



**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
2010 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY 5

PAPER 2: BOOKLET A

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 min

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

DO NOT TURN OVER THIS PAGE UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO DO SO.

READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.
ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.

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Section A: Graphic Stimulus (5x1m = 5m)

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



Sunshine
Sunflower Central Mall
10th Anniversary Sale

Date: 1 March – 31 March 2010

For more information on all activities,
call Miss Fatimah at 62589742
or log on to the following website:
<http://www.Sunshine Production.com>

All items are on offer in the 200 shops located at our Sunflower Central Mall.

First 20 mothers to shop at the Mother-n-Baby outlet will get a further 30% discount on baby clothings and strollers.

Bring your families down to enjoy fun-filled activities such as:

- Treasure Hunt (1 March)
- Best T-shirt Designing Contest (15 March)
- Poetry Recitation (29 March)
- Storytelling (31 March)



Sunflower Central Mall
76, Sunflower Lane,
Singapore (95676)
(Located next to Sunny
Industrial Building)

Free Shuttle Bus:
11 am to 10 pm on weekdays
11 am to 12 midnight on weekends

Departure from Rosewood Bus Terminal
Alight: Opposite Moonlight Factory Outlet
: Behind Lavender MRT station

Jointly sponsored by Sunshine Residents' Committee and Sunny Corporation
Organised by Sunshine Central Mall Private Limited

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 anniversary sale will last for _____ weeks.
 - (1) one
 - (2) two
 - (3) three
 - (4) four

2. Peter loves to search for hidden clues to solve puzzles. He should take part in the _____.
 - (1) treasure hunt
 - (2) poetry recitation
 - (3) story telling sessions
 - (4) best T-shirt designing contest

3. Mary wants to know more about the T-shirt designing contest. She can contact _____.
 - (1) Miss Fatimah
 - (2) Sunny Corporation
 - (3) Sunshine Residents' Committee
 - (4) Sunshine Central Mall Private Limited

4. Mrs Tan and her family can take the free shuttle bus from _____ to go to Sunshine Central Mall.
 - (1) Lavender MRT station
 - (2) Rosewood Bus Terminal
 - (3) Moonlight Factory Outlet
 - (4) Sunny Industrial Building

5. Sunshine Central Mall is holding a sale to celebrate its _____.
 - (1) 1st anniversary
 - (2) 10th anniversary
 - (3) official opening
 - (4) participation in the Great Singapore Sale

Section B: Grammar Discrete (7 x1m = 7m)

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. _____ lost all hope for a quick victory, the soldiers surrendered to their enemies.
- (1) Has
 - (2) Had
 - (3) Have
 - (4) Having
7. Mr Johnson refused to give _____ to his son's demand for more pocket money.
- (1) in
 - (2) up
 - (3) off
 - (4) out
8. Harold passed his test with flying colours _____ he studied hard for it.
- (1) if
 - (2) since
 - (3) unless
 - (4) despite
9. The maid _____ Mrs Lim employed is from Philippines.
- (1) who
 - (2) whom
 - (3) which
 - (4) whose
10. Some rivers and lakes in China _____ dried up causing severe shortage of water.
- (1) is
 - (2) has
 - (3) have
 - (4) having

11. Winnie broke _____ while telling Abby that she had lost her precious diary.
- (1) in
 - (2) off
 - (3) out
 - (4) down
12. Ronald told his parents that he _____ home before 10.00 pm that night.
- (1) return
 - (2) will return
 - (3) would return
 - (4) will be returning

Section C: Punctuation (3 x 1m = 3m)

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.

Mrs Wong was extremely angry with her young children, John and Zoe, for messing up their bedroom.

"What have you done (13) she cried as she walked into their bedroom.

"John left his dirty clothes on the floor," Zoe muttered meekly.

"Well (14) I will pick them up and sweep the floor. Shall we clean up the place together?" suggested John.

"That's a good idea," Zoe replied (15) "You can sweep the floor while I arrange all our toys and books neatly on the book shelf."

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

Section D: Vocabulary (5 x 1m = 5m)

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. You need to handle the figurine with care. It is very _____.
- (1) rigid
(2) dainty
(3) fragile
(4) resilient
17. The tourists were amazed at the _____ view from the mountain top.
- (1) wide
(2) plain
(3) magnificent
(4) featureless
18. Gerry vomited violently after eating some _____ food that he bought from the street vendor.
- (1) infected
(2) polluted
(3) contagious
(4) contaminated
19. This restaurant is well-known for its _____ and juicy beef steaks.
- (1) soft
(2) soggy
(3) tender
(4) delicate

20. "I am starving! Hurry up and get my dinner ready!" _____ the hungry giant.

