**HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL**
**2015 SEMESTRAL EXAMINATION ONE**
**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**
**PRIMARY 5**
**PAPER 2 BOOKLET A**

NAME : _____

CLASS : P5 _____

INDEX NO : _____

28 QUESTIONS

28 MARKS

**TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 HOUR 50 MINUTES**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

Parent's signature: _____

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| Booklet A | _____ / 28 |
| Booklet B | _____ / 67 |
| **TOTAL** | _____ / **95** |

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| Section | Marks | |
|---|---|---|
| Grammar | | 10 |
| Vocabulary | | 5 |
| Vocabulary Cloze | | 5 |
| Visual Text Comprehension | | 8 |
| **Total** | | **28** |



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For each question from 1 to 10, 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. (10 marks)

1. He has volunteered to be a museum guide _____ he likes visiting museums.

(1) thus
(2) since
(3) while
(4) unless ( )

2. You don't recognise me, _____ you?

(1) do
(2) did
(3) don't
(4) didn't ( )

3. "_____ she ever _____ you why she was sad? " Miss Lee asked curiously.

(1) Has .... told
(2) Have ...told
(3) Has .... telling
(4) Have ... telling ( )

4. The teacher-on-duty watched intently while the students _____ in the field during recess.

(1) plays
(2) was playing
(3) were playing
(4) had been playing ( )

5. Either Matthew or his friends _____ going to the party tonight.

(1) is
(2) are
(3) was
(4) were ( )



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6. These railings are shaky. Please do not lean _____ them or they may collapse.

(1) above
(2) under
(3) against
(4) through ( )

7. You _____ read this book if you like. Miss Lau, our teacher, has told us that it is optional to do so.

(1) may
(2) will
(3) must
(4) should ( )

8. Jane still enjoys baking _____ being burnt by the hot oven numerous times.

1) despite
2) instead
3) although
4) because ( )

9. Please tell me directly. Do not beat _____ the bush.

(1) up
(2) about
(3) besides
(4) between ( )

10. "To _____ should I address this letter?" Peter asked his father.

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



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For each question from 11 to 15, 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 marks)

11. It is really _____ to get to the campsite as it is too far away.

(1) inflexible
(2) inconvenient
(3) uncooperative
(4) uncontrollable ( )

12. Jack _____ going for his swimming lessons as he did not like water to get into his ears.

(1) dreaded
(2) panicked
(3) trembled
(4) quivered ( )

13. It was a _____ day. I won two consecutive gold medals in the inter-school badminton competition.

(1) mournful
(2) miserable
(3) momentary
(4) memorable ( )

14. My brother is trying to get a job and he intends to buy a new suit to wear for his job _____ on Monday.

(1) analysis
(2) interview
(3) evaluation
(4) assessment ( )

15. Chinatown was _____ with people during the Chinese New Year period as many wanted to bask in the festive atmosphere.

(1) gathered
(2) swarmed
(3) assembled
(4) concentrated ( )



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For each question from 16 to 20, 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.

(5 marks)

Before the arrival of the Xbox and computer games, there were traditional games that Asian children used to play. As modern technology gains more popularity, many of these activities are unfortunately on the <u>verge</u> (16) of extinction.

'Five stones' was a favourite recess game among the girls. It is played with five small pyramidal cloth bags filled with beans or rice. The main <u>objective</u> (17) of the game is to complete eight steps which are a combination of moves involving the catching of the 'stones' with one hand after tossing them into the air. It may look easy but it is quite <u>tricky</u> (18) and requires a lot of practice!

'Gasing' or top spinning is another traditional game commonly played by the Malay boys back in the olden days. The players will <u>attempt</u> (19) to knock out each other's spinning tops out of a marked circle on the ground. Another simpler game of 'Gasing' is to keep their wooden top spinning inside the circle for the longest time.

Take a break from <u>staring</u> (20) at your computer or mobile device screen and play these games for a change!

