TAO NAN SCHOOL

PRIMARY 5 ENGLISH LANGUAGE END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION 2009

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

Name: _____( ) Date: 26 October 2009

Class: Primary 5 ____ Duration: 1 hour 50 minutes

Time: 8.00 a.m. to 9.50 a.m.

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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BOOKLET A

	SCORE	MARKS
BOOKLET A		30
BOOKLET B		65
TOTAL		95

Parent's Signature: _____

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Section A (5 x 1 mark)
Graphic Stimulus
Study the following advertisement and then answer questions 1 to 5.

Passion by the Beach

Join us for some animal loving! Get attractive free gifts as you check out booths offering a wide variety of products and services for pets.



11 a.m.
A Furry-tail Wedding
Witness our very first mass pet-wedding event, where four-legged friends who have been 'match-made' by their human guardians get hitched!

Free Admission
Sunday, 5 November 2009
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
East Coast Park E2

12 p.m.
Royal Canin Perfect Catch
A contest where dogs with great reflexes catch balls thrown to them by their human companions.



1 p.m.
Fatal Distraction
The most obedient dog that remains perfectly still in the face of tempting distractions gets the top prize.



2 p.m.
Couple Hamster Pursuit
Watch hamsters in team of two sprint for the finish line on a specially built racetrack. The first pair wins delicious hamster treats.



3 p.m.
Royal Canin's Look of Love
Be struck by the power of the beautiful feline gaze. See which cat is judged to have the most stunning, gorgeous and expressive eyes in this contest.

Treats For Your Pets From Royal Canin !
Cut out the coupon that will be printed in Catzs Classifed of The Weekend Times on 5 November 2009 for your free goodie bag.

Doggie Express Grooming Studio
Let your dog enjoy an express grooming session by School of Pet Grooming for just $10.

Sponsor:
Royal Canin

Organiser:
Catzs Classified

Visit the event website: www.petscorner.com for more details

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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 OAS.*

1. There are _____ different types of contests at this event.

   (1) seven
   (2) six
   (3) five
   (4) four

2. Pet owners who wish to treat their dogs to some cleaning, brushing and combing will _____.

   (1) buy Royal Canin products
   (2) register at the East Coast Park E2 booth
   (3) log on to www.petscorner.com for more information
   (4) take their pet dogs to Doggie Express Grooming Studio

3. Judges for the 'Royal Canin's Look of Love' contest are looking for a cat that has _____.

   (1) gorgeous fur
   (2) attractive eyes
   (3) a loving personality
   (4) a steady and powerful stare

4. _____ will provide the free goodie bags.

   (1) Royal Canin
   (2) Pets Corner
   (3) Catzs Classified
   (4) The Weekend Times

5. Which statement about the advertisement is **true**?

   (1) 'Fatal Distraction' will appeal to pet owners with restless dogs.
   (2) The mass pet-wedding event is held annually by Catz Classified.
   (3) One of the activities requires the owner of the pet to participate in it.
   (4) Cats which cannot see well can be treated at 'Royal Canin's Look of Love'.

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Section B (7 x 1 mark)
Grammar
For each question from 6 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on your OAS.

6. *Alice was not sure* _____ *cake her brother* would prefer.

(1) what
(2) which
(3) whom
(4) whose

7. My husband and I asked the Kangs to come and stay with _____ should they visit Singapore. We looked forward to spending time with the friendly couple.

(1) us
(2) me
(3) him
(4) them

8. The children _____ decorating their cupcakes in the kitchen. They are asking us what to do next.

(1) will finish
(2) would finish
(3) have finished
(4) had been finishing

9. Mr Tan does not like the candidate and is going to vote _____ him in the coming election.

(1) for
(2) with
(3) beside
(4) against

10. "What does this word _____?" Simon asked his teacher.

(1) mean
(2) meant
(3) means
(4) meaning

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11. If I had a lot of money, I _____ donate it to charity.

(1) will
(2) shall
(3) would
(4) should

12. _____ for a short break, the students have been working continuously the whole morning.

(1) Apart
(2) Except
(3) Besides
(4) Without

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Section C (3 x 1 mark)

Punctuation

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 OAS.

When he heard a loud crash in the middle of the night, Eddie sprang from his bed and rushed downstairs to the study. He saw a burglar dressed in black **(13)** rummaging through his desk.

"Stand back **(14)** the thief yelled. "I'm looking for your cash."

"Can I turn the light on for you **(15)** Eddie said. "Or were you planning on robbing us blind?"

