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NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
SECOND SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2015
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY 5

PAPER 2: BOOKLET A
TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 min

Name: _____. ( ) Pr 5 ( )

There are a total of 80 questions – 28 MCQ and 52 open-ended questions.

Instructions to pupils:

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

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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. Mr Lim _____ the baby gently in the cot before he went to prepare dinner.

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

2. Everyone _____ that Adam is an exemplary student.

   (1) agree
   (2) agrees
   (3) agreed
   (4) agreeing

3. Grandmother remembers _____ of them even though they have been to our home several times.

   (1) both
   (2) each
   (3) either
   (4) neither

4. The burglars made _____ with the bag of jewellery before the police arrived.

   (1) in
   (2) up
   (3) off
   (4) over

5. Neither Jane nor Harriet _____ in school yesterday.

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

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6. Jay likes all types of cuisines _____ from Western food.

(1) save
(2) apart
(3) except
(4) besides

7. _____ what Jeanette had done to make amends, her sister refused to forgive her.

(1) Since
(2) Unless
(3) Despite
(4) However

8. If we _____ about the donation drive, we would have volunteered to help.

(1) know
(2) knows
(3) had known
(4) have known

9. What happened to the cash register? _____ some of the money been stolen?

(1) Is
(2) Are
(3) Has
(4) Have

10. Even though I had _____ eight cups of water, I was still feeling thirsty.

(1) drink
(2) drank
(3) drunk
(4) drinking

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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. Mary is a very resilient person, having _____ many storms in her life.

(1) borne
(2) outlived
(3) resisted
(4) weathered

12. "Don't _____ away from me," Mr Lim warned his young daughter as they stepped into the crowded mall.

(1) roam
(2) stray
(3) explore
(4) disappear

13. The waters on that side of the ocean are _____ with sharks.

(1) infected
(2) infested
(3) corrupted
(4) inundated

14. Although Jane's salary is _____, she manages to make ends meet.

(1) stingy
(2) meagre
(3) deficient
(4) substantial

15. Meena has no _____ about lying. She does so frequently.

(1) doubt
(2) qualms
(3) reluctance
(4) conscience

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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)

My mother keeps many frogs as pets. During a recent visit, I was <u>astounded</u> (16) by the size of a gigantic frog in the shower. He seemed right at home sitting plump and <u>majestic</u> (17) on what had previously been the soap holder as if it was his throne. "That's King Kermit. No matter how many times I relocate him, he's back in the same spot," Mum <u>revealed</u> (18). Hearing that, I raised an eyebrow. I was <u>sceptical</u> (19) so Mum decided to prove it. She gently picked King Kermit with both hands and <u>deposited</u> (20) him under the tank stand outside the house. An hour later, we returned to the bathroom and sure enough, there was King Kermit back on his royal seat!

16.
(1) thrilled
(2) shocked
(3) annoyed
(4) distracted

17.
(1) juicy
(2) lavish
(3) grand
(4) comfortable

18.
(1) gushed
(2) asserted
(3) declared
(4) disclosed

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19.

(1) doubtful
(2) offended
(3) astonished
(4) unbelievable

20.

(1) placed
(2) stowed
(3) emptied
(4) unloaded

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

Get ready for the ultimate learn-and-play experience!

Chef, firefighter, nurse, police officer, radio DJ. . . Would you like to try any of these jobs? **Kids Mania** is a famed theme park with parks located worldwide where children get to experience what the different occupations are like! Explore what it is like to live and work in a real city with over 80 role-playing activities to choose from! Coming to you on 23 November 2015 at Viwocity!







Ages 3 to 5:
Admission is **FREE!**

Ages 6 to 9:
Admission is priced at $23 per child

Ages 10 to 15:
Admission is priced at $28 per child

Free admission for accompanying adults and parents!
Purchase tickets online and enjoy a 10% discount!

STAND TO WIN VIP PASSES!

Tell us why we should pick you and you could be the first to visit us on 2 November 2015!

Introductory Special

From the first day of opening till 30 December, the first hundred kids every day will receive a free Kids Mania kit worth $60 each! (includes stationery set and an exclusive Kids Mania water tumbler)

Parents, sign your kids up for the Kids Mania membership online by 30 November at www.kidsmania.com.sg and stand a chance to win a $150 hamper!

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The fireman is one of the most popular roles chosen at Kids Mania. Are you keen to give it a try? Our trainee reporter, Celest, interviewed Jacob, a fireman of 20 years, and this is his story.



