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CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

Primary 5

Semestral Assessment 1

11 May 2015

English Language

Paper 2 Booklet B

Duration of Paper (Booklets A & B): 1 h 50 min

52 questions
67 marks

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For each question from 1 to 10, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(10 marks)

1 Nowadays, everyone _____ to take a holiday every now and then.

(1) need
(2) needs
(3) needed
(4) has needed

2 _____ this bicycle is old, it still works well.

(1) As
(2) For
(3) Since
(4) Although

3 No matter how hard you have to work, you _____ not give up!

(1) might
(2) could
(3) would
(4) should

4 Sumei _____ mother is a librarian enjoys reading.

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

5 Tiffany will be playing _____ Joanna in the badminton competition for the championship title.

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

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6 If I _____ a bird, I _____ all around the world to explore.

(1) am ... will fly
(2) was ... will fly
(3) am ... would fly
(4) were ... would fly

7 After Ali _____ the address on the envelope, he _____ a stamp onto it.

(1) writes ... pasted
(2) written ... pasted
(3) wrote ... has pasted
(4) had written ... pasted

8 The girls eat bread for breakfast every morning, _____?

(1) do they
(2) have they
(3) don't they
(4) haven't they

9 My sister saw the girl _____ the vase.

(1) broke
(2) break
(3) breaks
(4) had broken

10 The injured man _____ in pain as he waited for the ambulance to arrive.

(1) lie
(2) lay
(3) lied
(4) laid

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For each question from 11 to 15, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.
(5 marks)

11 I fell as I was walking off the stage. My face immediately turned _____.

(1) as red as a tomato
(2) as white as a sheet
(3) as green as a pickle
(4) as black as a charcoal

12 My umbrella was almost _____ by the strong gust of wind.

(1) blown up
(2) blown out
(3) blown over
(4) blown away

13 The little children would _____ for Uncle Joo's storytelling sessions which were about the good old days in China.

(1) spin a yarn
(2) hold the fort
(3) make a beeline
(4) sit on the fence

14 I could not afford to buy my mother the ruby necklace because the price was simply too _____.

(1) exotic
(2) exquisite
(3) exorbitant
(4) extraordinary

15 The car accident was the _____ consequence of his carelessness.

(1) incurable
(2) inevitable
(3) insatiable
(4) indispensable

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For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(5 marks)

Christy noticed a little girl toddling across the grass, heading up a small hill. Christy looked around for the parent, but there was no one else in sight. She knew that the girl was in imminent **(16)** danger for she had seen the pack of stray dogs nearby.

Christy dashed **(17)** up the hill after her. When she reached the little girl, Christy picked her up. She carried her gingerly **(18)** toward the playground, looking frantically for her parent.

At the playground, which was crowded with little children, she could see an anxious mother searching for someone. Christy waved her arms and shouted **(19)**, "Is this your baby?" The lady rushed over without a moment of delay **(20)** and embraced the little girl. Tears trickled down her cheeks and she thanked Christy for her help.

Adapted from 'Chicken Soup for the Kid's Soul 2'

16 (1) alarming
(2) alighting
(3) accelerating
(4) approaching

17 (1) strutted
(2) sprinted
(3) sashayed
(4) sauntered

18 (1) slowly
(2) readily
(3) carefully
(4) hurriedly

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19 (1) called in
(2) called on
(3) called up
(4) called out

20 (1) immediately
(2) momentarily
(3) concurrently
(4) simultaneously

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Study this poster carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28.

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Participants are encouraged to be creative in their response. Entries can be submitted in various formats such as poem, letter, script or essay.
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Beginner Category

- Primary school students
  1. Graciousness is the way of life
  2. I am the next generation!

Intermediate Category

- Secondary school students
  1. My Hopes and Aspirations
  2. Youths Today



Advanced Category

- Open to all including the public
  1. My Home
  2. How we improve our quality of life

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The following is the winning entry for the Beginner category of the 2014 competition, themed "Lifelong Learning". Be inspired!

Beginner Category - A notable entry ...

"Mei, which was the button you said I should press to make a phone call?" Grandma asked for the fifth time, with a perplexed look on her wrinkled face.

"This one on the left, Granny," I replied patiently, feeling rather amused.

"See, you just need to remember this green symbol here. Pa has told you that it is just like a green traffic light that signals "go" for the car and so it will also get your call through."

