



**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
2010 SECOND SEMESTRAL EXAMINATION
PRIMARY 5**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2: BOOKLET A

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 minutes.

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There are a total of 80 questions – 30 MCQ and 50 open-ended questions.

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 the questions**
- 4. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.**

Section A: Graphic Stimulus (5 x 1m = 5m)

Study the flyer below and answer questions 1 to 5.

Blooming Spring At Funland Mall

Gear up for the Great Singapore Sale for the entire family!

Invitation to all children to get up close and personal with your favourite cartoon characters, Supreme Mouse and his friends from Power Network. Come and have lots of fun at our Kids' Corner in Funland Mall.

Power Characters' Meet-and-Greet Sessions

Dates: 1 Dec to 14 Dec 2010

Sessions : 1 pm, 3 pm and 8 pm on weekdays
 : 11 am, 2 pm, 4 pm and 6 pm on weekends

Venue : Kids' Stage (Level 1)



Kids' Fun Galore

Dates: 1 Dec to 14 Dec 2010 daily

Sessions : 12 noon to 1 pm (Face painting/Nail painting)
 : 2 pm to 3 pm (Paper crane making)
 : 5 pm to 6 pm (Balloon sculpting)

Venue : Kids' Corner (Level 1)

"Rose Buds & Me" Cafe

A free cup of tea will be given to the first 50 customers of the cafe from 10 am to 12 noon daily.

Fantastic offers at Jay's Store!

\$ 5	\$ 10	\$50
Aikita irons	Aikita CD players	Aikita microwave ovens
Aikita blenders	Aikita rice cookers	Aikita television sets

Win attractive prizes with the purchase of a Super Chompion vacuum cleaner.

From the City • Bus Nos: 12, 73, 81, 903

From Northview MRT • Bus Nos: 46, 87, 591

From Toa Payoh Bus Interchange • Bus No: 81

Organised by Funland Mall Enterprise and Comstar Station

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. Sally, who is twelve years old, loves origami. She can take part in the session for _____
 - (1) nail painting
 - (2) face painting
 - (3) balloon sculpting
 - (4) paper crane making

2. Supreme Mouse and his friends are cartoon characters from _____
 - (1) Funland Mall
 - (2) Power Network
 - (3) Comstar Station
 - (4) Funland Mall Enterprise

3. Buyers of the Super Champion vacuum cleaners will be _____
 - (1) entitled to a \$50 voucher
 - (2) entitled to a free cup of tea
 - (3) given the chance to win attractive prizes
 - (4) able to buy electrical appliances at a discounted price

4. According to the flyer, which of the following statements is not true?
 - (1) ~~A~~ Axita electric fans are on sale for \$50 at Jay's Store.
 - (2) Supreme Mouse and his friends will be at the Funland Mall from 1 Dec to 14 Dec 2010.
 - (3) The first 50 customers of "Rose Buds & Me" Cafe will be given a free cup of tea from 10 am to 12 noon daily.
 - (4) The organisers of the Great Singapore Sale at Funland Mall are Funland Mall Enterprise and Comstar Station.

5. Harold wants to take bus number 81 to Funland Mall and realises that he can take it _____
 - (1) from the City only
 - (2) from Northview MRT
 - (3) from Toa Payoh Bus Interchange only
 - (4) from the City or Toa Payoh Bus Interchange

Section B: Grammar Discrete (7 x 1m = 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. Mother screamed hysterically when she saw a rat _____ among her pots and pans in her cupboard.

- (1) scurries
- (2) scurried
- (3) scurrying
- (4) has scurried

7. Mr Tan, _____ daughter is a talented artist, has arranged for an exhibition of her latest art pieces.

- (1) why
- (2) what
- (3) which
- (4) whose

8. To prevent the bank robber from escaping, the police _____ the scene of the crime immediately once they arrived at the bank.