In August 1972, an emergency call came over the radio for Jacob's firefighting crew to handle a small fire that had broken out. By the time Jacob arrived at the scene, most of the residents had already made it out of the blazing seven-storey inferno.

Jacob and his partners hurriedly entered the building to ensure that everyone had made it out of the building. The fire on the fifth floor was raging and it was too dangerous for anyone to enter it. Ground personnel were ensuring that the residents were evacuated and accounted for. They radioed the firefighters to evacuate. As Jacob and his colleagues came out of the front of the building, a young, frantic woman came running up to them yelling, "Where is my Kris?"

The woman who lived in Apartment 529 explained that she had left her 7-year-old son, Kris, in her home while she went to buy some groceries. Ground personnel could not account for Kris anywhere. Jacob and another firefighter made their way back up to the fifth floor. Apartment 529 was engulfed in flames at the other end of the hall, and most of the floor was already impassable. "My partner looked at me and gave me the thumbs-down," said Jacob. "As a fireman, I knew he was right. The chances of us surviving if we went down that hall were slim, let alone finding that boy. However, I kept seeing the mother's face in my head. I could not give up on **this**."

Impulsively, Jacob darted down the hall without his partner, disappearing into the flames. As flames shot out of the apartment like fireballs, he could see a little boy lying on the floor in the only spot that was not on fire. Jacob grabbed him and rushed out. They cleared the fifth floor landing just as they heard the sound of the floor above crumbling.

The **tense** crowd below broke into cheers as they saw Jacob emerge from the building with the boy. With Kris pressed up against his chest, Jacob could feel the boy's heart pounding, and when he coughed from the smoke, Jacob knew Kris would survive.



Adapted from *Triumphs of the Heart* by Chris Benguhe

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For each question from 21 to 28, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

21. In order to qualify to win the $150 Kids Mania hamper, parents need to _____.

(1) purchase the entrance tickets online
(2) be the first 80 visitors to visit Kids Mania
(3) sign their children up for membership online by November
(4) sign their children up for membership at Kids Mania at Viwocity

22. Which of the following is **FALSE** in the flyer?

(1) Children under the age of 6 are given free admission.
(2) Kids Mania has theme parks in other parts of the world.
(3) There are more than 80 different roles for children to choose from.
(4) The water tumbler in the Kids Mania kit is available for sale at Viwocity.

23. Kids Mania will officially open on _____.

(1) 2 November
(2) 23 November
(3) 30 November
(4) 30 January

24. According to line 4 in the story, the firefighters first entered the building because they _____.

(1) needed to extinguish the fire
(2) wanted to help the young woman look for her son
(3) had to account for all of the residents from the building
(4) had to make sure there was no one else left in the building

25. Jacob and his partner returned to the fifth floor as _____.

(1) they wanted to save Kris' mother
(2) they wanted to put out the fire in Apartment 529
(3) it was the only way to get past the impassable hall
(4) the ground personnel could not find Kris anywhere

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26. What does the word "this" in line 17 refer to?

(1) rescuing Kris
(2) saving the residents
(3) seeing the mother's face
(4) making sure there was no one else left in the building

27. The word "tense" in line 22 tells us the crowd was feeling _____.

(1) stiff
(2) angry
(3) anxious
(4) miserable

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

(1) to raise awareness about the dangers of being a fireman
(2) to encourage children to be a fireman when they grow up
(3) to advertise for the opening of the Kids Mania theme park
(4) to explain why the ultimate learn-and-play experience is good for children

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PAPER 2: BOOKLET B

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Name: _____ ( )

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Parent's Signature: _____

Booklet A	**/28**
Booklet B	**/**
Total	**/95**

Any query on marks awarded should be raised by 6 November 2015. We seek your understanding in this matter as any delay in the confirmation of marks will lead to delays in the generation of results.

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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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)

Use each WORD once ONLY

A)	along	D)	between	G)	in	K)	more	N)	that
B)	as	E)	by	H)	it	L)	of	P)	where
C)	at	F)	for	J)	may	M)	on	Q)	when

Many people associate spectacles, vision loss or eye diseases with middle or old age. However, eye issues can occur _____ (29) any time of our life. Early detection can prevent _____ (30) serious issues from developing.

Childhood is one _____ (31) the most important times for assessing eye health. Ideally, children should have their eyes tested at least once a year. This should enable any problems to be picked up as early _____ (32) possible.

Parents and teachers are best placed to spot potential problems. Children are not always able to articulate their concerns _____ (33) the same manner as adults. They may not know the severity of their eye issues. It is believed _____ (34) many children who are struggling with academic work _____ (35) simply be having problems with their eyesight. Once the eye issue is identified, it can be treated appropriately.

