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PRIMARY 5 MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2016

Name : _____ ( )

Class : Primary 5 ( )

Parent's signature : _____

Date: 10 May 2016

Time: 8.00 – 9.50 a.m.

Duration: 1 hour 50 minutes

Marks: _____ / 95

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2
(BOOKLET A)

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES :

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

1. Cindy _____ stickers on her bedroom wall for the past three hours.

   (1) pastes
   (2) pasted
   (3) was pasting
   (4) has been pasting

2. Mrs Teo asked her husband, "Did you _____ our ladder to the neighbours?"

   (1) lent
   (2) lend
   (3) had lent
   (4) have lent

3. Each rabbit _____ a carrot by the children who visited the farm.

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

4. _____ Louisa, who was away in Thailand, we were all at Jane's birthday party.

   (1) Without
   (2) Besides
   (3) Although
   (4) In spite of

5. Mr Ramlee is the man to _____ regarding which song you should sing for the competition.

   (1) ask
   (2) asks
   (3) be asking
   (4) have asked

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6. He had two daughters, one of _____ married a judge.

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

7. By the end of this week, Sam _____ how to ride a horse.

(1) learnt
(2) learns
(3) had learnt
(4) will have learnt

8. Last week, the Prime Minister _____ about the importance of a good education.

(1) spoke
(2) has spoken
(3) had spoken
(4) has been speaking

9. The increasing use of computers _____ common these days in our classroom.

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

10. If you _____ need any help, please approach the teachers on duty.

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

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

11. The passengers on the sinking ship were saved by the captain's _____.

(1) pride
(2) heroism
(3) charisma
(4) contribution

12. I knew something was amiss when his voice _____ his nervousness.

(1) betrayed
(2) displayed
(3) unmasked
(4) confessed

13. We had orange juice to _____ our thirst after the tiring walk around the park.

(1) spur
(2) whet
(3) quench
(4) moisten

14. The police viewed the video recordings to _____ whether the valuables had been stolen.

(1) notice
(2) witness
(3) observe
(4) determine

15. We tried to persuade him to come to the party with us, but he was _____ about staying at home.

(1) rigid
(2) strict
(3) positive
(4) adamant

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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.

Jinda gave the pot a quick stir, wishing she had some fish, or better yet, meat, to put into the stew. She added strips of eggplant and **(16)** **drizzled** vinegar and olive oil onto it.

In the main part of the house, the others were just waking up. The fragrance of the stew had awakened their **(17)** **palate**. Jinda could hear her grandmother putting away the sleeping mats and mosquito nets. Jinda's father was already making his way downstairs to feed the buffalo **(18)** **tied** to a tree next to the house. Last of all to get up was little Pinit whose footsteps could be heard **(19)** **moving lightly and quickly** across the wooden floorboards of the porch. Jinda called out to him to take his bath.

"I see a butterfly!" shouted Pinit. He ran after the beautiful insect which landed on the hibiscus hedge outside their doorway. He picked a flower and **(20)** **meticulously** peeled each petal off. Then, he stuck one of the petals on his nose. It was a game he liked to play with Jinda, to see who could balance a sticky hibiscus petal on the nose the longest.

Adapted from 'Rice Without Rain' by Ho Minfong

16. (1) spilt
    (2) scooped
    (3) speckled
    (4) sprinkled

17. (1) senses
    (2) hunger
    (3) appetite
    (4) appreciation

18. (1) joined
    (2) buckled
    (3) tethered
    (4) connected

19. (1) dragging
    (2) pattering
    (3) lumbering
    (4) sauntering

20. (1) hastily
    (2) clumsily
    (3) carefully
    (4) painfully

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

Title of the Book: How to do Magic Tricks

This book has over 120 close-up magic tricks revealed with more than 1100 step-by-step photographs for beginners and famous magicians.

A magician's golden rule is always to keep the secret.

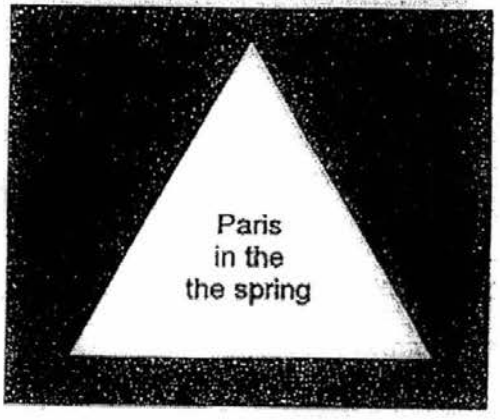


Content Page

Chapters		Learn how to:
1	Card Magic	restore torn cards to their original form
2	Dinner Table Magic	make dinner table items like cutlery, straws, cups and sugar cubes disappear
3	String, Cord and Rope Magic	make a knot untangle on its own
4	Mind Magic	'read' your friends' minds
5	Money Magic	make money appear out of thin air

Images that Trick Your Eyes

1. Read the sentence in the triangle.
2. Read it again.
3. Did you notice that the word "the" is printed twice? Chances are you did not. Sometimes, you can look directly at something and yet fail to see the whole picture.