- (1) sealed in
- (2) sealed off
- (3) sealed around
- (4) sealed through

9. Since it is raining cats and dogs, neither Mary nor her sister _____ shopping.

- (1) go
- (2) goes
- (3) is going
- (4) are going

10. William has put on weight _____ the last time I saw him.

- (1) as
- (2) till
- (3) since
- (4) before

11. Mrs Tan is a dedicated teacher. She always goes _____ the call of duty to ensure that her students do their best in their studies.

- (1) in
- (2) out
- (3) under
- (4) beyond

12. "Have you _____ my wallet? I left it on the table this afternoon," asked Sarah.

- (1) see
- (2) saw
- (3) seen
- (4) seeing

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.

Betty was resting at home because she had sprained her ankle during her ballet lesson two days ago.

"I am in pain (13) she lamented loudly to her mother during breakfast.

"Don't worry," her mother comforted her. "You will feel better in one week's time. Your ankle should heal by then. Please finish your slices of ham (14) cheese and bread. The weather is rather hot this morning. Shall I switch on the fan for you (15) she asked gently. Betty shook her head and continued with her breakfast.

13. (1) ["] inverted commas
(2) [.] full stop and inverted commas
(3) [?] question mark and inverted commas
(4) [!] exclamation mark and inverted commas
14. (1) [:] colon
(2) [,] comma
(3) [.] full stop
(4) [;] semi colon
15. (1) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(2) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
(3) [? "] question mark and inverted commas
(4) [! "] exclamation mark 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. Melvin _____ his brow in frustration. He had spent many hours pondering over a problem sum and was still unable to find the solution.
- (1) laced
 - (2) folded
 - (3) furrowed
 - (4) pleated
17. Donald is a _____ bully and all his classmates refused to sit with him.
- (1) famous
 - (2) popular
 - (3) renowned
 - (4) notorious
18. The audience was thrilled with her melodious voice and gave the singer a standing _____ for her splendid performance.
- (1) praise
 - (2) reward
 - (3) ovation
 - (4) applause
19. Mrs Tan _____ her baby in thick layers of warm clothing before taking her out in the cold and windy evening.
- (1) tied
 - (2) curled
 - (3) bundled
 - (4) compressed
20. Edwin tends to _____ everything. He always makes a mountain out of a molehill.
- (1) trivialise
 - (2) understate
 - (3) consolidate
 - (4) exaggerate

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

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.

In 2009, Russian Prime Minister, Vladimir Putin unveiled a \$1 billion effort to save the Siberian tiger. He planned to host an international summit with World Bank and had set the goal of doubling wild tiger numbers worldwide to 6500 by 2022. (21)

In China, Chinese political leaders and wildlife advocates are united in saving the world's last remaining wild tigers. Tigers are seen as revered creatures in Chinese folktales. Historically, they inspired everyone from poets to warriors. Wildlife experts applauded the efforts of the Chinese government to ban the trade in tiger parts used for traditional Chinese medicine. "China shut down an entire industry that made millions of dollars per year by making medicine from tiger bones," said Judy Mills, coordinator for the International Tiger Coalition, "I think we have wild tigers in the numbers we have today because China made that bold move." Indeed, the move helped to curb consumer demand - a demand that has driven poachers to hunt down wild tigers mercilessly. (22) (23) (24) (25)

Adapted from *Endangered Stripes* by Jeremy Hsu

21. (1) job
(2) line
(3) target
(4) resource
22. (1) proud
(2) sacred
(3) humble
(4) powerful

23. (1) united
(2) helped
(3) motivated
(4) discouraged
24. (1) allow
(2) remove
(3) prohibit
(4) commend
25. (1) control
(2) improve
(3) eliminate
(4) encourage

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

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

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 It was a clear January night in 2003. French yachtsman Olivier De Kersauson was sailing across the Atlantic when his boat, *Geronimo*, mysteriously came to a halt. He was puzzled as he did not turn off the engines of his boat. There was no land for hundreds of kilometres, yet the mast rattled and the hull shuddered as if the boat had run aground. Through a porthole, he saw a giant squid, nearly nine metres long, wrapping itself round the boat. Just as quickly, the creature unhooked itself from the boat and swam away.