16. (1) tip
(2) end
(3) brink
(4) close

( )

17. (1) aim
(2) desire
(3) mission
(4) direction

( )



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18. (1) crafty
(2) puzzling
(3) exquisite
(4) complicated ( )

19. (1) wish
(2) effort
(3) request
(4) venture ( )

20. (1) gazing
(2) studying
(3) analysing
(4) examining ( )



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Study this advertisement carefully and answer questions 21 to 28.



## *BELLE's Cottage Café*

*ice-cream ~ cakes ~ pasta*

**Belle's Cottage Café**
**Find us at:** 166, Greenwood Acres, Singapore 271452
Tucked in an idyllic part of Singapore, away from the hustle and bustle of town

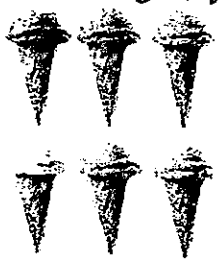
**Available for:**

- Birthday parties for kids
- Corporate functions
- Art/photographic exhibitions
- Wedding photo shoots

**Check out our AFFORDABLE & FABULOUS Party Packages on our website!**
Call Qistina or Sophea to make arrangements.

## Our Speciality

Handcrafted ice-cream with gourmet toppings, made with only all-natural ingredients. Taste our myriad of mouth-watering flavours that are rotated regularly.



SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS
We have vegetarian, lactose-free and kids-friendly options as part of our regular menu!



Ample parking space in front of the shop.
Free parking after 5pm on weekdays.
Whole-day free parking on weekends and public holidays.

Sheltered waiting area outside our shop for your canine friends!



**Catering**

We cater for functions held at other venues – even for weddings! We provide free delivery for orders over $150.

So wait no more! Come on down to Belle's Cottage Café! See you soon!

**OPENING HOURS**
11am – 9pm Monday – Friday
11am – 11pm Saturday, Public Holiday and Eve of Public Holiday
Closed on Sunday



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# *BELLE's Cottage Café*
# *PROMOTIONS you will love!*

**STUDENTS!**
Worry not, your Mondays will never be blue again!
HALF PRICE WAFFLES ON MONDAYS!
*remember to bring your ez-link cards!

FREE WIFI

## Every Wednesday only!

Early Birds will receive a 15% discount for our cake of the day!
*for the first 30 customers only

### *Special Promotion*

For every $50 spent in a single receipt, customers will receive a $5 voucher. Those who spend a minimum of $80 will receive a voucher of $10. The cash vouchers can be used on your next visit.

What's more, just spend at least $10 and you can enter our lucky draw and stand a chance to win attractive prizes!

**Top Prize**
$200 cash voucher
**First 10 consolation prizes**
$50 food vouchers
**Next 10 consolation prizes**
$20 cake vouchers

*Lucky draw will be drawn on 1st July 2015. So hurry!*

## Weekend Specials

Buy 12 cupcakes and get a bag of freshly baked chocolate or almond cookies free!

More weekend specials will be updated on our Instagram account every Friday!



Can't decide what to get for your loved ones on their birthday?
Give them Belle's Cottage Café gift vouchers!

Instagram @bellecottage_cafe
Qistina: 9155 6922
E-mail: enquiry@BCCafe.com.sg
Web; http://BelleCottageCafe.com.sg



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For each question from 21 to 28, 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. (8 marks)

21. Which information about Belle's Cottage Café would appeal to people who want to have a relaxing time away from the hustle and bustle of town?

It _____.

(1) has free wifi
(2) can accommodate a lot of people
(3) can cater to special dietary needs
(4) is tucked in an idyllic part of Singapore ( )

22. The café **cannot** be used for _____.

(1) an art exhibition
(2) an office gathering
(3) a wedding banquet
(4) a toddler's birthday party ( )

23. A health-conscious person would be attracted to try the ice-cream for its _____.

(1) wide variety of flavours of ice-cream
(2) regular rotation of ice-cream flavours
(3) hand-crafted ice-cream with gourmet toppings
(4) use of all-natural ingredients to make the ice-cream ( )

24. The café is likely to be a convenient choice for customers who drive because it _____.

(1) caters delicious food
(2) is open on weekdays
(3) has sufficient parking space
(4) welcomes dogs at the premise ( )



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25. To take part in the lucky draw, a participant must _____.