Find out about the magician's equipment

- ✓ money
- ✓ stationery
- ✓ playing cards
- ✓ cups and balls
- ✓ rope and string
- ✓ household items e.g. plates and brushes

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Tricking People

Some people will feel threatened when they realise that you are going to "play a trick on them".

They may respond with a line such as "Oh! Please don't pick me."

× Do not make them feel silly or look foolish.

Do's

✓ Be aware that there is a fine line between amazing someone and frustrating or offending him / her.

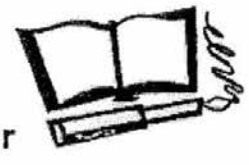
✓ Win your audience over by building a rapport with them – a feeling of mutual respect.

Reviews:

"The finest magic book ever!"
- Paul Michaels

"Easy to follow magic tricks to amaze your audience!"
- David Silverfield

$18.90 at all bookshops!



Meet the Author

Meet Nicholas Evans
at 3pm on Friday, 3 June
at Suntec City Ballroom 2
for a book signing session.

Our first 50 guests will receive a signed copy of 'How to Do Magic Tricks' for free!
(Limited to 1 copy per person)

No registration required.

About the author

Nicholas Evans is a highly experienced magician.

Credentials:

✓ Awarded the prestigious "Gold Star" for his high standard of performance

✓ Performed at celebrity parties

✓ Awarded 'Best Magician' on London television

✓ Shared his magic tricks with established names in the business, such as Paul Michaels and David Silverfield.

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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. This advertisement promotes a book that is _____.

(1) authored by David Silverfield
(2) kept secret from many people
(3) filled with photographs of tricks
(4) priced at more than twenty dollars

22. The idea of 'Images that Trick Your Eyes' is to _____.

(1) deceive the readers
(2) make the readers look silly
(3) tell readers to cover their eyes
(4) build rapport with the audience

23. Which of the following are <u>not</u> examples of a magician's equipment?

(1) brushes
(2) photographs
(3) rope and string
(4) stationery and playing cards

24. Which of the following statements is true?

(1) Dinner table items are used in all magic tricks.
(2) Nicholas Evans does not perform on London television.
(3) A magician's golden rule is to share all his trade secrets.
(4) Nicholas Evans shares his magic tricks with other magicians.

25. Based on the advertisement, _____ is <u>not</u> a content of the book.

(1) untangling knots
(2) the sale of dinner cutlery
(3) reading your friends' minds
(4) restoring a torn card to its original form

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26. The advertisement included reviews about the book to _____.

(1) encourage people to purchase it
(2) inform readers of the secret behind top magic tricks
(3) invite members of the public to participate in magic tricks
(4) feature magicians who are recognised for their performances

27. Which of the following gives the correct information for the 'Meet the Author' session?

(1) Nicholas Evans will start the session in the morning.
(2) Nicholas Evans will make his appearance on 3 June.
(3) Each guest needs to register before attending the session.
(4) Only the first 50 guests get to buy a signed copy of the book.

28. All headings are in bold in this flyer to _____.

(1) bring readers' attention to the key information
(2) discourage readers from looking at the price of the book
(3) show how effective words are, compared to the use of pictures
(4) draw the readers' attention away from the secret tricks they could learn

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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) a	(D) for	(G) if	(K) off	(N) the
(B) all	(E) from	(H) in	(L) on	(P) us
(C) and	(F) I	(J) me	(M) since	(Q) with

Sunday was my favourite day of the week. It always started with my father singing operas _____ (29) the shower. He often made up his own lyrics, English mixed _____ (30) snatches of French, Spanish and Arabic. In the dining room, Jamal, our cook, was taking breakfast orders _____ (31) my brother, Ali. I could tell that Jamal was looking forward to preparing _____ (32) a hearty breakfast from the broad smile on his face.

Soon, _____ (33) smell of pancakes was coming from the kitchen. Jamal had made his specialities – honey pancakes _____ (34) egg salad. There would have been chocolate sauce too, _____ (35) Ali had his way

My mother called out, "Kids, come and get it! First come, first served! You snooze, you lose!" It was time to throw _____ (36) the blanket and get out of bed. I made a dash _____ (37) the kitchen. My mother smiled at us warmly.

