RED SWASTIKA SCHOOL

2015 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2

ENGLISH LANGUAGE – PAPER 2

LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION

PRIMARY 5

Name : _____ **( )**

Class : Primary 5 / _____

Date : 29 October 2015

BOOKLET A

28 Questions
28 Marks
Duration of Paper: 1 h 50 min

Note:

1. **Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.**
2. **Read carefully the instructions given at the beginning of each part of the booklet.**
3. **Do not waste time. If a question is difficult for you, go on to the next one.**
4. **Check your answers thoroughly and make sure you attempt every question.**
5. **In this booklet, you should have the following:**
   a. **Page 1 to Page 8**
   b. **Questions 1 to 28**

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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 We were disqualified from the competition _____ we were late.

(1) since ✓
(2) unless
(3) though
(4) despite

2 My sister and _____ managed to solve the problem on our own.

(1) I
(2) me
(3) mine
(4) myself

3 The song titles are arranged _____ alphabetical order for easy retrieval.

(1) to
(2) in
(3) by
(4) about

4 I am quite good at playing soccer, _____?

(1) am I
(2) isn't I
(3) don't I
(4) aren't I

5 I think there is _____ truth in what John is saying.

(1) any
(2) few
(3) none
(4) some

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6 The bad news _____ her feeling listless and depressed the whole day.

(1) has left
(2) have left
(3) had left
(4) having left

7 Should anything _____ while I am away, you can look for my colleague to assist you.

(1) happen
(2) happens
(3) happened
(4) has happened

8 This is the girl _____ the principal publicly commended at the assembly yesterday.

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

9 I have yet to read the novel that you _____ me last month.

(1) lend
(2) lends
(3) lent
(4) were lending

10 Neither Ryan nor his brother _____ at the concert last week.

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

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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 There are many _____ on the train going to work daily.

(1) travellers
(2) bystanders
(3) commuters
(4) trespassers

12 The bicycle was damaged beyond _____. My brother and I could not tell if it belonged to us.

(1) detection
(2) recognition
(3) clarification
(4) identification

13 Serene _____ into her pockets to find her mobile phone.

(1) delved
(2) probed
(3) explored
(4) rummaged

14 The investigations did not go on smoothly as the accounts given by the different witnesses were _____.

(1) valid
(2) favourable
(3) incompatible
(4) contradictory

15 As the museum was bustling with people, we decided to make our way to the exit to _____ from the crowd.

(1) get off
(2) get away
(3) get across
(4) get through

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For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

Frogs, toads and salamanders usually make us think of green, slimy little creatures. These 'creatures' in fact (16) belong to a very special class of animals: amphibians. Amphibians spend their lives in water and on land, and commonly live in varied (17) habitats, rainforests, rivers and streams, deserts and alpine environments. Amphibians which are ectothermic, also known as 'cold-blooded', cannot regulate (18) their own body heat, so they depend (19) on the warmth from the sun.

Over the years, efforts have been made to save these 'creatures' as they play an important role in nature as both predator and prey, sustaining (20) the delicate balance of nature.

16 (1) actually
(2) therefore
(3) thereafter
(4) especially

17 (1) similar
(2) diverse ✓
(3) uniform
(4) separate

18 (1) fuel
(2) retain
(3) control
(4) expand

19 (1) rely
(2) lean
(3) build
(4) count

20 (1) nurturing
(2) continuing
(3) supporting
(4) maintaining

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Study the following flyer carefully and then answer the questions 21 to 28.



RUN FOR HOPE

RUN FOR CANCER RESEARCH · SUPPORT THE CAUSE

CLOSE TO HOME & YOUR HEARTS

RUN FOR HOPE 2015 is here!

***Run For Hope* 2015 is officially open for registration.**

JOIN US in the 3.5 km / 10 km non-competitive leisure run around *The Promontory* @ Marina Bay on 27 December 2015.

Today's Research, Tomorrow's Cure

Let's JOIN FORCES to RAISE AWARENESS + SUPPORT for cancer RESEARCH + CURE, so that more can CELEBRATE survivorship.

