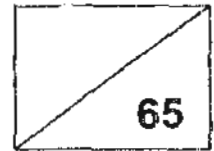
- 1) filled
- 2) spread
- 3) created
- 4) covered ()

30. Based on the information in the text, which one of the following sentences is **false**?

- 1) Angkor Wat was surrounded by a dense forest.
- 2) King Suryavarman II designed Angkor Wat personally.
- 3) Thousands of workers were used to build the temples of Angkor Wat.
- 4) Angkor Wat was intended as a Hindu place of worship in the 12th Century. ()

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Section G – Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40 in the passage below. From the list of words in the box, choose the most suitable answer for each blank and write its letter (A to Q) in it. The letters 'I' and 'O' have been omitted to avoid confusion in marking.

Use each word only **ONCE**.

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|-----------|---------|---------|---------|----------|
| A) after | D) from | G) much | K) on | N) where |
| B) at | E) in | H) of | L) to | P) which |
| C) before | F) many | J) off | M) when | Q) who |

Have you ever wondered how a place got its name? There are many ways in (31)_____ a place can be named. Firstly, it can be named (32)_____ the person who ruled or discovered the place, such as the country, the Philippines, which means "the lands of King Philip". Some places, (33)_____ the other hand, get their names from interesting organisms that live (34)_____ the area. For example, the state of Penang in Malaysia is given its name due to the (35)_____ Pinang trees found on the island. Similarly, the state of Selangor in Malaysia is linked (36)_____ the large number of *selangau*, the Malay word for flies, living in the area. Another interesting way of naming a place comes from the date when a place is discovered. Christmas Island, a tiny island located several hundred kilometres (37)_____ the coast of Australia, was given the name as it was discovered by William Mynors on Christmas Day. Sometimes, explorers and settlers can be extremely uncreative (38)_____ giving a name to a newly-inhabited place. They simply add the word "New" to the place they had come (39)_____. One famous example is New York city. York is actually a town in England (40)_____ many of the settlers used to live. If you had discovered an unknown place, how would you have named it?

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

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

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It was such an exciting day in school today! A group of **profesional** actors from a

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theatre company came and presented a skit to us. They performed an adapting of the novel

(43)

"Gulliver's Travels" for us. In the first scenic, the actors performed Gulliver's trip to Lilliput.

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The **konciexious** efforts of the actors to show the smallness of Lilliput amazed us. They

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created a miniature castle, tiny wagons and even tiny animals to show what Lilliput might had

looked like.

(46)

The group then thrilled the **awdiance** with a wonderful act from the part of the novel

where Gulliver travelled to the land of the giants. The props included gigantic flowers and

(47)

insects and it was exhausted just watching the actors move the props around the stage.

(48)

Even though giants are imaginative creatures, the play almost led me to believe in their

(49)

eksistance. At ~~the~~ end of the play, my classmates and I were so inspired that we are going

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to put up an **ametur** performance of the novel for a class project.

Section I – Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

The world is a fascinating place for explorers. Many explorers (51)_____ to unknown lands and waters to find out what exists in the places. In the (52)_____, explorers used to travel by boats, carriages, and on animals. Today, the most common modes of (53)_____ used by explorers are cars, planes and helicopters. Many remote regions around the (54)_____ now have dirt roads. Some even have airstrips for the planes to land and take (55)_____.

Ancient explorers (56)_____ Christopher Columbus, Marco Polo or Cheng Ho were usually traders seeking new lands for trade. Modern explorers, (57)_____, usually travel to find scientific facts about people and places. Ancient explorers were commonly (58)_____ by a rich patron, such as a ruler or a businessman. Explorers today usually earn money by working for universities, where they spend half the year teaching and the other (59)_____ exploring unknown places.

Once a finding is made, the explorers will share (60)_____ by writing a book or an article describing the place. They often give (61)_____ to members of the public about their adventures and their findings. The stories they tell are fascinating and they capture the (62)_____ of their listeners. An important discovery such as the tombs of Egyptian kings might lead the museums around the world to hold special (63)_____ to display the artefacts. Last year, the National Museum in Singapore displayed several hundred artefacts from the Egyptian kingdoms. More (64)_____ one hundred thousand visitors attended and admission (65)_____ were sold out almost every day. The response was so good that the museum extended it by two weeks.

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

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

66. Mrs Lim told the girls, "I want to see you in the staff room tomorrow."

Mrs Lim told the girls _____

67. My parents have gone for a holiday. I have been feeling very lonely.

Since _____

68. Complete your homework or you will not be allowed to play computer games.

_____ until

69. The workers refuse to work. The employers must pay them on time.

_____ unless

70. Julie asked John, "Are we going to watch a movie tonight?"

Julie asked John _____

There are no questions on this page.