- (1) jested
- (2) sighed
- (3) sobbed
- (4) ordered

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1m = 5m)

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.

After five hours of flight, Edward finally arrived at his destination, Marrakech. It was as he had envisioned it, Morocco's most vibrant city with its (21) snake charmers, monkey handlers and merchants. Crowds gathered around figures donned in brilliant robes of blue and gold, displaying their goods and (22) wares for sale.

It was there that Edward attempted to photograph a snake charmer who was playing his flute for a cobra swaying lazily in the sun. Instantly, the snake charmer's assistants ran out to pose with him, promptly dropping a sleepy green (23) snake around Edward's neck. Edward shrieked loudly as the snake slid under (24) his armpit. He shuddered and shook his head at the snake charmer. He (25) hated the cold slimy skin of the cobra. "Get the snake off my back!" Edward yelled impatiently.

21. (1) modern
(2) intense
(3) exciting
(4) crowded
22. (1) geared
(2) dressed
(3) covered
(4) beautified
23. (1) carelessly
(2) punctually
(3) thoughtfully
(4) immediately
24. (1) glided
(2) climbed
(3) skidded
(4) plodded
25. (1) rose
(2) jumped
(3) shivered
(4) hesitated

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Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1m = 5m)

Read the passage and answer questions 26 to 30.

5 The kangaroo is a national symbol of Australia: Its emblem is used by some of Australia's best known organisations, including its national airline, the Qantas. Kangaroos have been featured on coins, as well as being used as emblems, logos and mascots. **They** have also been used in the naming of sports teams. They are extremely well-represented in films, television, books, toys and souvenirs around the world.

Different species of kangaroos have different diets, although all are strict herbivores. Many species are nocturnal and spend the days sleeping in the shade, moving about and feeding during the cool evenings.

10 Larger kangaroos have adapted much better to changes in the Australian landscape caused by humans and though many of their smaller cousins are endangered, they are plentiful. They are not farmed to any extent, but wild kangaroos are shot for meat, sport, and to protect grazing land for sheep and cattle.

15 Kangaroos have large, powerful hind legs, large feet adapted for leaping, a long muscular tail for balance, and a small head. Like all marsupials, female kangaroos have a pouch to carry their babies around.

20 Because of its long feet, it cannot walk correctly. To move slowly, it uses its tail to form a tripod with its two forelimbs. It then raises its hind feet forward, in a form of locomotion called "crawl-walking."

25 Kangaroos are the only large animals to use hopping as a means of locomotion. This fast and energy-efficient method of travel has evolved because of the need to regularly cover large distances in search for food and water, rather than the need to escape predators. Therefore, the ability of a kangaroo to travel long distances at moderately high speed in search of food sources is crucial to survival.

30 Kangaroos are shy by nature, and in normal circumstances, they present no threat to humans. Male kangaroos often "box" amongst each other, playfully, for dominance, or in competition for mates. Kangaroos used their forepaws to punch and grapple with the foe, but the real danger lies in a deadly kick with the hind leg. The sharpened hind claws can kill an opponent. There are very few records of kangaroos attacking humans without provocation. Other suggested causes for dangerous kangaroo behaviour include extreme thirst and hunger.

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. The word "**They**" in line 4 refers to _____.
- (1) Qantas
 - (2) emblems
 - (3) kangaroos
 - (4) sports teams
27. Based on the second paragraph, we can tell that many species of kangaroos are _____.
- (1) carnivores.
 - (2) active mainly at night.
 - (3) active mainly in the day
 - (4) able to eat all kinds of meat and plants
28. In order to move properly, the kangaroo uses _____.
- (1) its tail to balance itself
 - (2) its pouch to hold its food
 - (3) only its forelimbs for support
 - (4) all four limbs to crawl on the ground
29. For a kangaroo, the main advantage of hopping is to _____.
- (1) travel at high speed
 - (2) escape quickly from its enemies
 - (3) travel long distances to look for food
 - (4) have the ability to punch and grapple with their foe
30. According to the last paragraph, a fatal strike from the kangaroo would come from its _____.
- (1) tail
 - (2) hind legs
 - (3) forelimbs
 - (4) sharp teeth



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PAPER 2: BOOKLET B

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 min

Booklet A	/30
Booklet B	/65
Total	/95

Name: _____ ()
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Parent's Signature: _____