Adapted from Reader's Digest

13. (1) [:] colon
(2) [,] comma
(3) [.] full stop
(4) [;] semi-colon

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

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

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Section D (5 x 1 mark)
Vocabulary
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 OAS.

16. The audience was _____ for an hour by a dramatic performance.

(1) induced
(2) saturated
(3) enthralled
(4) persuaded

17. The athlete's _____ was admirable. Despite a strained thigh muscle, he managed to complete the gruelling triathlon.

(1) insistence
(2) obedience
(3) nonchalance
(4) perseverance

18. The _____ of the witness was questionable. She kept changing her account of the events leading to the crime.

(1) dignity
(2) humility
(3) integrity
(4) eligibility

19. Alexander Graham Bell was a leading _____ in the field of telecommunications. He invented the first telephone in 1867.

(1) settler
(2) advisor
(3) pioneer
(4) consultant

20. She _____ the offer to work as an editor for the HEYI magazine as she liked her current job.

(1) turned off
(2) turned out
(3) turned down
(4) turned away

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Section E (5 x 1 mark)
Vocabulary Cloze
For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

The bison, sometimes called a buffalo, is an iconic image of the Great Plains and the Old West. Bison are massive, **(21)** shaggy beasts and are the heaviest land animals in North America. Bison can tip the scales at over a ton. Despite their **(22)** hefty size, they are agile.

These large plant-eaters feed on grasses, herbs, shrubs and twigs. They cannot fully digest their food. They **(23)** regurgitate what they eat and chew it as cud before final digestion. All bison stir up dirt and roll about in the dust. The dusty cloud of dirt **(24)** deters insects from landing on their backs and keeps their bodies cool.

During the 19th century, settlers poached some 50 million bison for food. The once enormous herds were **(25)** reduced to only a few hundred animals. Today, about 200,000 bison live on nature reserves and ranches where they are raised for their meat.

Adapted from National Geographic

21. (1) hairy
(2) rough
(3) bearded
(4) unshaven

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22. (1) large
(2) sturdy
(3) clumsy
(4) muscular

23. (1) eject
(2) vomit
(3) release
(4) dislodge

24. (1) bars
(2) bans
(3) prevents
(4) prohibits

25. (1) deflated
(2) deducted
(3) degraded
(4) decreased

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Section F (5 x 1 mark)

Comprehension

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30 based on the passage.

Steve stayed in Darwin for several more days after participating in the National Swimming Championships to enjoy some quality time with his mother and brother. One evening, after having dinner with his family and a friend, he drove out of the restaurant and headed towards the hotel. His mother and brother were in the back seat, and his friend was in the front.

A few minutes later, he was driving round a bend carefully when he saw a stationary truck in their path. "Look out, Steve!" screamed his friend. Steve jammed on the brakes and the car swerved. He managed to avoid crashing into the truck. Unfortunately, he could not prevent the car from ramming into a huge tree.

When Steve came around, he found himself in a hospital. He asked about the other three passengers who had been in the car with him. He was told that they were in no danger. His mother, brother and friend had suffered only minor bruises. Steve was relieved. However, he became depressed later, on hearing that he would have to rest in bed for several weeks as he had sustained a back injury.

Steve's neck was in a steel brace for nearly eight weeks while his bone began to heal. One day, he walked to a swimming complex. He wanted to have a chat with some of his friends at the pool but he could not resist the water before him. He took off his brace and slid gently into the pool. As he could not turn his head, he was unable to swim freestyle. Instead he began swimming breaststroke and it felt amazing. He made up his mind to resume his training.

With the help of physiotherapy, Steve got back into shape and was able to train. He aimed to break the 100-metre breaststroke record at the national swimming meet so that he would qualify for the Olympic team. A year later, Steve **realised his dream**. He was back in the competitive swimming circuit.

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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 OAS.