10 Researchers have studied giant squids that have washed ashore. In 2004, Japanese researchers photographed one at a depth of 900 metres in the North Pacific. No scientist has ever examined a live adult specimen up close. In recent years, "squid squads" have invested millions of dollars and deployed scores of submarines and underwater cameras in a race to be the first to do so.

15 Steve O' Shea, a marine biologist from Auckland University of Technology, was one of the squid hunters. Using small squids, he had been examining the conditions needed to ensure the survival of squids in captivity. He discovered that his previous tank had two lethal flaws: it was rectangular, which, for some reason, caused the squids to sink to the bottom; and it was made of polyethylene, a plastic compound toxic to squids. Since then, Steve had been using glass tanks which are circular to keep his small squids alive.

20 During Steve's sixth expedition, he faced volatile weather conditions, gusty winds and high waves. He noted that it would be too rough for fishing boats but he needed to look out for container ships on the rough sea as they could come up fast and there would be little time for him to react. After the expedition, he managed to collect a sample of the giant squid. "The sample is beautiful," he said. "But it's the live one that I want," he chuckled.

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Adapted from *The Giant Squid Hunter* by David Grann

26. What caused the boat, *Geronimo*, to come to a halt?
- (1) The boat had run aground.
 - (2) The mast had dropped into the sea.
 - (3) The engine of the boat was switched off.
 - (4) A giant squid had wrapped itself round the boat.
27. The "squid squads" spent millions of dollars _____.
- (1) to buy many submarines
 - (2) to stock up on their underwater cameras
 - (3) to be the first to photograph giant squids swimming in the ocean
 - (4) to be the first to examine a live adult specimen of the giant squid
28. Steve O'Shea used _____ to ensure that his squids had a longer life span.
- (1) round glass tanks
 - (2) round plastic tanks
 - (3) rectangular glass tanks
 - (4) rectangular plastic tanks
29. On Steve's sixth expedition, he did not consider _____ to be a potential danger.
- (1) high waves
 - (2) gusty winds
 - (3) fishing boats
 - (4) container ships
30. Steve O'Shea's greatest desire as a giant squid hunter was to _____.
- (1) be a marine biologist
 - (2) catch a live giant squid
 - (3) go for a seventh expedition
 - (4) collect many samples of small squids



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PAPER 2: BOOKLET B
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Parent's Signature: _____

Booklet A	/30
Booklet B	/65
Total	/95

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

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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. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

Use each WORD once ONLY.

(A) and	(D) but	(G) forward	(K) or	(N) than
(B) as	(E) by	(H) from	(L) onward	(P) then
(C) away	(F) for	<u>(J) in</u>	(M) over	(Q) to

Paintings on walls and ceilings of caves have been found all over the world. Some of the earliest European cave art has been dated to more _____ 30,000 years ago. Nobody can really know for sure what the purpose of these cave paintings was. However, several theories have been put _____. It has been suggested that they were just decorations _____. This seems unlikely because many of the paintings are in caves far away _____ where these ancient people actually lived. Other theories propose that either the paintings might have been used for exchanging information _____ for religious purposes.

One of the most famous European cave painting sites is Lascaux _____ France. Remarkably, it was found completely by accident _____ a group of teenagers playing in the area. They found a hole in the ground caused by the fall of a large tree. They enlarged the hole _____ clambered in. To their enormous surprise, they found the superb pictures in the now-named 'Great Hall of the Bulls'. Word of the discovery spread quickly and the site was taken _____ by archaeologists. They found pictures of yellow horses, black stags and large red cows painted using charcoal and minerals such _____ ochre. The pictures are believed to have been painted about 15,000 years ago.