Run Categories and Fees

CATEGORY (3.5km / 10km)	Early Bird	Normal
Adult:	$50.00	$55.00
Adult (Past Year participants):	$45.00	$50.00
*Adult (Passion Card members):	$45.00	$50.00
Junior/Youth (5 - 18 years old):	$27.00	$32.00
Buddies (2 Adults):	$42.00	$47.00
**Group (20 pax & above):	$40.00	$45.00

* Enter your 16-digit PAssion Card number in the Promo Code

For group registrations, email details to ***enquiry@runforhope.sg*

All participants will be entitled to a *Run For Hope* T-shirt and a Run Pack.

Please Note:

- **The Early Bird registration closes by 1 November 2015 and the final registration is by 20 December 2015.**
- Age is according to year of birth.
- **'Past Year Participant Rate'** applies if you participated in the *Run For Hope* from year 2008 to 2014.
- When a Past Year Participant registers in the 'Buddies' or 'Group' category, the lower rate applies.

Organised by: FOUR SEASONS HOTEL Singapore · Regent SINGAPORE A FOUR SEASONS HOTEL · National Cancer Centre Singapore SingHealth

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What is *Run For Hope*?

Their Inspiration



Mr Isadore Sharp, CEO and founder of the Canadian-based Four Seasons Hotels & Resorts, lost his fourth son, Christopher, to melanoma cancer in 1978. In memory of his son, Mr Sharp spearheaded a worldwide programme that established annual runs raising funds for cancer research in cities where their hotels and resorts are located. He was inspired by Terry Fox, who despite having lost a leg, ran across Canada to raise money and cancer awareness in 1980. Increasingly convinced that more needed to be done, Mr Sharp ensured his legacy lived on even after Terry's death. Four Seasons employees worldwide have since been supporting Terry's dream in striving to advance cancer research, and *Run For Hope* is one of their efforts. Every Four Seasons hotel and resort actively supports local and regional efforts to find a cure for cancer.

FOUR SEASONS HOTEL
Singapore

Regent
SINGAPORE
A FOUR SEASONS HOTEL

In Singapore

The Four Seasons Hotel Singapore and Regent Singapore, has been supporting local cancer research through an annual run, since 1993, making this the single largest run in aid of cancer research here. Since 2008, they have been partnering the National Cancer Centre Singapore (NCCS) to raise awareness and support for critical, life-saving research by dedicated scientists at the centre. The event maintains its tradition as a non-competitive leisure run so that everyone; anyone; young and old, can join in the worthy cause and have fun.



National Cancer Centre Singapore
SingHealth

National Cancer Centre Singapore (NCCS)

NCCS plays a pivotal role in the holistic care and multi-disciplinary-based treatment of cancer patients in Singapore. As the cancer centre for the community, NCCS sees more than 135,000 patient visits each year. NCCS is staffed with a multi-disciplinary team of specialists and a pool of internationally-trained doctor-scientists who carry out quality research that is applied to clinical care. To provide much needed seeding and bridging funds for an array of translational and clinical research programmes at the NCCS, the NCC Research Fund was established in 2005 to serve as the flagship fundraising and grant-making channel.

Adapted from http://www.runforhope.sg/news/run-for-hope-2016-is-here

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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 The term *Run For Hope* refers to a run to _____.

(1) treat cancer
(2) care for survivors
(3) celebrate survivorship
(4) support cancer research

22 Why is an exclamation mark used in the title 'Run For Hope 2015 is here!'?

(1) to shock the readers
(2) to amuse the readers
(3) to indicate that the event is compulsory
(4) to attract the readers' attention to the event

23 Based on the flyer, which of the following statements is **true**?

(1) First-timers of the run will be entitled a $5 discount.
(2) Email to *enquiry@runforhope.sg* for all group registrations.
(3) A Past Year participant who registers in the 'Buddies' category will pay $47 as the run fee.
(4) Only participants who register before 1 November 2015 will be issued a *Run For Hope* T-shirt and a Run Pack.