*"Yes, yes ... I remember it now. The red one is a signal to "stop" and so **it** will end my call?" Grandma said with a chuckle. "My memory is terrible and technology is driving me nuts!" At that remark, Grandma and I burst out laughing.*

Pa had recently bought Grandma a mobile phone despite her protests. She often said to me, "Don't waste your time teaching an old lady like me." She was certain that she would never figure out how to use it. So, we spent the entire weekend showing Grandma how to make phone calls, send simple text messages and take photographs.

Grandma said even though she found herself needing time to familiarise herself with the functions on her mobile phone, she was eager to learn. She even played some games Pa showed her. Ma praised her for her positive learning attitude! The only problem for Grandma was that she often forgot what she had just learnt a few minutes ago! I guess I will be drawing an instruction manual to guide her step by step.

Fiona Koh (5 Loyalty)
Sommerveille Primary School

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For each question from 21 to 28, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

21 Based on the poster, which of the following is **true** of the competition?

(1) Only students can participate in the competition.
(2) All participants are to submit their entries online.
(3) All entries will be featured on the competition website.
(4) All participants will win the sponsored prizes in this competition.

22 What does "it" in the fourth paragraph of the winning entry refer to?

(1) the traffic light
(2) the mobile phone
(3) the button for ending phone calls
(4) the symbol on a mobile phone button

23 In the winning entry, what was puzzling the writer's grandmother initially?

(1) how to turn the mobile phone on
(2) why the mobile phone did not seem to be working
(3) what the different colours on the mobile phone represented
(4) which button on the mobile phone to press for making a phone call

24 In the winning entry, the writer's grandmother was reluctant to have a mobile phone because _____.

(1) she did not want to waste her son's money
(2) the writer's father had refused to listen to her
(3) she was not confident of learning how to use it
(4) the writer's father would waste time teaching her how to use it

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25 In what way had Grandma's opinion about having a mobile phone changed by the end of the story?

(1) She felt that she was too old to learn anything new.
(2) She was convinced that she could do without a mobile phone.
(3) She was unwilling to try any of the functions of her mobile phone.
(4) She was confident making phone calls, sending text messages and taking photographs with her mobile phone independently.

26 Why did the writer use dialogue in the first four paragraphs of the winning entry?

(1) to provide information about the characters in the story
(2) to demonstrate the use of grammatically sound sentences
(3) to convince readers that the characters in the story are real
(4) to capture readers' attention with an interesting introduction

27 Which of the following is the **most** likely reason for presenting some details about the contest in bulleted point form?

(1) to excite the readers
(2) to emphasise the competition
(3) to highlight important information
(4) to cater to readers with poor eyesight

28 What is the **main** purpose of the flyer?

(1) to promote the writing competition
(2) to inspire readers to have a positive learning attitude
(3) to provide details of the competition's rules and regulations
(4) to highlight the good work of Fiona Koh from Sommervielle Primary School

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There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38, in the passage below. 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 to avoid confusion during marking.

(10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

(A)	and	(D)	despite	(G)	from	(K)	over	(N)	throughout
(B)	around	(E)	either	(H)	long	(L)	soon	(P)	unless
(C)	by	(F)	for	(J)	neither	(M)	that	(Q)	until

Near the Arctic Circle, a small wood frog digs into a pile of damp leaves. Winter is coming _____ (29) it has no time to waste. It is so cold outside _____ **(30)** the frog's toes have started to freeze. The frog pulls the leaves _____ **(31)** itself like a blanket. Then it waits. It _____ (32) moves nor eats.

The air temperature outside continues to drop. Soon, it is way below freezing. The frog's muscles freeze. Ice builds up _____ **(33)** its liver, lungs and other organs. Then the frog takes a final breath. Its heart stops. It is not the end for the frog _____ **(34)** the bitter cold. The frog freezes to survive, and hibernates _____ **(35)** the winter months.

The wood frog's instinct to hibernate kicks in as _____ **(36)** as its toes start to freeze. Inside its body, its liver starts making extra glucose. Its blood carries this sugar to the frog's cells. The glucose acts as antifreeze. It keeps water inside the cells _____ **(37)** freezing. Freezing could damage the cells and kill the frog.

A wood frog can survive like this as _____ **(38)** as the temperature in its leaf pile does not go too low. If the temperature dips below minus 6 degrees Celsius, the frog will die.