As an adult, getting your eyes tested _____ (36) an optometrist every two years is an important part of maintaining eye health. Allowing the eyes to relax is crucial. Many working adults spend their day doing close-up work on paper or on computer for long hours. _____ (37) they get home, they spend time watching TV and use tablets or smartphones, placing further strain _____ (38) their eyes. As a result, many people did not give their eyes adequate time to rest and recover from the day's work.

Marks

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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)

Many people occasionally have a difficult time getting a good night's rest. Though (39) [ ] it is fustreiting, it will not cause harm in the short term. However, long-term sleeplessness can be a serious problem. Lack of sleep may increase the risk of weight gain, diabetes, high blood pressure and other serious health problems. Two of the biggest culprits (40) [ ] is insomnia and sleep apnoea.

(41) [ ] (42) [ ]

In the morden world, TV and the Internet have enabled us to drastikely extend our (43) [ ] waking hours with various forms of entertainment. All these tecgnologys may result in (44) [ ] (45) [ ] sleep deprive. Many people did not realise that the lack of ediquate sleep can cause serious damage to their physical health and mental well-being. Just like exercise and (46) [ ] healthy eating, sleep is an ecensial part of looking after oneself. While asleep, the body is (47) [ ] (48) [ ] able to rest and repair himself. In addition, it provided a period of mental rest and relaxation.

Insomnia is a condition with varied causes. Stress at work, too much caffeine, major life changes, background noise are factors that may lead to insomnia. People suffering (49) [ ] (50) [ ] through insomnia may feel exhortion during the day. Moodiness, anxiety and confusion may arise when one is lack of sleep for three consecutive days.

Marks

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

In 1893, a helicopter crashed into the Java Sea. For nine days, a dolphin swam beside the helicopter pilot's rubber life raft, nudging it along to safety. There have been many such similar _____ (51) of dolphins rescuing people in trouble – chasing _____ (52) sharks, guiding ships in troubled waters and pushing _____ (53) people to the surface. In 1945, a woman who was _____ (54) off a beach in Florida, nearly drowned because of a sudden, strong water current. As she struggled to _____ (55) her head above water, she felt something pushing her towards the shore. Finally, she was on the beach, weak and exhausted.

_____ (56) around, she could see no one _____ (57) a dolphin diving in the waves about six metres from the beach.

When dolphins or any other creatures continuously act in such a _____ (58), we begin to think that they like us. We may even go so far as to say these gentle and intelligent creatures and mankind share a special _____ (59) or closeness. That is why dolphins are so kind to us. But is this _____ (60) the case? Not so, says dolphin _____ (61), Dr Margaret Klinowska, of Cambridge University. _____ (62) to her, when dolphins attack sharks, they are only acting on an instinct to defend themselves. The presence of humans at the scene is a mere chance. The human just _____ (63) to be there, so he or she benefits. What about pushing stranded boats to safety? This too is an instinctive reaction. Upon birth, a _____ (64) dolphin is immediately nudged to the surface of the water by its mother to help it to _____ (65) breathing. In the light of this explanation, the dolphin which helped the pilot probably saw the life raft as a struggling baby that needed guidance.

Marks

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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)

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66. "When are you going to deliver the cartons?" Mrs Lim asked Samuel.

Mrs Lim asked _____

_____

67. Joshua scored full marks for his piano examination. He was amazed.

Much to _____

_____

68. My grandfather cannot recognise our faces. He cannot remember our names.

_____ neither _____

_____

69. The lady wants to be a nurse. Her father is a doctor.

_____ whose _____

_____

70. May's father constructed the toy plane.

The toy plane _____

_____

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Marks

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

Jen struggled with the boat and the oars. She realised that she had never rowed a boat at this particular time of the day, when the waves were strong and the wind was blowing against the direction she was heading for. She turned to her younger brother, Nicky, who was shivering at the moment as he was feeling cold. Jen regretted. She realised that if she had not taken him out to the offshore island for a picnic away from the comfort of their beach resort, they would not have encountered such a danger. They had drifted away from the offshore island towards the open sea. They needed to get back at once. Looking at the raging sea, the siblings might be drowned.

After a few minutes, Nicky said, more puzzled than alarmed, "We are not getting closer to our resort, Sis." Jen took a quick look over her shoulder. "It's alright. We will be back soon." Gritting her teeth, she pulled harder on the oars. After about twenty strokes, Jen managed to turn the front of the little boat around towards the direction of their beach resort.