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

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

When plastic shopping bags were first introduced about 25 years ago, they were

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a huge global success. All over the world, shoppers take advantage of free plastic bags.

But now, many people are concerned about the serious environmental issues that

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surround plastic bags and are calling in changes.

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There are several reason why one should not use plastic bags. Plastic bags are

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made from oil which is a non-renewable **comodity**. In the future, there will be no more

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oil. In fact, millions of tonnes of oil is used in ~~the~~ plastics industry every year.

(46)

Environmentalists argue that this oil could be used for other, more **esensial**, purposes.

(47)

Although some plastic bags are **recircled** or ~~disposed~~ properly, many of these plastic

bags are ^{thrown} ~~disposed~~ into the seas. Hence, the lives of many marine animals are

(48)

(49)

endangered where they ingest the plastic bags. In addition, when plastic ~~is~~ **burried** in

rubbish dumps, it can take a long time to ~~breakdown~~ and when it does, toxic chemicals

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~~leat~~ into the surrounding soil, causing more pollution. Similarly, when plastic is burnt,

harmful substances are released into the atmosphere.

Marks

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

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Miles Davis was born in America where he became known as a noted jazz musician. Music was very popular in his family. His mother and his sister were also _____ (51). On his thirteenth birthday, his father _____ (52) him a trumpet, and that was the beginning of Miles' long and influential career as a musician.

Jazz is a type of music that has roots in _____ African folk music and African Blues music. African music is known for its _____ (53) on rhythm and its strong beat. African-American Blues music usually has sad lyrics. _____ (54)

Miles was not the first musician to play jazz, but he was the first to play jazz in a very _____ (55) way from anyone else who played jazz before. Miles was very innovative. He has been called a musical genius because he changed the sound of _____ (56). He is also known as _____ (57) of the most influential musicians in the 20th _____ (58). Because of Miles, people from all over the world are familiar with jazz. During his lifetime, he recorded many albums. In 1956, Miles released his first _____ (59) called 'The Birth of the Cool'. One of his albums, 'Kind of Blue' is known as the finest album _____ (60) all jazz history. Miles has been consistently voted the _____ (61) jazz artist.

After a serious car accident in 1975, Miles _____ (62) from performance. Most people thought he would _____ (63) play again. But after six years, Miles _____ (64) with a new album called 'The Man With The Horn'. Until his _____ (65) in 1991, Miles continued to tour the world with his music. His fans miss him but they can still enjoy his music.

Marks

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

For each of the questions 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).

66. Both Paul and May are not attending the birthday party.

Neither _____ nor _____

67. The rain had stopped. We left for home.

After _____

68. Lily greeted the security guard. He was on duty at the gate yesterday.

_____ whom _____

69. "What did you do in school yesterday?" Malcolm asked Julia.

Malcolm asked Julia _____

70. Farok lit a few candles. He still could not see well in the dark.

Despite _____

Marks

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

Read the passage below carefully and answer questions 71 to 80.

Around midnight, the group realised that something was ahead. Big and black, it loomed in the night sky blotting out the stars. Land! Kicking together, the four of them manoeuvred the log towards the shore.

5 One by one, the others left the safety of the log. They removed their flippers and wetsuits to air their skin. Their hips were bruised from banging against the log. "This island is Padawa," Kathy told her friends. "There's a village of fishermen just over the hill. We can go and get help tomorrow."

10 At dawn, Jim and Kathy set out to walk over the ridge to get help. The walk was too difficult for Kathy so she came back, leaving Jim to go alone. Carrying boulders from the beach, Charlotte and Kathy formed the letters SOS on the grassy bank. Kathy used the magnifying glass and tried to get a fire going, but dank smoke appeared instead.

The beach was pretty but inhospitable with its steep rock surfaces, dark trees and thorny undergrowth. The sky was blistering and there was no fresh water. Charlotte imagined a refrigerator filled with cold Cola but it did not help.