Section K – Comprehension (10 x 2 marks)

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

The night was still and the animals in the forests crept around in search of food. Barney, a hunter, and his son Jimmy kept extremely quiet as they waited for their prey. They had heard of a tiger which had been terrorising the villagers in the area and their mission that night was to kill it before it attacked any more people.

“Daddy, why is the tiger attacking the villagers? Tigers don’t usually leave the forests, right?” Jimmy asked. 5

“You are right. Something must be wrong in the forest. I have a feeling it must be the loggers who are destroying the animals’ habitat. When the tiger runs out of prey in the forest, it will hunt in the villages,” Barney whispered in reply.

The moon and stars were hidden behind dark clouds. As they lay in wait, they could hear the cracking of twigs as something approached them. Barney held out his rifle and tried to take aim but he could not. Barney told Jimmy to get a flare ready and to fire it at his command. As the heavy footsteps got closer, Barney gave the command and Jimmy released the flare. Soon, the dark forest shone as bright as day. To his horror, Barney saw four human figures. He was relieved that he did not fire his weapon at them. 10 15

Barney and his son got up and walked towards the four men, who were equally surprised to see Barney and his son. Jimmy suddenly asked, “Daddy, do you smell something strange? It smells like kerosene or some kind of fuel.”

Barney stopped suddenly in his tracks and told Jimmy to run home. The four men dropped the large tanks they were carrying and reached for their rifles. Barney turned around and ran while the men fired shots in his direction. Though most of the shots missed him, one had pierced his arm. When Barney arrived home, Jimmy was in tears as he saw that his father’s **shirt was drenched in blood**. 20

“Don’t cry, boy. I am fine,” Barney reassured Jimmy. “Let’s go.” 25

Barney got into his truck with Jimmy and drove for half an hour to get to the police station. He informed the police chief about what had happened and they drove towards the forest to investigate. Along the way, a police officer helped to treat Barney’s wound. When the police cars and Barney’s truck arrived at the edge of the forest, they saw huge flames engulfing the trees. Barney’s heart sank and the heads of the police officers lowered as they realised that the fire could not be put out. The village simply did not have the equipment to deal with a fire like that. To make things worse, the men who had set fire to the forest had escaped. 30

Within a day, the entire forest was reduced to ashes. A man from the city drove to the home of the village chief and offered to buy up the entire forest to build a ranch for his cattle. Without much choice, the village chief agreed. As the rancher returned to his car, his driver said, “Our guys did a good job with the forest, right?” The rancher nodded and the car drove off towards the city. 35

For each question from 71 to 80, write your answer in the space provided. All answers must be in complete sentences.

71. What was Barney trying to hunt inside the forest that night?

72. What caused the twigs on the forest floor to crack in line 11?

73. Why was Barney unable to take aim in line 12?

74. What was the purpose of the flare?

75. Why was Barney relieved that he had not fired his weapon in line 15?

76. What does the phrase "...shirt was drenched in blood" in line 24 tell you about Barney's condition?

77. Where were Barney and Jimmy going in line 25?

78. Why were the police officers unable to put out the fire?

79. Which **three-word phrase** in the passage tells you that the forest had burnt down completely?

80. Why did the rancher hire the men to burn down the forest?

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ANSWER SHEET

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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
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- 41)professional 42)adaptation 43)scene 44)conscientious
45)have 46)audience 47)exhausting 48)imaginary 49)existence
50)amateur 51)go 52)past 53)transport 54)world 55)off
56)like 57)however 58)hired 59)half 60)it
61)presentations 62)attention 63)exhibitions 64)than 65)tickets
66)Mrs Lim told the girls that she wanted to see them in the staff room the next day.
67)Since my parent have gone for a holiday, I have been feeling very lonely.
68)You will not be allowed to play computer games until you complete your homework.
69)The workers refuse to work unless the employers pay them on time.
70)Julie asked John if they were going to watch a movie that night.

71)He was trying to hunt for a tiger.

72)It was caused by the footsteps of the men.

73)It was too dark in the forest.

74)It was used to light up the forest so that Barney could get a better aim at the target.

75)He almost shot the men instead of the tiger.

76)Barney was bleeding profusely and seriously injured.

77)They were going to the police station.

78)They did not have the equipment to put out such a powerful fire.

79)The word phrase is "reduced to ashes."

80)He had wanted to force the villagers to sell the land to build a ranch for his cattle.