NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
FIRST SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2016
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 (OAS). (10 x 1m)

1. My neighbour, _____ car has just passed us, is a famous chef.

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

2. If Lewis is late in submitting his work again, his English teacher _____ him severely.

   (1) reprimanded
   (2) will reprimand
   (3) would reprimand
   (4) would have reprimanded

3. Grace and _____ will be assisting Mrs Lim to decorate the class for the celebration this afternoon.

   (1) I
   (2) me
   (3) her
   (4) him

4. Neither the guests nor the host _____heard the commotion in the garden.

   (1) is
   (2) are
   (3) has
   (4) have

5. Mother made John_____ the floor as he had dirtied it.

   (1) scrub
   (2) scrubs
   (3) scrubbed
   (4) scrubbing

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6. Thousands of people will starve _____ emergency food supplies arrive in time.

(1) if
(2) unless
(3) although
(4) because

7. John's dream is _____ around the world.

(1) travel
(2) travels
(3) travelled
(4) travelling

8. If she _____ sooner, she would not have missed the train.

(1) arrives
(2) has arrived
(3) had arrived
(4) would have arrived

9. Steven lodged a complaint _____ the shopkeeper who sold him a defective product.

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

10. My son, as well as his classmates, _____for the immersion programme next month.

(1) is going
(2) has gone
(3) are going
(4) have gone

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

11. The twins have been studying very hard as they want to _____ a good secondary school next year .

(1) get up
(2) get on
(3) get off
(4) get into

12. To ease the _____ on the roads, the transportation minister announced new measures to control vehicle growth.

(1) obstacles
(2) restriction
(3) hindrance
(4) congestion

13. New Year is a time of celebration that a _____of the people look forward to.

(1) mass
(2) crowd
(3) majority
(4) gathering

14. Red is considered a / an _____ colour during Chinese New Year. It symbolises good luck.

(1) hopeful
(2) promising
(3) auspicious
(4) encouraging

15. As war broke out, many poor people sought _____ in the neighbouring countries.

(1) haven
(2) refuge
(3) homage
(4) safeguard

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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 (OAS). (5 x 1m)

Tea or coffee: which drink is better? Countless **arguments** (16) have been waged over the superiority of one beverage over the other. For many, the caffeine kick is the **primary** (17) reason we choose either beverage. Much to everyone's surprise, scientists **deduce** (18) that increasing the caffeine dose in tea to the same level as coffee makes it just as powerful a wake-up call as coffee. Perhaps the biggest difference between coffee and tea may **become evident** (19) once your head hits the pillow. Researchers confirmed that although both drinks lend similar benefits to your attention during the day, coffee drinkers tend to find it harder to sleep at night. Tea drinkers, in contrast, have more restful and **sustained** (20) sleep. Hence, tea offers many of the benefits of coffee, without the sleepless nights.

Source: http:www.bbc.com

16. (1) views
    (2) beliefs
    (3) debates
    (4) impressions

17. (1) only
    (2) main
    (3) initial
    (4) original

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18. (1) contend
(2) comment
(3) conclude
(4) challenge

19. (1) initiate
(2) happen
(3) emerge
(4) commence

20. (1) brief
(2) lengthened
(3) intermittent
(4) uninterrupted

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Study this flyer carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28. (8 x1m)

NATIONAL SPORTS HUB PRESENTS

FAMILY WEEKEND SPORTS

PARENT & CHILD TAG RUGBY

Journey with Singapore Rugby Union on a 4-session programme for a thrilling non-contact version of rugby for both adults & juniors!



Venue: National Sports Arena
Cost of Programme: $100

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Start snorkelling early! Build water confidence and discipline before future expeditions into deep blue sea with the family members.



Venue: National Aquatic Centre
Cost of Programme : $240

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Learn to shoot some hoops on the weekends with your loved ones. This 4-session values driven, learn-by-play programme is for both adults and children.