15 Helena's scream hit them like a crack of lightning. They saw her pointing at the sub-aqua gear piled above the beach ten metres away. Pushing its snout among the wetsuits was a sinister low-slung shape close to two metres long Komodo dragon. The lizard took Jim's wetsuit in its mouth. The women threw rocks at it. Kathy brandished a stick. Reluctantly, the giant lizard backed off and dropped the wetsuit. Then it turned and
20 ambled off, pursued by a salvo of stones.

The women were shaken. "What are we going to do when it gets dark?" said Charlotte. "Don't worry, they stay in their burrows at night," Kathy assured her. But what about Jim? With dragons here, this could not be Padawa Island after all. He was on a wild goose chase.

25 Shivering, Helena recalled what their tour guides on Rinca had told them. Komodo dragons would leap out of the undergrowth to ambush their prey -- deer, pigs, buffaloes and sometimes humans. A boy had been killed outside the village a year ago and a Swiss who was out bird watching was thought to have been eaten a few years ago.

30 If they failed to kill a prey, the dragons would follow it. Their saliva, filled with bacteria, would bring death in a few hours. A 44-kilogramme dragon was seen consuming a 38-kilogramme pig in 20 minutes. One was observed charging ^{into} trees with a prey in its mouth to ram it further down its throat. And Jim would not even be on the lookout for them.

35 At dusk, the divers huddled under a tree. Exhausted, Charlotte was beginning to doze off when another scream jerked her awake. She opened her eyes and saw Helena's terrified face.

This time, the dragon was less than two metres away. It had picked up Helena's wetsuit hood next to her head. It backed off as the women threw rocks. Then it came
40 forward again with its tongue flicking towards Helena's feet. She threw her diving belt at it.

The dragon bit on the belt and let it go. Kathy beat its head with the stick. The dragon held its ground, snapping at the stick, then it retreated.

Adapted from *Marooned on Dragon Island* by John Dyson

ANSWER IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. What does "something" in line 1 refer to?

72. "They removed their flippers and wetsuits to air their skin." From this sentence, what do you think Jim and the women were doing before they were stranded on the island?

73. Why did the women form the letters SOS with the boulders on the beach?

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74. Why did Charlotte imagine a refrigerator filled with Cola?

75. Which word in paragraph 5 refers to a Komodo dragon?

76. Explain fully why Jim was on a 'wild goose chase'.

77. In paragraph 7, which word shows that the Komodo dragon was hiding and waiting to attack its prey by surprise?

78. According to the passage, explain fully why the Komodo dragons would follow their prey if they failed to kill it.

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79. Why did the Komodo dragon charge at trees with its prey in its mouth?

80. From line 35 to 39, what woke Charlotte up?

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ANSWER SHEET

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Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
3	3	4	3	2	3	3	1	4	4	1	3	2	N	G	D	H

Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
K	J	E	A	M	B

- 41)took 42)for 43)reasons 44)commodity 45)are
46)essential 47)recycled 48)when 49)buried 50)leak
51)musicians 52)gave 53)both 54)emphasis 55)different
56)music 57)one 58)century 59)album 60)in
61)best 62)retired 63)not 64)returned 65)death

- 66)Neither Paul nor Mary is attending the birthday party.
67)After the rain had stopped, we left for home.
68)The security guard whom Lily greeted was on duty at the gate yesterday.
69)Malcolm asked Julia what she had done in the school the day before.
70)Despite lighting a few candles, Farok still could not see well in the dark.
71)It refers to the island.
72)They were scuba diving.
73)They were trying to send a signal .
74)She wanted to quench her thirst.
75)The word is "lizard".
76)There were Komodo dragons on the island and Padawa has no dragons.
77)The word is "ambush".
78)Their saliva, filled with bacteria would kill the prey in a few hours so that they could feed on it.
79)It wanted to rain its prey into its throat.
80)A scream woke Charlotte up.