(1) receive a $5 voucher
(2) receive a $10 voucher
(3) spend a total of $10 or more
(4) spend a total of $80 or more ( )

26. Which promotion is available specially for students?

They can enjoy _____.

(1) free Wifi
(2) 15% discount on cakes
(3) half-priced waffles on a selected day
(4) free freshly-baked cookies for every 12 cupcakes bought ( )

27. Based on the advertisement, which is **true** of the café's promotions?

(1) There are 21 prizes to be won in the lucky draw.
(2) Customers get to enjoy 15% discount on cakes in the morning.
(3) Customers can participate in the lucky draw till the middle of July 2015.
(4) Customers will get a free bag of cookies when they buy 12 cupcakes on weekdays.

( )

28. Part of the text on page 8 is presented in bulleted points to _____.

(1) highlight key words
(2) write better sentences
(3) list related information
(4) allow the use of more difficult words ( )



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**PRIMARY FIVE**
**PAPER 2 BOOKLET B**

Name: _____ (  ) Class: P5._____

| Section | Marks | |
|---|---|---|
| Grammar Cloze | | 10 |
| Editing for Spelling and Grammar | | 12 |
| Comprehension Cloze | | 15 |
| Synthesis / Transformation | | 10 |
| Comprehension Open Ended | | 20 |
| **Total** | | 67 |



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There are 10 blanks, numbered 1 to 10, 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) ago | D) as | G) have | K) is | (N) to |
| B) and | E) at | H) however | L) may | (P) when |
| C) are | F) has | J) in | M) of | (Q) while |

Many countries are facing a weighty dilemma today. Children are getting fatter. In the United States, one (29)_____ five children were obese in 2012, up from just 7 per cent three decades (30)_____. In Singapore, figures show that about 12 per cent of students in primary and secondary schools and junior colleges (31)_____ obese.

While children do need to eat well to grow well, the problem occurs (32)_____ that puppy fat does not melt away as the child grows older. Research (33)_____ shown that such children tend to carry the excess weight into adulthood. They are more prone (34)_____ risk factors such as high cholesterol, which can result in heart disease. Some of them (35)_____ even succumb to diabetes and joint problems, all of which can be linked to one's weight.

On top of that, hefty children may suffer hits to their self-esteem when others tease them about their size. However, the combination (36)_____ a sensible diet and regular exercise should help to rectify matters. Besides helping to improve fitness (37)_____ muscle strength, exercising also helps improve children's executive function. This means that they get better (38)_____ mental tasks such as planning, memorising and problem solving. Its benefits are indeed significant.

*(Adapted from The Straits Times, February 2015)*



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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)

Japan's rich heritage means that there are plenty of hidden gems located off the beaten tracks of Tokyo, Kyoto and Osaka.

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The city of Kanazawa is one such destynation, with its restored Edo period

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residences, scenic mountains and strong artisanal culchure. It is easily accessible as

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it is 1 hour and 15 minutes away from Tokyo on plane or high-speed train. The

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Kanazawa castle is a recomended attraction, featuring restored gates and towers.

Nagamachi was once home to the samurai and their families. Today, the area

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retained its old-world aura, with museums filled with samurai artyfacts.

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Higashi Chaya is still a lifely place where one can stroll along the streets

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and hear music played by geishas. A geisha performance show was held in the city every Saturday.

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Another beautifully preserved city is Takayama. Takayama's charming old

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town still have many buildings and houses that date back to the Edo period. Not to

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be missed is the Takayama Jinya, a traditional building that serves as Takayama's

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government office during the Edo period in the past. Besides arkeytecture, craft markets and festivals, the city is famous for its Hida beef, a local staple said to melt in your mouth.