Venue: Recreational Centre
Cost of Programme: $120

For registration, visit www.nsh.org/familsports. For enquiries on dates & time, call 6315 0315 or email fws@nsh.org

****All scuba lessons are conducted by qualified instructors and participants are required to have attained at least the Intermediate Level of Singapore Swimming Proficiency Award**

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BENEFITS OF REGULAR EXERCISING

1. Exercise Controls Weight

Exercise coupled with healthy eating can help prevent excess weight gain and maintain weight loss. When you engage in physical activity, you burn calories. The more intense the activity, the more calories you burn. You don't need to set aside a lot of time for exercise to reap weight-loss benefits. If you can't do an actual workout, get more active throughout the day in simple ways — by taking the stairs instead of the lift or by increasing the amount of time spent on household chores.

2. Exercise combats health conditions and diseases

Worried about heart disease? Hoping to prevent high blood pressure? No matter what your current weight is, being active boosts your immune system and improves your blood flow. In fact, regular physical activity can help you prevent or manage a wide range of health problems and concerns, including stroke, diabetes, certain types of cancer and arthritis.

3. Exercise improves mood

Need an emotional lift? Or need to take the edge off after a stressful day? A workout at the gym or a brisk 30-minute walk can help. Physical activity stimulates various brain chemicals that may leave you feeling happier and more relaxed. You may also feel better about your appearance and yourself when you exercise regularly, which can boost your confidence and improve your self-esteem.

4. Exercise can be fun

Exercise can be a fun way to spend some time. It gives you a chance to unwind, enjoy the outdoors or simply engage in activities that make you happy. Engaging in physical activities can also help you connect with family or friends in a fun social setting. So, take a dance class, shoot some hoops or join a soccer team. Find a physical activity you enjoy, and just do it. If you get bored, try something new.

Source:www.mayoclinic.org

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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. To take part in Scuba and Snorkelling Fun, you have to _____.

(1) be a qualified instructor
(2) be able to swim quite well
(3) start snorkelling at an early age
(4) go for an expedition in the sea first

22. Which one of the following statements is **not** correct?

(1) Tag Rugby is the most affordable to join.
(2) Basketball lessons do not require prior experience.
(3) All participants must email fws@nsh.org to register.
(4) Scuba & Snorkelling lessons are conducted at National Aquatic Centre.

23. Who is the main organiser of "Family Weekend Sports"?

(1) OBCA Bank
(2) National Sports Hub
(3) OLD GUMNUT Corporation
(4) Singapore Basketball Association

24. Mr James and his wife love nature and the outdoors. Which programme would you recommend them to take up?

(1) Basketball Fun
(2) Tag Rugby and Basketball
(3) Learn to Swim Programme
(4) Scuba & Snorkelling lessons

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25. Based on the flyer, you can still lose weight without doing regular exercise by _____ .

(1) living a stress-free life
(2) not having any diseases
(3) having a harmonious family life
(4) increasing the number of times you mop and clean the house

26. "BENEFITS OF REGULAR EXERCISING" is in a different font and font size from the rest of the flyer to _____ .

(1) make the flyer more attractive
(2) highlight the advantages of exercising
(3) ensure that the reader knows that it is a caption
(4) inform the reader about the dangers of not exercising

27. According to the flyer, regular exercise can _____.

(1) cure cancer
(2) change your dietary habits
(3) boost your blood circulation
(4) increase your brain power and make you smarter

28. What is the main purpose of the flyer?

(1) To promote weight loss.
(2) To promote family bonding through sports.
(3) To introduce new sports to the community.
(4) To introduce the facilities at the National Sports Hub.

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PRIMARY 5

PAPER 2: BOOKLET B

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

Name: _____( )

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Parent's Signature: _____

Booklet A	**/28**
Booklet B	**/67**
Total	**/95**

Any query on marks awarded should be raised by 18 May 2016. 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 x 1m)**

Use each WORD once ONLY

A)	around	D)	of	G)	so	K)	was	N)	while
B)	for	E)	on	H)	the	L)	were	P)	why
C)	in	F)	since	J)	up	M)	which	Q)	with

It had been a tough day. _____ (29) dawn, our expedition had been pushing through a swamp in the rainforest. We had to struggle through mud and evil-smelling water _____ (30) to our waist at times. Above us arched a canopy _____ (31) dense that it cast a gloom across the ground.

Armies of mosquitoes were swarming _____ (32) us when the jungle suddenly echoed _____ (33) war cries. Tom, my guide, grabbed my arm. We pressed _____ (34), the terrifying sounds shadowing us. It was too late to turn back.