Adapted from Survival Acts, National Geographic Extreme Explorer

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Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (12 marks)

(39) [ ]

There was a milkman who lived near a stream. After milk his cow every morning, he

(40) [ ]

filled his cans just half full. Then he took them to the stream and topped the cans up in water. The

(41) [ ]

milkman was careful to be quiet where he did this. When he finished, he took his cans to town where he sold his milk to the townspeople.

After his trips to town, the milkman returned to his farm. He would wash his cans in

(42) [ ]

the stream. This time, he was deliberait in making as much noise as he could. Then he would go

(43) [ ]

to bed. That was his rooteen every day.

(44) [ ]

Meanwhile, a monkey in a nearby tree noticed the milkman's konshious effort to be

(45) [ ]

quiet each morning. She heard his clatter every evening. This made the monkey curears.

(46) [ ]

One evening, the milkman was exausted after his long day. He rested by the tree.

(47) [ ]

When he woke up, he started to count the money he had earned with selling his milk to the townspeople.

(48) [ ]

Just then, the monkey appear by the milkman. She took the money and ran back up

(49) [ ]

into the tree. The milkman was stuned. The monkey said, "I have seen what you do each day. This

(50) [ ]

money is not entire yours. You only get half. I shall see to it that the stream gets its half."

Adapted from The Milkman and the Monkey, an Indian folktale retold by Roberto Hahn

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15 marks)

On average, a human spends about 25 years of his life sleeping. Why do we need to sleep for a third of our day? This is a question that has _____ (51) scientists for a very long time.

There are studies to prove that _____ (52) enough sleep, important brain functions such as speech and memory are adversely affected. Sleep also helps to _____ (53) our growth and immune system healthy.

The lack of sleep can _____ (54) to grave consequences. Disasters such as the Challenger shuttle explosion and the Chernobyl nuclear power plant disaster are _____ (55) to human error, with sleep deprivation being a major _____ (56).

It may seem like nothing happens from the time you tumble onto your bed to the time the alarm clock _____ (57) you up. But surprisingly, a _____ (58) happens. Your body may be sleeping, but your brain is very active.

You sleep in cycles that recur four or five times during an average night. Each cycle is _____ (59) up of five stages and lasts about 100 minutes.

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The first two stages are periods of light sleep. As you _____ asleep, your body
(60)

starts to relax. Your eye movements _____ down and then stop.
(61)

The _____ two stages constitute deep sleep. Your breathing and heart rate are
(62)

at their lowest and it is _____ to wake you up.
(63)

The final stage of sleep is the _____ active period for your brain. Although your
(64)

eyes are still _____, your heart beats faster and your breathing rate increases. Your
(65)

most vivid dreams occur during this stage.

Adapted from The Slumber Story, Science Spy Issue 86

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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).

(10 marks)

66 Mary took her bath. Mary went to bed.

_____ after

_____

67 Amy forgot her water bottle. Helen forgot her water bottle too.

Both _____

_____

68 "Do not play here," Mrs Lim told them.

Mrs Lim told them _____

_____

69 If Richard is inattentive in class, he will not excel in his studies.

Unless _____

_____

70 The soldier fought courageously. He was awarded a medal.

_____ for having

_____

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Read this passage and answer questions 71 to 80: (20 marks)

In my early life, I lived with my mother, my older brother and sister, Crick and Stella, and with my father when he was not on the move. My father called himself a Jack-of-all-trades. However, there were times when he could not find any trade in whatever town we were living in. He would then go in search of a job somewhere else. My mother would start packing, and we would wait for a phone call from him that would tell us it was time to join him.

Each time we moved, we had fewer boxes, not more. My mother would say to me, "Do you really need all those things, Annie? They're just things. Leave them." I was always torn.

By the time I was twelve, we had lived in at least fifteen states. Sometimes we lived in the middle of a noisy city, but most of the time, my father found us a tilted house near a remote town.

My mother had been a city girl, my father a country boy; and as far as I could tell, my mother spent most of her time trying to forget that she had been a city girl. Those few times that we lived in the middle of the city, though, she seemed as if she were right at home, in her real home, her permanent home. She would get a job in an office or a design studio, instead of a café. She knew how to weave in and out of crowds. The noise of cars and taxis hooting did not seem to bother her.