A third lesser-known place is Inuyama Town, which is known for the Inuyama

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Castle, a 40-metre tall landmark overlooking the Kiso River. It stood as the oldest original wooden castle in Japan and is beautifully framed by cherry blossom flowers in springtime.

With the falling yen, this is a good time to seek out hidden Japanese gems.

*(Adapted from The Straits Times, Janaury 2015)*



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

America has been labelled as a 'Fast Food Nation'. Every day, one out of four Americans eats fast food. Most do it for the convenience – the **(51)**_____ of time leads many people to the fast food restaurant while money plays a **(52)**_____ as well. If you are eating out, fast food restaurants **(53)**_____ often the fastest and cheapest option.

Unfortunately, fast food is not the most nutritious. Generally, fast food meals are **(54)**_____ in calories, sodium and fat. These meals are often lacking in important vitamins and minerals. In the past, French fries **(55)**_____ the only vegetable option at many fast food restaurants. Only recently, you can also find green salad on the menu.

While fast food restaurants may **(56)**_____ serve the healthiest foods, most people find themselves eating fast food from time to time. The good news is that many restaurants are **(57)**_____ their menus to a healthier one. It is now possible to eat a fairly nutritious meal on the go. You just have to keep **(58)**_____ mind the need to eat the right portion, try to eliminate sauces and dressings and **(59)**_____ from ordering sodas which are high in sugar content. **(60)**_____ wise choices when you are eating out will help you **(61)**_____ a healthy diet.

Most fast food restaurants **(62)**_____ provide nutritional information on their menu. Health conscious customers should visit some **(63)**_____ the websites to determine what choices are available. Knowing what types of food items are healthier can help you to **(64)** _____ what you can order. You will find it easier to avoid the **(65)** _____ healthy options. Americans are taking steps to eat healthily at fast food restaurants.



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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. Gina does not need to wash the dishes. Kelvin does not need to wash the dishes too.

Neither _____

_____

67. "We cannot wait to go for our swimming lesson next Sunday," the twins said.

The twins said _____

_____

68. Ali is a famous artist. Ali is humble.

_____ yet _____

_____

69. Sue would rather have a home-cooked meal than eat at an expensive restaurant.

Sue prefers _____

_____

70. The Chinese built the Great Wall of China .

The Great Wall of China _____

_____



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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

With rhythmical sweeps of its tail, the humpback whale swam in the oceans east of Australia. Humpback whales typically travel thousands of kilometres, once a year in the summer, to feed. This creature was beginning its migration to the rich feeding grounds of Antarctica.

While on its way, it failed to notice the shark net anchored off the coast near Brisbane. It swam right into it. Within seconds, six hundred metres of braided nylon mesh and rope covered the whale. It was unable to reverse because humpbacks cannot swim backwards. It could not move forward either because the net was secured to the ocean bed by a hundred kilograms of chain and two heavy anchors. In an effort to break free, the whale spun around and threw itself out of the water. The net wrapped even more tightly around it. The creature struggled to surface for air. Although bound by a massive weight of rope and chain and one anchor, the whale was still motivated by its natural instinct and strong desire to continue on its journey south.

Some time later, the marine centre in Queensland received a call that a whale in distress had been spotted and a rescue team was hastily put together. After hours of useless searching, the captain of the rescue team received a message on his marine radio. The whale had strayed from its migratory path and it was not alone. Humpbacks sing to one another across stretches of ocean and support injured companions, so the whale was joined by three others. Now that there were four whales present, the rescue mission suddenly became potentially dangerous.

As the divers approached the trapped whale, they lowered themselves into the water to assess the situation. The divers began cutting through the net in which the whale was caught. It was exhausting work. Since the whale was moving forward, the divers had to swim back to its head to start again. At first, the whale splashed about wildly but after watching the divers intently as they worked on their rescue mission, it grew calmer as it sensed that they wanted only to help. One of its companions swam underneath and gently pushed its head to the surface, helping the whale to breathe.