I had journeyed here to visit the closest thing to the Stone Age _____ (35) it was still possible. Fortune seekers and others looking _____ (36) a better life had been pouring _____ (37) from the hopelessly crowded mainland. Primitive tribes like the Korowai, isolated from mankind for thousands of years, _____ (38) under threat. It was dangerous but being able to witness people still living as our ancestors might have tens of thousands of years ago made the risk bearable.

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 x 1m)**

Deepavali, the Festival of Lights, is celebrated by Hindus across the world. It

(39) ☐ marked the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness and is summed **(40)** ☐ over in the

(41) ☐ simple act of lighting an oil lamp. This is precicely what thousands of Hindu families all around Singapore do as they offer prayers and exchange gifts with one other.

(42) ☐ If you long for a slice for the action, you can head to Little India where the

(43) ☐ streets are transfomed into a fantasyland of colourful arches and stunning lights. **(44)** ☐ Inhaling

(45) ☐ the scent of the lush garlands, as you wander through the bazarrs with their glittering gold

(46) ☐ and gems and exkuisitly embroidered saris,

(47) ☐ You can also visit a Hindu home during Deepavali. Each doorway boasted a

(48) ☐ beautiful, vividly-coloured picture creating out of flour, rice or flower petals. It can take the

(49) ☐ form of a *jeometrick* pattern, a floral shape or the shape of animals. Known as 'rangoli', these

(50) ☐ artworks are created to arsher deities into the home. They will then be blessed for the year ahead.

Marks

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word. **(15 x 1m)**

The humble Post-it Note is a common stationery item worldwide. Its _____ **(51)**, 3M, sells 50 billion of the notes each year. Described as the _____ **(52)** to a problem nobody knew existed, these squares did not take off _____ **(53)**. In fact, the Post-its were only sold 12 years after the non-damaging glue used on it was first _____ **(54)**

The glue was the brainchild of Spencer Silver of 3M in 1968. For years, he struggled to _____ **(55)** a use for his invention as no one was _____ **(56)**. In 1974, Art Fry, Spencer's colleague, needed a bookmark that would stick to paper _____ **(57)** damaging it and Spencer's glue came to his _____ **(58)**. When their colleagues started using the notes to pass messages in the office, they _____ **(59)** the full potential of the idea. It would take another 6 years before the notes were _____ **(60)** to the public in 1980.

_____ **(61)** for its inventors, the Post-it notes do not need much advertising. Customers would use them on documents they sent to others, arousing the recipient's _____ **(62)**. After trying the notes, these intrigued recipients would then _____ (63) a pad for themselves.

While the Post-its appear very _____ **(64)**, the technology behind it is very high-tech. The technology remains a closely guarded _____ **(65)** known only to a few. Because of this humble sticky note, the co-inventors are now able to enjoy comfortable retirements.

(Adapted from The 'Hallelujah Moment' Behind the Invention of the Post-it Note)

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). **(5 x 2m)**

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66. "Where were you this morning?" Mary asked Winston.

Mary asked _____

_____

67. Julian helped the old lady cross the road. He was being kind

Out of _____

_____

68. She lied about what she had done. I was hurt.

The fact that _____

_____

69. I like cooking. I do not like washing- up.

I prefer _____

_____

70. The pupils can go for their recess if they have finished cleaning the class.

Unless _____

_____

(Go on to the next page)

Marks

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

My parents migrated from America to Africa and I spent my growing years in Africa. I often accompanied Mother, a doctor, on her rounds. We went in a car that was outfitted to contain a medical chest filled with equipment. In **this mobile clinic**, we travelled to the nearby villages around the South African town that we lived in. Vaccination programmes against the local common diseases were part of our routine.

I helped with the oral vaccine for children. Each child would line up in front of me for a sugar lump coated with the vaccine. Then I would call for 'tongues out' to make sure that the children had all swallowed the vaccine. My biggest problem, however, was preventing the children from lining up again to get a second sweet treat.

As I grew older, wars erupted among the different countries in Africa. To escape, I left for America and worked at a newspaper as a reporter. Years later, the newspaper assigned me to South Africa to report on the local wars. By then, the South African town I had grown up in was cordoned off from foreign reporters. I pretended to be part of the local government officials who were touring the town and managed to slip in unnoticed into my childhood town. I wandered off from the group and drove off to the villages where I had helped Mother with her vaccination programmes.