Nicky begged, his voice rising a bit, "I want to go back, Jen! Let's go back please!" Jen answered in frustration, "We're going back. Just a few more minutes!" She pulled on the oars again, trying to get into a long, slow, even rhythm. However, looking again at the shore, she began to have a sinking feeling. She was hardly even holding the boat in position. They were no closer to the beach. The oars were too cumbersome and were of no use to her. Perhaps she could pull the boat after her more easily than she could row. Deciding that **this** was their only hope, she abandoned the oars, saying very rapidly, "Nicky, I'm going to jump into the water to get to the front of the boat. I will swim and pull the boat towards the beach resort. You must stay here and sit still."

Jen slipped over the edge of the rocking boat into the turbulent sea. She went underwater at once. The water was way over her head. When she surfaced, the boat had drifted. She swam after the boat and seized the rope, which was trailing behind the boat in the water. With the rope in one hand, she turned on her side. With powerful strokes, she started swimming towards the beach resort. In no time, she was tugging the boat towards the shore.

Nicky sat silently in the boat, shivering and gripping onto the sides. Occasionally, a larger wave rocked the boat and splashed over the edge. With the sun in Jen's eyes, she could see only the outline of the shore. However, Nicky saw something that made him wave excitedly. "There's Sally!" he cried. "Sally! Sally! We're out here, in the boat!"

Then he picked up one of the oars and tried to put it in the water. "Sally, I'm coming to you!" he yelled. After attempting a few strokes, a sudden wave rocked the boat, making him fall forward towards the front of the boat. The oar slipped out of his hands. The oar struck Jen hard on the head before it disappeared under the boat. Jen felt a sharp pain in her head and struggled to keep herself afloat as she held on tightly to the rope. "Nicky! Jen! I am coming for you!" Sally yelped. Finally, Jen knew that they were safe.

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71. In paragraph 1, why did Jen have to struggle with the boat and the oars? [2m]

_____

_____

72. In paragraph 1, what did Jen regret doing? [2m]

_____

_____

73. Write **1**, **2** and **3** in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events happened in the story. [1m]

_____ Jen jumped into the water to pull the boat towards the shore.

_____ The waves carried the boat towards the open sea.

_____ Sally saw that Nicky and ~~Jane~~ Jen were in danger.

74. In paragraph 3, how could we tell that Nicky was starting to feel frightened? [2m]

_____

_____

75. What does the word 'this' in line 20 refer to? [2m]

_____

_____

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76. Explain clearly why Jen did not find the oars useful after a while. [2m]

77. Based on the story, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	True/False	Reason
It was with much effort that Jen turned the boat towards the beach resort using the oars.		
Jen was a very strong swimmer.		
Nicky sat silently in the boat when he saw Sally.		

78. Quote a three-word phrase in paragraph 3 which suggests that Jen was losing hope. [1m]

79. Why did Nicky pick up one of the oars and put it in the water? [2m]

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80. Find words from paragraph 4 which have the **same meaning** as the word(s) in the boxes. Use **one** word for each box. [3m]

rough	
grabbed	
strayed	

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4	**2**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**2**	**3**	**4**	**1**	**1**
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28		
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Q66. Mrs Lim asked Samuel when he was going to deliver the cartons.

Q67. Much to his amazement, Joshua scored full marks for his piano examination.

Q68. My grandmother cannot recognize our faces neither can he remember our names.

Q69. The lady, whose father is a doctor, wants to be a nurse.

Q70. The toy plane was constructed by May's father.

Q71. The waves were strong and the wind was blowing against the direction Jen was heading for.

Q72. She regretted taking her younger brother out to the offshore island for a picnic away from their beach resort.

Q73. 1 – The waves carried the boat towards the open sea.

Q73. 2 – Jen jumped into the water to pull the boat towards the shore.

Q73. 3 – Sally saw that Nicky and Jen were in danger.

Q74. Nicky begged Jen to go back to their beach resort, his voice rising a bit.

Q75. It refers to Jen pulling the boat after her.

Q76. The oars were too cumbersome and she was hardly even holding the boat in position and they were no closer to the beach.

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Q77. TRUE – After about twenty strokes, Jen managed to turn the boat towards the beach resort using the oars.

Q77. TRUE – In no time, she was tugging the boat towards the shore.

Q77. TRUE – Nicky sat silently in the boat, shivering and gripping onto the sides.

Q78 a sinking feeling

Q79. He wanted to get to Sally.

Q80. Rough – turbulent
Q80. Grabbed – seized
Q80. Strayed – drifted

THE END

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