PAPER 1 - Writing	/55
PAPER 2 - Language Use & Comprehension	/95
PAPER 3 - Listening Comprehension	/20
PAPER 4 - Oral Communication	/30
TOTAL	/200

Instructions to pupils:

- 1. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.**
- 2. Follow all instructions carefully.**
- 3. Answer all questions.**

Section G: Grammar Cloze (10 X 1m = 10m)

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking. **Use each WORD once ONLY**

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|------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| A) a | D) but | G) its | K) then | N) when |
| B) an | E) have | H) on | L) was | P) with |
| C) be | F) instead | J) the | M) who | Q) would |

The son of Minos, King of Crete, had been killed in Athens. As compensation, King Minos, demanded that fourteen young Athenians be sent to Crete every nine years to _____ fed to the Minotaur, a terrible half-man, half-bull monster
(31)

which fed _____ human flesh. It lived in a maze called the Labyrinth.
(32)

No one _____ went in ever came out alive.
(33)

Theseus, son of Aegeus, the King of Athens, said he would kill the Minotaur _____ Aegeus was afraid for his son. He asked the sailors to hoist white
(34)

sails on their return _____ of the usual black, if Theseus _____
(35) (36)
still alive.

In Crete, Minos' daughter, Ariadne fell in love with Theseus and offered to help him if he _____ promise to marry her. He agreed, and she gave
(37)

him a magic ball of twine. When he entered the Labyrinth, he tied one end to the entrance, _____ followed as it unwound and led him to the bull-like Minotaur,
(38)

lurking deep in _____ maze. Theseus killed the Minotaur. He escaped
(39)

_____ Ariadne to the island of Naxos. As Ariadne was sleeping, ungrateful
(40)

Theseus sailed off without her, despite his promise to marry her.

Section H: Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1m = 10m)

Correct each word in bold for spelling and each underlined word for grammar.

Once there was an old widower who lived all alone. He had worked hard,

(41)

(42)

as a **taylor** all his life, but misfortunes had left him **penury**. Now he was too old and weak to work. His hands trembled too much to thread a needle and his

(43)

vision had blur too much for him to make a straight stitch.

He had three sons but they were so busy with their own lives and seldom visited their father. Gradually, the old man grew feeble. "They don't want to be

(44)

around me now," he told himself. "They're afraid I'll become a **burden** to them."

(45)

He stayed up all night worrying about what will become of him, until he thought of a plan. The next day, the old man took a chest and filled it with broken pieces of glass. He locked it up and put it beneath his kitchen table. The next time his sons

(46)

came for dinner, they **bound** their feet against the chest.

"What's in this chest?" they asked, looking under the table. "Oh, nothing,"

(47)

the old man reply, "just some things I've been saving." His sons lifted it and

discovered how heavy it was. "It must be full of all the gold he's saved over the years," they whispered to one another. They decided to take turns living with the

(48)

old man to guard the treasure. At last the old man grew sick and dead. The sons

(49)

(50)

gave him a very nice **filneral**, for they thought there were a fortune in the chest.

They had a rude shock when they opened the chest.

Marks

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Section I: Synthesis/Transformation (5 x 2m = 10m)

For each of the questions 51 to 55, 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).

51. You have to arrive at the airport within an hour or you will surely miss your flight.

52. Jim is not attending the cooking class. His sisters are not attending the cooking class.

Neither _____ nor _____

53. You spoke to the woman just now. She looks like somebody I know.

_____ whom _____

54. The children were very tired. They insisted on finishing their homework.

Although _____

55. "Mrs Goh wants you to see her now," Peiling told Tom.

Peiling told Tom that _____

Marks

Section J: Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1m = 15m)

In the following passage, there are 15 blanks numbered 56 to 70. Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

The National Schools Track and Field Meet would begin in two months' time.

(56) _____ the captain of his school's athletics team, Weilun

(57) _____ very hard every day. Weilun would start his training

without a proper warming routine and would continue (58) _____ much

rest. Weilun's friends were very (59) _____ about him. Although his

friends had warned Weilun that he was not giving his body enough rest, Weilun

(60) _____ them. He carried on with his rigorous training. He was very

exhausted but he persevered (61) _____ he wanted to win the trophy

and bring glory to his (62) _____.

Two months passed swiftly. On the day of the (63) _____, as

Weilun was on his way to school, he suddenly (64) _____ giddy and

feverish. To the horror of the schoolmates around him, Weilun (65) _____

on the road outside his school.

When Weilun woke up, he found that he was lying on a bed in the

(66) _____. His distraught parents were looking at him quietly. A

doctor and some nurses came to his bed. The doctor smiled after examining

Weilun but he told Weilun sternly, "You are very (67) _____ to be alive.