Soon, I stopped at a trading store. Keen to obtain a story for my newspaper, I asked the storekeeper if he ever saw rebel soldiers in the village. His **wide smile quickly vanished**. From the farthest corner of the store, I heard metallic chinking. In the corner, six men posed menacingly. I had the answer that I wanted. One of them gestured to me and said, "You are coming with us back to our base."

After half a day, the soldiers' English speaker left us and conversation stopped. My captors were rather polite as I had been cooperative from the very beginning. I could guess from their gesturing that the stories about me became more and more embellished as we journeyed to the base camp. I had resisted. I was armed. I was a spy.

We finally reached their base on the second day. I was presented to the camp commander. Until then, I had not understood the languages they were speaking. When the commander gave his orders, it was in the familiar African dialect that I had grown up with. Hesitantly, I greeted him in what I could remember of the dialect.

He was amazed and asked me where I had learnt the dialect. I told him I had grown up around that area. He asked me again for my name and I told him, "Peter Godwin".

"Was your mother Dr Godwin, the doctor who vaccinated the villagers here for free?" he asked and I nodded. Smiling, he pulled up his sleeve and showed me a small vaccination scar on his shoulder. "And you were the one who gave me the sugar lump!" he exclaimed. Shaking my hands enthusiastically, he ordered his soldiers to immediately release me and to take me back to the trading store.

At the trading store, I was returned the things that had been confiscated. Before I left, my four companions insisted on a formal photograph. **I still have the photograph— an evidence that good deed pays off.**

(Adapted from A Good Deed Comes Around)

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71. Where did the writer spend his childhood? [1m]

72. What does the phrase "this mobile clinic" (line 3) refer to ? [2 m]

73. What problem did the writer face when giving out the oral vaccine? [2m]

74. In paragraph 3, how did the writer gain access to the South African town he had grown up in? [2m]

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

broke out	
signalled	
eager	

76. Explain clearly why the storekeeper's "wide smile quickly vanished". (lines 18 to 19) [2m]

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

_____ The commander remembered the writer.

_____ The writer gave African children oral vaccines.

_____ The writer returned to Africa to write about the war.

78. **Explain clearly** why the commander was surprised when the writer first spoke to him. [2m]

_____

_____

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

	True/False	Reason
The writer left Africa to take up a job as a reporter.		
What the captors said about the writer was all true.		
The commander spoke in a language the writer understood.		

80. "I still have the photograph — an evidence that good deed pays off." (lines 38 to 39) In what way had his mother's work resulted in a positive outcome for the writer? [2m]

_____

_____

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

Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33
F	J	G	A	Q
Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
E	N	B	C	L
Q39	Q40	Q41	Q42	Q43
marks	of	precisely	of	transformed
Q44	Q45	Q46	Q47	Q48
Inhale	bazaars	exquisitely	boasts	created
Q49	Q50	Q51	Q52	Q53
geometric	usher	producer	answer	immediately
Q54	Q55	Q56	Q57	Q58
invented	find	interested	without	mind
Q59	Q60	Q61	Q62	Q63
saw	sold	Luckily	interest	get
Q64	Q65			
simple	secret			

66. Mary asked Winston where he had been that morning.

67. Out of kindness, Julian helped the old lady cross the road.

68.

69. I prefer cooking to washing-up.

70. Unless the pupils have finished cleaning the class, they cannot go for their recess.

71. Africa

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72.

73. The writer had to prevent the children from lining up again to get a second sweet treat.

74. the writer pretended to be part of the local government officials who were touring the town. And managed to slip unnoticed into his childhood town.

75.

broke out	erupted
signalled	gestured
eager	keen

76.

77. 3 The commander remembered the writer.

1 The writer gave African children oral vaccines.

2 The writer returned to Africa to write about the war.

78. He did not expect an American to speak an African dialect.

79.

	True/False	Reason
The writer left Africa to take up a job as a reporter.	False	The writer left for America to escape the wars.
What the captors said about the writer was all true.	False	
The commander spoke in a language the writer understood.	True	The commander gave his orders in the familiar African dialect that the writer had grown up with.

80. The writer was released by the rebel soldiers.

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