24 The purpose of including the section 'What is *Run For Hope*?' is to _____.

(1) inform readers who the organisers are
(2) give readers a better understanding of what cancer is
(3) allow readers to understand the importance of the run
(4) provide readers with more information about the organisers of the run

25 According to the article, who inspired Mr Isadore Sharp to start annual runs worldwide?

(1) Terry Fox
(2) his employees
(3) cancer patients
(4) his son, Christopher

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26 Why is the run set to be a non-competitive and leisure one?

(1) to motivate families to sign up for the run
(2) to encourage more first-timer participants
(3) to ensure that anyone can participate in the run
(4) to allow all cancer patients to participate in the run

27 According to the article, NCC Research Fund was established in 2005 because there was a _____.

(1) shortage of translational and clinical research
(2) shortage of internationally-trained doctor-scientists
(3) need to source for funds to ensure that quality research can take place
(4) need to provide holistic care and multi-disciplinary-based treatment to cancer patients

28 Under the subheading on National Cancer Centre Singapore (NCCS), the word 'pivotal' has the same meaning as _____.

(1) vital
(2) simple
(3) multiple
(4) complex

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LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION

PRIMARY 5

Name : _____ **( )**

Class : Primary 5 / _____

Date : 29 October 2015

BOOKLET B

52 Questions
67 Marks

In this booklet, you should have the following:
a. Page 9 to Page 17
b. Questions 29 to 80

BOOKLET	OBTAINED	POSSIBLE
BOOKLET A		28
BOOKLET B		67
TOTAL		95

Parent's Signature : _____

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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)	between	(D)	from	(G)	in	(K)	on	(N)	to
(B)	by	(E)	had	(H)	of	(L)	than	(P)	when
(C)	for	(F)	have	(J)	off	(M)	then	(Q)	with

A flower is made up of many parts. Long slender stalks called stamens grow from the middle of the flower. An anther sits _____ (29) top of each stamen. It makes pollen. Pollination can happen _____ (30) pollen enters a flower's stigma. Then that flower can make seeds. Yet most flowers need help moving pollen _____ (31) one flower to another. Rooted _____ (32) place, plants must find ways to bring animals to them.

Some plants send a message _____ (33) their colour or shape while some flowers give a road map to reach the pollen. Certain pollinators are driven _____ (34) their sense of smell. Not all smells are good smells as some plants give _____ (35) a foul smell to attract their pollinators. Some animals seem to be better pollinators _____ (36) others. Bees, butterflies, birds and bats usually come _____ (37) mind when we think of pollinators. There are other unexpected ones such as small lizards like geckos.

Plants and their pollinators _____ (38) a special relationship. When pollinators visit flowers, they get something they want – nectar. When they carry the pollen to another plant, the second plant is pollinated. Both the animals and plants benefit.

Adapted from National Geographic Explorer April 2011 – Pollen Power

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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)

Across the industrialised world, women still live 5 to 10 years longer than

(39) [ ]

men. Among people over 100 years old, 85% are women, according on Tom

Perls, founder of the New England Centenarian Study at Boston University.

(40) [ ]

Time.com asked him how women live longer than men.

(41) [ ]

He mentioned that one important reason is the big delay - and edvantayge

(42) [ ]

- women have over men in terms of cardiovascular dizeese, like heart attack

(43) [ ]

and stroke. Women usually develop those problems in their 70s and 80s,

about 10 years later than men, who develop them in their 50s and 60s.

(44) [ ]

Another more complex posserbiliti (for women's longevity) is that women

(45) [ ]

have two X chromosomes, while men have one. When cells go through age and

damage, they have a choice in terms of genes — either on one X chromosome

(46) [ ]

or the other. In women, cells can perhaps be protect by a slightly better

variation of a gene on the second X chromosome. Men do not have this

(47) [ ]

lukxery and do not get this choice.

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(48) [ ]

There are also other ilaberate reasons why men die earlier in life more often than women. Nevertheless, in general, there are maybe three things

(49) [ ]

men do worse than women. They smoke a lot more and eat more food, leads to high cholesterol. In addition, perhaps related to that, men tend not to deal with their stress as well as women. They may be more prone to internalising

(50) [ ]

that rather than letting go — though that is a fairly kontrovercial point.