26. Steve extended his stay in Darwin to _____.

(1) drive around Darwin
(2) compete in a swimming meet
(3) relax with his family members
(4) enjoy dinner with his family and friend

27. The car swerved because Steve was _____.

(1) speeding
(2) driving round a bend
(3) trying to avoid an accident
(4) attempting to steer away from the big tree

28. Steve was with his _____ when the accident happened.

(1) friend
(2) parents
(3) mother and brother
(4) mother, brother and friend

29. Steve visited the swimming complex to _____.

(1) resume training
(2) talk to his friends
(3) determine the swimming stroke he could use
(4) make sure he could swim without the neck brace

30. Steve **'realised his dream'** (line 23) as he managed to _____.

(1) win an Olympic medal
(2) master the breaststroke
(3) break a swimming record
(4) recover from his backbone injury

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BOOKLET B
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Section G (10 x 1 mark)
Grammar Cloze
There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, in the passage below. From the list of word given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in th blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A)	an	(D)	who	(G)	are	(K)	on	(N)	with
(B)	and	(E)	is	(H)	by	(L)	each	(P)	whom
(C)	of	(F)	that	(J)	or	(M)	from	(Q)	another

The Singapore 2010 Youth Olympic Games (YOG) Million Deeds Challenge was th most natural way to share the Olympic spirit. Many students were so inspired when the read about it _____ (31) they began posting examples of kind acts on the online forun One such act of kindness is giving up one's seat to _____ (32) elderly person.

The YOG committee chairperson _____ (33) was very proud of this initiative sai "These kind acts symbolise the Olympic values _____ (34) excellence, friendship an respect."

The Challenge invites locals _____ (35) foreigners alike to post examples of the good deeds on the YOG website. _____ (36) time a deed is posted onto the website, Virtual Youth Olympics flame will move across the world map. _____ (37) the screen, th flame will travel _____ (38) Greece, the birthplace of the Olympics, to other parts of th world. The organising committee _____ (39) very confident that they will get their on million deeds _____ (40) the opening ceremony next year. "It's a wonderful experienc showing that young people are very much involved in organising the YOG," said th chairperson of the committee.

Adapted from The Straits Times, March 2009

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Section H (10 x 1 mark)
Editing for Spelling and Grammar
Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

The moment the lunchtime buzzer sounded, the whole class sprang up. An eruption of
(41) [ ]
chatter and **lafter** filled the room, as did the sound of chairs being scraped across the floor.
(42) [ ]
"Did I say I'd finished?" Mr Lim yelled above the noise. The class settled in.
(43) [ ]
"Thank you so much," Mr Lim said with **sacasm**. "I forgot to give you your homework." At
(44) [ ]
the **colektiv** groan that went up, Mr Lim smiled. "Yes, I know. And if you don't do it, it'll
(45) [ ]
hurt you a lot more for it will hurt me. Pages forty-seven and forty-eight of your workbooks,
(46) [ ]
and I do not wish to hear some excuses."
(47) [ ] (48) [ ]
Mr Lim leaves the classroom first, followed by everyone else. The noise **amptied** out
of the room.

"Mike, could I borrow two dollars for lunch?" Gemma whispered.
(49) [ ]
The words were said so softly that Mike almost thought he has imagined them. He
turned his head. Gemma was there behind him, watching him intently. They were the last
(50) [ ]
two. Mike stared at Gemma. He half **expektid** to see a pitiful sight. Upon seeing her tears,
Mike decided to lend her the money.



Adapted from Tell Me No Lies by Malorie Blackman

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Section I (15 x 1 mark)
Comprehension Cloze
Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

When I came across an advertisement put up by the local symphony orchestra asking for a 'professional trumpeter', I was filled with enthusiasm. I had always _____ (51) of being a part of an orchestra and here was the chance! I knew, however, that I was not a professional _____ (52) the trumpet was concerned. The only training I had from my school band merely enabled me to produce a few notes from the _____ (53). Nevertheless, I was determined to apply for the position and arranged for an _____ (54).

I went with a thumping _____ (55) and clammy hands for the audition at a concert hall. The journey from home to the concert hall was a long one and I was _____ (56) throughout the journey that the audition would be a success. At the same time, all sorts of pessimistic thoughts were racing through my _____ (57). "What if the conductor's criteria are stringent? What if I'm asked to _____ (58) a tough piece of music?" The various 'what ifs' that _____ (59) to mind were overwhelmingly great in number.

To add to my nervousness, I _____ (60) the concert hall from the wrong entrance. I saw many other people getting _____ (61) to play their instruments. I gently closed the _____ (62) and gingerly walked down the stage to a seat which was far away from the others. I sank into the _____ (63) and waited nervously. There were many people _____ (64) to be auditioned that day. I gradually calmed down by imagining _____ (65) as one of the musicians playing trumpet on the stage. Minutes later, it was my turn.