"Enjoy your pancakes," she said as she ruffled my hair. She planted a kiss on my head and then Ali's, before putting the plate of steaming pancakes in front of Ali and _____ (38). I wasted no time in devouring them.

Adapted from 'She Wore Red Trainers' by Naima b. Robert

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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)

When my family moved to a new town, my sister, Maha, and I attended a new school. I focussed on studying, and in a short time, it became known that I always (39) [ ] *achieve the highest grades in all my classes. Many girls then sought my friendship,* (40) [ ] *and that made me feel popular. It was around that time when Nahida came across my life.*

(41) [ ] (42) [ ]

During one reccess, Nahida approached us. I was sharing a sandwitch with Maha when Nahida snatched it from us and began to eat it. When she was done, she (43) [ ] *threw the wrapper onto the ground and leave. Maha covered her face and began to cry. I knew that reporting the incident to the teachers would amount to nothing. As* (44) [ ] *Nahida's father was the principel at the boys' school next door, our teachers did not* (45) [ ] *wanted to offend him so they usually overlooked Nahida's actions.* (46) [ ]

Maha and I decided not to tell our mother about Nahida as Mum had tell us at the beginning of the year that if we were involved in any kind of school trouble, she

(47) [ ] (48) [ ]

would punish us serverly. Hence, we lived in fear and resoted to hiding in corners (49) [ ] *and eating. We even hid in the bathroom ocassionally in order to avoid Nahida's* (50) [ ] *antticipated demand for a share. That lasted for a whole term, until I decided I could no longer tolerate my fear of Nahida.*

Adapted from 'Beating A Bully' by Ibtisam S. Barakat

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

In the chilly mountains of Nepal, James and his mountain guide, Sam, made their way to the summit. Suddenly, James heard the crackling of twigs behind them. This was _____ (51) by the hiss of an angry animal. Sam whirled _____ (52).

James stood rooted to the _____ (53). An animal the size of a large cat was sitting on top of a rock. It was _____ (54) hard at them with its two round, pebble-like eyes. Sam took a step forward. The animal immediately reared up on _____ (55) hind legs, hissing even more fiercely. In its mouth were a set of needle-sharp _____ (56).

The creature resembled _____ (57) a fox and a bear. Its hair was thick and ginger-coloured. It had four stubby, powerful _____ (58), a bushy tail, pointed ears and a white patch around its eyes. James had _____ (59) seen a creature like that before!

James hid behind a bamboo tree. Sam had to _____ (60) back a laugh. "It's a red panda. They're rare," he explained. Embarrassed, James emerged from his hiding spot and his _____ (61) was as red as a tomato. Sam assured him that red pandas were friendly _____ (62) provoked. Shivering in the cold _____ (63), James quickly put away his camera and decided not to take a _____ (64) of the red panda. Like a cat, it kept its eyes _____ (65) James and Sam as they walked away. It was poised to attack if they suddenly decided to come back. After a while, the red panda fell asleep undisturbed.

Adapted from 'Lair of the Leopard' by Bear Grylls

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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. The invitations have been delivered to the guests. They indicated the date and venue of the event.

_____ that

_____

67. My friends love durians. Only Jane does not.

All _____

_____

68. Tom carried two heavy backpacks quickly up the stairs. Yet, Minah complained that he was unhelpful.

_____ even though

_____

69. "I did not take your pencil last night," Peter told his sister.

Peter told _____

_____

70. Rachel is disabled. She is taking part in the race on her wheelchair.

Despite her _____

_____

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

A long time ago, giants ruled the Solomon Islands. On one of these islands lived a widow, Tatau, and her two sons, Joe and Roy. One morning, they heard horns being blown by the villagers, followed by the sound of beating drums. This signified that there were large schools of tuna in the sea in front of them. Joe and Roy knew that it was a good chance to bring in this much-prized catch. Soon, they were placing the hooks and fishing lines in their canoe. They climbed aboard and paddled their way out to join the rest of the fishermen. Tatau stayed at home and went about her normal daily morning chores.

While the brothers were catching tuna, Joe heard his mother screaming for help. He told Roy to stay quiet for a moment. Since they heard no other sound, they went back to their fishing. Moments later, they both heard their dog at home barking non-stop. Both brothers knew that something was wrong. They quickly paddled back to shore. They ran to the house while calling out for their mother. However, all they found was their dog helplessly growling. Tatau was nowhere to be seen. The boys knew something terrible had happened to their mother.

Joe and Roy searched the house and found giant footprints. They quickly deduced that a giant had taken their mother. Giant abductions were common in other villages from time to time. Gathering their bags, axes and spears with their dog following the scent of the giant's trail, they set out in the hope that their mother might still be alive.