Adapted from http://content.time.com/time/health/article/0,8599,1827162,00.

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

Polar bears are aquatic animals. Their paws are webbed for swimming _____ (51) their necks are highly extendable for breathing in rough seas. They have a whale-like layer _____ (52) blubber that is buoyant and impervious to cold.

Polar bears _____ (53) swim more than 350 kilometres and run at 40 kilometres _____ (54) hour. They can smell a 70-kilogramme seal under a metre of ice from 1.6 kilometres _____ (55), approach its breathing hole soundlessly, and casually pull it from the sea.

Encounters _____ (56) humans and polar bears are infrequent, and fatal attacks remain exceedingly rare. Polar bears are stealth hunters -- you would not see or hear them until they charge -- and _____ (57) they are hungry enough, they will kill and eat humans. The trauma of _____ (58) chased by a bear is durable and perspective-altering, as _____ (59) by the people in Arviat.

Every autumn, hundreds of polar bears pass by Arviat, a town of 2800 people on the western shore of Hudson Bay. As _____ (60) move northward to the high Arctic, these polar bears range east onto the widening ice of Hudson Bay. By the time the bears _____ (61) Arviat's latitude, most should already be out on the bay, _____ (62) seals. However, the climate has warmed in recent years, and the ice freezes later, so the bears occupy the coast. Their new route runs straight through Arviat, threatening the _____ (63) of the people in the town.

No one in Arviat has yet been mauled or killed, but for many residents, the town has _____ (64) a scary place. No one there will use the word 'cute' to _____ (65) the bears; on the contrary to their image as mascots appearing in Coca-Cola advertisements.

Adapted from Reader's Digest January 2015 - Siege of the Polar Bears

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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 William was chosen to represent the school in the Youth Olympic Games. His classmates were chosen to represent the school too.

_____ along with

_____

67 Sheryl does not want to be a selfish person. She shares whatever she has with her siblings readily.

_____ in order

_____

68 "Did Kevin complete his homework?" my mother asked me.

My mother asked _____

_____

69 Regular exercise helps to tone up your body. It also helps to strengthen your mental health.

_____ not only

_____

70 Jane is baking biscuits for Tom's birthday party.

Biscuits _____

_____

10

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

My family and I were taking a well-deserved vacation to Disneyland. I had never been there before and was eagerly anticipating the magical experience it promised.

There was another reason that this trip was special. My father was a workaholic who worked long hours. I longed to spend time with him. I wanted to be able to sit down with my father, whom I loved more than life, and just talk. It always seemed like there was never time.

The day finally arrived when I was allowed to pack my clothes. I chose only my favourite outfits. I threw in my autograph book and then muscled the suitcase zipper around the overflow of the clothes. I set my suitcase on my comforter and smiled. I was ready.

I did not get any sleep that night. I lay in my bed and stared out the window. I knew that my father's work was going to be left at home, **finally**.

After a brief breakfast, we hit the open road. It was all smooth sailing for the first couple of hours until I unexpectedly felt a sharp jerk. We coasted to the side of the road, and my father said something about the engine being shot. He decided that the easiest thing to do would be to flag someone down and get a ride to town.

An hour later, my father was still waving his hands at each and every passing car but it was not doing any good. Not a single soul would stop to assist my helpless family. Finally, my father gave up and decided to walk into town. I was certain it was a very long distance. I pleaded with him **to stay and try again**, but he was deaf to my pleading. He just said that he would not let anything ruin this trip for me. My heart ached as he put on his coat and began to walk away from our car. My father has a back problem, and he was too stubborn to admit that he was not in any condition to even walk a couple of kilometres.

Then I saw a figure out of the window. It was a lone trucker. I looked around for his truck. I did not see it until I realised that his truck was parked on the other side of the road. He had walked across four lanes to get to us. The feeling I felt at that moment was **indescribable**. Not one other person had taken time out of his or her own selfish life to stop and see if everything was okay, but this man was different. He did not even know us, and he did not expect anything in return.