The long hours spent trapped in many strands of rope and chains had weakened the whale and it did not react when the divers prepared for the final cut to set it free. Eventually the rope gave way and the whale was finally free. Minutes passed and still the whale did not respond. Then, at last, it slowly swam away from the boat.

Picking up speed, it headed towards its companions. When it reached them, all four mammals began tail-slapping the water, as if applauding the achievement of the rescue team. Then, they swam south towards Antarctica.

*Adapted from: "To Free a Giant" by John Parish*



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71. From **paragraph one**, where was the humpback whale heading to? (1m)

_____

_____

72. Which three-word phrase in **paragraph three** tells you a group of people was put together hurriedly to rescue the trapped whale? (1m)

| |
|---|
| |

73. Explain why it was difficult for the whale to escape after it was surrounded with mesh and rope. (2m)

_____

_____

74. Choose words from **paragraphs two and three** which have similar meanings to the words below. (3m)

| | |
|---|---|
| fruitless | |
| huge | |
| possibly | |

75. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage. (1m)

_____ The divers had to cut through the net in which the whale was trapped.

_____ In order to examine the whale and determine the extent of the situation, the divers had to descend into the ocean.

_____ The divers were required to swim to and fro to cut the net as the whale kept swimming forward.



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76. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. (3m)

| | True/ False | Reason |
|---|---|---|
| The whales were migrating to the Antarctica to look for food. | | |
| The whale tried to break free of the net by only spinning around. | | |
| The trapped whale was calm throughout the whole rescue mission. | | |

77. Based on the passage, list two characteristics peculiar to Humpback whales. (2m)

| |
|---|
| (a) |
| (b) |

78. Why did the rescue team have difficulty locating the humpback whale? (1m)

_____

_____



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79. Why did the whale not swim away as soon as it was freed by the divers? (2m)

_____

_____

80. From paragraph three, explain in your own words why the mission to rescue the whale had suddenly become more dangerous. (2m)

_____

_____

_____

81. Use one word to describe the rescue team. Explain why you chose the word. (2m)

| Word | Explanation |
|---|---|
| | |

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| Q 11 | Q 12 | Q 13 | Q 14 | Q 15 | Q16 | Q17 | Q18 | Q19 | Q20 |
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Q39 destination

Q40 culture

Q41 by

Q42 recommended

Q43 retains

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Q46 is being held

Q47 has

Q48 served

Q49 architecture

Q50 stands

Q51 lack

Q52 part

Q53 are

Q54 high

Q55 were

Q56 not

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Q57 changing

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Q64 decide

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Q66. Neither Gina nor Kelvin needs to wash the dishes.

Q67. The twins said that they could not wait to go for their swimming the following Sunday.

Q68. Ali is a famous yet humble artist.

Q69. Sue prefers a home – cooked meal to eating at an expensive restaurant.

Q70. The Great Wall of China was built by the Chinese.

Q71. It was heading to Antarctica

Q72. Hastily put together

Q73. The whole was unable to swim backwards, it is not able to reverse and unable to swim forward as the net was secured to the ocean bed by a hundred kilogram of chain and two heavy anchors.

Q74. Fruitful - useless

Q74. Huge – massive

Q74. Possibly – potentially

Q75. 1 – in order to examine the whale and determine the extent of the situation, the divers had to descend into the ocean.

Q75. 2 – The divers had to cut through the net in which the whale was trapped.



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Q75. 3 – The divers were required to swim to and fro to cut the net as the whale kept swimming forward.

Q76. TRUE – Antarctica has rich feeding ground.

Q76. FALSE – They spin around and threw itself up to the surface.

Q76. FALSE – The whale splashed about. After watching the divers, it grew calmer.

Q77a. They migrate in summer

Q77b. They are loyal to one another.

Q78. The whale had been stranded from its migratory path.

Q79. It's energy was used up after being stuck for many hours.

Q80. The trapped whale had been joined by three other whales and divers were afraid of being attacked by the whales.

Q81. Skillful – They managed to locate and free the whale.

**THE END**



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