Do you know over-exercising and not giving your body enough rest is very bad for

your (68) _____? If there had been a car on the road when you lost

consciousness, you would have (69) _____ your life."

"Weilun, promise me that you will take good care of yourself from now on,"

Weilun's mother added. Weilun (70) _____ his head sheepishly. After

this incident, Weilun would always ensure that he had enough rest after his training

sessions.

Marks

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Section K: Comprehension Open-ended (10 x 2m = 20m)

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

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The harsh sun shone mercilessly. There was nothing around but the endless stretch of sand and the few thorny cactus. Eddy had been wandering around for some time. He was dragging his feet because the heat was unbearable. He was hoping to find some shelter but there was none. "What madness had brought me here? Why did I agree to go on an adventure with Arif?" he wondered, regretting his **impulsive action**.

10

Eddy's parched throat hurt as he swallowed. 'I would pay a million dollars for a cup of water now,' thought Eddy with a sigh. He covered his head with his jacket in an attempt to shield it from the piercing sun. He felt like crying but no tears came except for a pitiful moan. Had his tears dried up as well? What had happened to Arif?

15

Eddy had come to this country with his family to escape the cold winter. They had so much fun visiting oases and riding camels. Eddy met Arif at the hotel. They spent much time exploring the city together. When Arif suggested going for an adventure, Eddy agreed without hesitation. Who would have thought that the adventure would turn into a **nightmare**? It started when Eddy and Arif tried to outride each other on horsebacks and rode further and further away from the city. They found themselves surrounded by endless expanse of sand with no trace of where they came from.

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Eddy and Arif had tried to contain their fear. However, heat and exhaustion overwhelmed them and they started blaming each other after hours on the horseback. They decided to go their separate ways in a huff. As Eddy was wandering around by himself, his horse was frightened by a rattlesnake and threw Eddy off its back before galloping away. Fortunately, the soft sand cushioned Eddy's fall and the rattlesnake had disappeared into the sand. That was how Eddy ended up friendless, horseless and hopeless.

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The heat and dehydration took their toll on Eddy and he slowly slumped to the ground. Semi-conscious, he could hear faintly the screams of the vultures, which were encircling the sky above him. He trembled in fear for he knew what the vultures would do upon his death. Tears streamed down his face as he remembered his family and how much he missed them. Suddenly, a droning sound drowned out the noise made by the vultures. Eddy forced his eyes open and saw the outline of what looked like a giant bird in the sky. Exhaustion had clouded his vision. His eyes closed wearily. A few minutes later, Eddy heard Arif's excited voice and his father calling out his name. It was no dream for soon a pair of strong arms gently lifted Eddy off the ground. Eddy smiled as water wet his mouth.

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. In the first paragraph, what was most difficult for Eddy to bear ?

72. What was the impulsive action (paragraph 1) that Eddy regretted ?

73. What did Eddy want most while he was wandering around ?

74. Why did Eddy and his family choose to visit that country ?

75. Which sentence in paragraph 3 tells you that Eddy and Arif were not friends before they came to the country?

76. What does the word 'nightmare' in paragraph 3 refer to ?

77. Why was Eddy not hurt when he fell off the horse ?

78. After Eddy collapsed to the ground, what made him think that he was going to die ?

79. In the last paragraph, why do you think Arif was excited ?

80. What had probably made the droning sound ?

Marks

END OF BOOKLET B

ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2010

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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
F	L	Q	K	J	P

41)tailor 42)penniless 43)blurred 44)burden 45)would

46)bumped 47)replied 48)died 49)funeral 50)was

51)Unless you arrive at the airport within one hour, you will surely miss your flight.

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53)The women whom you spoke to just now looks like somebody I know.

54)Although the children were very tired, they insisted on finishing their homework.

55)Peiling told Tom that Mrs Goh wanted to see him then.

56)Being 57)worked 58)without 59)worried 60)ignored

61)as 62)school 63)event 64)felt 65)fainted

66)hospital 67)lucky 68)health 69)lost 70)nodded

71)The heat was most difficult for Eddy to bear.

72)The impulsive action Eddy that regretted was going on an adventure with Arif.

73)He wanted water the most.

74)They were escaping the cold winter.

75)The sentence is "Eddy met Arif at the hotel".

76)The nightmare refers to Eddy being lost in the dessert.

77)The soft sand cushioned his fall.

78)He heard vultures flying above him.

79)He found Eddy.

80)It might be an aeroplane in the sky.