With no clear plan of what they would do if they did catch up with the giant, Joe and Roy reached a river's edge. It was apparent to them that the giant was following the river towards the mountains. The coastal people believed that it was dangerous to go to these mountains which were known to be giant territory. If someone did venture there, it was quite likely that they would not return. However, with the obvious giant footprints to follow and their dog still on the scent, they followed the giant's trail along the river's edge for some kilometres. This was a good sign that their mother might still be alive, as there was no evidence that the giant had stopped anywhere to make a meal out of her.

At the foothills of the big mountains, the brothers were fully aware that they could not call out for their mother as this would possibly alert the giant. Their dog sniffed and dug madly under a boulder, which appeared to be the entrance to some sort of cave. With their dog relentlessly digging away at the soil, Tatau's sons guessed that their mother was behind it. The brothers tried to roll the huge stone to the side but found it far too heavy to move. With their bare hands and axes, they began digging away at the soil to loosen the rock.

The giant had temporarily placed Tatau behind that boulder so that he could gather some taro leaves, which these beasts liked eating. He also needed to collect some firewood to build a fire and keep himself warm at night. Joe forced his hand through a small opening which they had made, hoping to find his mother. Tatau grabbed it tightly, much to the brothers' relief. Fully aware that the giant might return at any time, the boys dug frantically, to widen the hole enough to get their mother out.

Adapted from 'Solomon Islands Mysteries' by Marius Boirayon

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71. **What did the villagers do to inform the fishermen about the presence of tuna in the water near them? [2m]**

_____

_____

72. Which two-word phrase in paragraph 1, tells us that tuna was very valuable to the villagers? [1m]

73. What weapons did Joe and Roy take with them to rescue their mother? [2m]

_____

_____

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

_____ Tatau screamed for help at the sight of the giant.

_____ The brothers loaded their canoe with fishing equipment.

_____ The dog picked up the scent and tracked the giant's trail.

75. Choose words from paragraphs 2 and 3 which have similar meanings to the words below. [3m]

rowed	
snarling	
smell	

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76. Give two reasons why the mountains were unsafe for humans [2m]

1. _____

2. _____

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
Tatau did not go fishing.		
Tatau's sons heard her call for help.		
The giant who abducted Tatau headed towards the sea.		

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78. The table below shows the actions taken by the brothers and the giant and their corresponding reasons. Complete the table with answers from the passage. [2m]

Action [1m]	Reason [1m]
	The brothers did not want to alert the giant.
The giant left Tatau behind a boulder.	

79. Referring to paragraph 6, why were Joe and Roy relieved? [2m]

_____

_____

80. Referring to paragraphs 5 and 6, what value did Joe and Roy display? Give one reason to support your answer. [2m]

_____

_____

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EXAM PAPER 2016 (P5)

SCHOOL : TAO NAN

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

TERM : SA1

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
4	2	3	2	1	3	4	1	1	4
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
2	1	3	4	4	4	3	3	2	3
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
3	1	2	4	2	1	2	1	H	Q
Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38		
E	P	N	C	G	K	D	J		

39)achieved 40)into 41)recess 42)sandwich 43)left

44)principal 45)want 46)told 47)severely 48)resorted

49)occasionally 50)anticipated 51)followed 52)around

53)ground 54)staring 55)its 56)teeth 57)both

58)legs 59)never 60)hold 61)face 62)unless

63)weather 64)picture 65)on

66)The invitations that have been delivered to the guests the date and venue of the event.

67)All my friends except Jane lave durians.

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68)Minah complained that Tom was unhelpful even though he carried two heavy backpacks quickly up the stairs.

69)Peter told his sister that he had not taken her pencil the previous night.

70)Despite her disability, Rachel is taking part in the race on her wheelchair.

71)The villagers blow into horns and beat on drums.

72)much-prized catch.

73)Joe and Roy took axes spears to rescue their mother.

74)2, 1, 3

75)paddled

growling

scent

76)1)The mountains were known to be giant territory.

2)If someone were to venture in the mountains, it was quite likely that they would not return.

77)True / Tatau stayed at home and went about her normal daily morning chores.

False / Only Joe heard his mother screaming for help.

False / The giant who abducted Tatau was following the their to reach the mountain.

78)i)The brothers did not call out to their mother

78)ii)The giant had to collect some taro leaves to eat and some firewood to build fireplace and keep himself warm.

79)Joe and Ray's mother grabbed Joe's hand tightly and forced it into the small opening he made, which meant that his mother was alive.

80)Joe and Roy displayed courage. They knew that he mountains were dangerous and that the giant might return any time and eat them, but they were willing to rich their lives and save their mother.

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