My father got his ride back to town and our car was repaired. My visions of Mickey Mouse were rekindled, so was my faith that angels do exist. It was of that man's actions that my father and I had the opportunity to grow close again. I still cherish my genuine Mickey Mouse autograph. None of this would have been possible if that man had not given us the gift that he did – the gift of kindness.

Adapted from Chicken Soup for the Preteen Soul – Kindness is a simple gift

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71 State the two reasons why the writer looked forward to taking a vacation to Disneyland. [2m]

(1)	First reason	
(2)	Second reason	

72 Explain fully how the writer knew that he was ready for the vacation. [2m]

73 Fill in the blanks with words from paragraphs 3 to 5 (lines 7 to 16) that have opposite meanings as the following words. [3m]

frowned	
long	
predictably	

74 Explain what the writer meant when he said 'finally' (line 12). [2m]

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75 Why did the writer plead with his father 'to stay and try again' (line 20)? [2m]

76 According to the passage, fill in each box with the cause or effect of the problem faced by the writer and his father. [2m]

Cause	*Effect*
The car engine broke down.	
	The writer's father decided to walk into town.

77 Why do you think the writer's father would want to make sure that the trip was not ruined for the writer? [2m]

78 Who was the 'figure' the writer saw out of the window? [1m]

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79 The writer felt something 'indescribable' (line 27) when he saw the figure. List two descriptions that made him feel that way. [2m]

(1) _____

(2) _____

80 Describe the writer's feelings before and after getting help. [2m]

Before	*After*
The writer was _____	The writer was _____
because _____	because _____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	

END OF PAPER

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Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Q 5	Q 6	Q 7	Q 8	Q9	Q 10
1	**1**	**2**	**4**	**4**	**1**	**1**	**2**	**3**	**3**
Q 11	Q 12	Q 13	Q 14	Q 15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
3	**2**	**1**	**4**	**2**	**1**	**2**	**3**	**1**	**4**
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28		
4	**4**	2	**4**	**1**	**3**	**3**	**1**		

Q 29	Q 30	Q 31	Q 32	Q 33	Q 34	Q 35	Q 36	Q 37	Q 38
K	**P**	**D**	**G**	**Q**	**B**	**J**	**L**	**N**	**F**

Q39 to

Q40 why

Q41 advantage

Q42 disease

Q43 these

Q44 possibility

Q45 aging

Q46 protected

Q47 luxury

Q48 elaborate

Q49 leading

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Q57 if

Q58 being

Q59 told

Q60 they

Q61 reach

Q62 hunting

Q63 lives

Q64 become

Q65 describe

Q66. William, along with his classmates, was chosen to represent the school in the Youth Olympic Games.

Q67. Sheryl shares whatever she has with her siblings readily in order not to be a selfish person.

Q68. My mother asked me if Kevin had completed his homework.

Q69. Regular exercise not only helps to tone up your body but also helps to strengthen your mental health.

Q70. Biscuits for Tom's birthday party are being baked by Jane.

Q71. (1) The writer had never been there before.
Q71. (2) The writer longed to spend time with his father.

Q72. The writer had packed and set the suitcase on his comforter.

Q73. Frowned – smiled Q73. Long – brief Q73. Predictably – unexpectedly

Q74. He meant that his father would leave his work at home and go on a vacation with the family.

Q75. The writer was certain that the walk was a very long distance and his father had a back problem.

Q76. Effect – His father decided to get a ride to town.
Q76. Cause – Not a single soul stopped to assist the writer's company.

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Q77. The writer's father knew that the writer had been looking forward to the vacation and spending time with him.

Q78. It was a lone trucker

Q79. (1) The lone trucker walked across four lanes to get to the writer and his father.

Q79. (2) The lone trucker had taken time from his own life to stop and see if everything was okay with the writer and his family.

Q80. Before – The writer was sad because nobody had taken time from his or her own selfish life to stop and see if everything was okay.

Q80. After – The writer was happy because someone who did not know them helped them to return to town and did not expect anything in return.

THE END

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