Adapted from Reader's Digest

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Section J (5 x 2 marks)

Synthesis

For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the words(s) provided. Your answers must be in <u>one</u> sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

66. John was bathing. The telephone rang.

_____ while

_____

67. Jane is diligent. Jane always tops her class.

_____ because of her

_____

68. She failed her driving test five times. She was determined to take another test.

Despite _____

_____

69. Sumei is friendly. The other girls are not.

Unlike _____

_____

70. "Is there a size ten for this blouse?" Mrs Sim asked the salesgirl.

Mrs Sim asked the salesgirl _____

_____

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Section K (10 x 2 marks)
Comprehension Open
Read the passage below and answer Questions 71 to 80 based on the passage.

After a tiring business trip, Pete headed for the airport. Soon, he was on board a flight home. The pilot had just announced for all passengers to fasten their safety belts. The aircraft started to shake violently due to heavy rain and turbulence. Instinctively, Pete leant forward and hugged his legs tightly.

As soon as the aircraft's wheels touched the ground, Pete heard a loud bang. A few minutes later, another loud bang followed when the aircraft skidded off the runway and crashed into a soil embankment. A large fireball then shot in through the front of the aircraft.

The aircraft soon came to a complete halt and the cabin became pitch black. It was chaotic and there was a lot of shouting around Pete. He tried to find an oxygen mask but it was too dark. He was suffocating and needed to get out of the plane in order to breathe. He hastily unfastened his safety belt. Just then, Pete saw a light at the other side of the cabin, some four metres away and realised that it was a way out.

Also on board the flight was Robert. The businessman looked down and was shocked to see that his legs were on fire. He grasped the handle of the nearest exit door. However, he stopped when he noticed fire licking the other side of the door.

Robert knew that he had to get out of the burning aircraft fast. However, he was also suffering severe pain in his legs. Choosing to ignore it, he summoned the last of his strength to crawl to another exit. Upon reaching it, Robert slumped to the floor, wheezing.

By then, Pete had managed to reach the emergency exit on the aircraft's wing and greedily **gulped in fresh air**. He immediately felt better. He was about to leave the burning aircraft when he saw some other passengers behind him struggling to get to safety. Without hesitating, Pete turned back to help them.

A large Caucasian man was lying at the doorstep. His legs were on fire. Wasting no time, Pete rushed ~~towards~~ to help the man who was nearly twice his size.

Ten days after the crash, Robert sang praises of the man who saved his life. "A small-built gentleman grabbed my wrists and pulled me to the wing of the aircraft. He then helped me slide down the wing. **He has the heart of a lion**. He is my hero," said Robert.

Pete was humble about his actions. "I don't consider myself a hero. I just kept calm. I am glad to help others," said Pete.

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Where was Pete heading?

_____

_____

72. Referring to paragraph 1, which two actions of Pete showed that the aircraft was in trouble?

_____

_____

73. What could be heard immediately after the aircraft landed?

_____

_____

74. Which word in third ~~paragragph~~ paragraph tells us that Pete had difficulty breathing?

_____

_____

75. How did Pete get himself out of the aircraft?

_____

_____

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76. Why did Robert decide not to leave the aircraft using the nearest exit?

77. What does **'it'** in line 17 refer to?

78. Explain clearly what made Pete stay on the aircraft after he had **'gulped in fresh air'** (line 20).

79. How did Pete help Robert get to safety?

80. What does the sentence **'He has ~~a~~ the heart of a lion.'** (line 27) suggest about Pete? Why?

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Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
B	L	K	M	G	H

41)laughter **42)down** **43)sarcasm** **44)collective** **45)than**

46)any **47)left** **48)emptied** **49)had** **50)expected**

51)dreamt **52)where** **53)trumpet** **54)audition** **55)heart**

56)hoping **57)mind** **58)perform** **59)came** **60)entered**

61)up **62)door** **63)seat** **64)waiting** **65)myself**

66)The telephone rang while John was bathing.

67)Jane always tops her class because of her diligence.

68)Despite the fact that she failed her driving test five times, she was determined to take another test.

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73)There was a loud bang.

74)The word is 'suffocating.'

75)He unfastened his safety belt when he saw a light source from the other side of the cabin and made his way out from there.

76)Robert realised that the fire had spread and was licking at the other side of the door.

77)It refers to the severe pain in Robert's legs.

78)He noticed that some passengers behind him were struggling to get safety and decided to turn back and help them.

79)Pete grabbed Robert's wrists and pulled him to the wing of the aeroplane, he their helped Robert to slide down the wing.

80)Pete is very brave as he decided to turn back and help others out of the aircraft when his life was at risk.

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