Those things drove my father crazy. "I know there's work here," he'd say, "but there're too many people and cars everywhere. You're likely to get killed just stepping onto the road. No place to raise kids."

My mother would be real quiet after he had said something like this. Pretty soon he would be off looking for a better place to live, and she would be packing our belongings again. Actually, I worked out that my father was keeping us on the move so that my mother's family would not find us. He said they looked down on us.

Once, when I was seven or eight, a thin woman with grey hair pulled back in a tight bun was sitting in our kitchen when I came home from school. Before I could shake off my coat, she wrapped me in a perfumed hug and called me her sweet kitten. I cringed.

"I'm not a kitten," I said, wriggling out of her hug and sliding out the side door. Crick was throwing a basketball at an invisible hoop.

"There's a lady in there," I said.

"That's no lady. That's Grandmother," Crick said matter-of-factly.

That night, there was a big argument between my mother and my grandmother. My father was gone earlier – he had taken one look at our grandmother and bolted out of the door, without even pausing to say hello.

Adapted from 'Bloomability' by Sharon Creed

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

71 In paragraph 1, why was the author's father on the move in the author's early life? [1m]

_____

_____

72 Which sentence tells us that the author's family had fewer and fewer things as they moved from one place to another? [1m]

_____

_____

73 Choose words from lines 10 -18 which have the same meanings as the words below. [3m]

distant	
fixed	
affect	

74 Explain in your own words what the author meant by 'Those things drove my father crazy.' (line 19). [2m]

_____

_____

75 The table below shows causes and results of events. Fill in the blanks using information from the story. [2m]

Causes	Results
	The author's mother had no problem adapting to city life.
The author's father did not want his wife's family to find them.	

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76 Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table is 'True' or 'False', then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	True/False	Reason
The author had no problem deciding what to leave behind when the family had to move.		
The author's mother accepted her husband's decision for the family to move.		
The author had not seen her grandmother since she was a young child.		

77 Write 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story. [1m]

_____ The author's grandmother hugged the author.

_____ The author's grandmother sat in the kitchen.

_____ The author's grandmother had an argument with the author's mother.

_____ The author's father left the house.

78 Based on the passage, list two things that show that the author's mother felt very comfortable living in the city. [2m]

i)_____

ii)_____

79 How did the author feel when her grandmother hugged her? Support your answer with two reasons from the passage to show that she felt that way. [3m]

_____

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80 Did the author's parents welcome Grandmother's visit? **Give one reason to support your answer.** [2m]

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Q39 milking

Q40 with

Q41 when

Q42 deliberate

Q43 routine

Q44 conscious

Q45 curious

Q46 exhausated

Q47 from

Q48 appeared

Q49 stunned

Q50 entirely

Q51 puzzled

Q52 without

Q53 keep

Q54 lead

Q55 due

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Q56 cause

Q57 wakes

Q58 lot

Q59 made

Q60 fall

Q61 slow

Q62 next

Q63 hard

Q64 most

Q65 closed

Q66. Mary went to bed after taking her bath,

Q67. Both Amy and Helen forgot their water bottles.

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Q70. The soldier was awarded a medal for having fought courageously.

Q71. The author's father was in search of a job.

Q72. Each time we moved, we had fewer boxes, not more.

Q73. Distant – remote
Q73. Fixed – permanent
Q73. Affect – bother

Q74. The crowds and the noises of cars and taxis hooting made the author's father angry.

Q75. Causes – The author's mother was once a city girl.

Q75. Results – The author's father kept the family on the move.

Q76. FALSE – The author was always torn.

Q76. TRUE – The author's mother would be packing the family's belongings.

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Q76. TRUE – The author could not recognize her grandmother when she came to visit. She called her grandmother a lady.

Q77. 1 – The author's grandmother sat in the kitchen.

Q77. 2 – The author's grandmother hugged the author.

Q77. 3 – The author's father left the house.

Q77. 4 – The author's grandmother had an argument with the author's mother.

Q78i) She could weave in and out of crowds.

Q78ii) The noise of cars and taxis hooting did not bother her.

Q79. The author felt uneasy. Annie cringed when she was hugged by her grandmother. She wriggled out of her hug and slid out the side door.

Q80. No, the author's parents did not welcome grandmother's visit. That night, there was a big argument between her mother and her grandmother.

THE END

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