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RED SWASTIKA SCHOOL

2016 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2

ENGLISH LANGUAGE – PAPER 2

LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION

PRIMARY 5

Name : _____ ( )

Class : Primary 5 / _____

Date : 25 October 2016

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 My mother allowed Alice, Ben and _____ to go swimming as we had completed all our homework.

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

2 Joshua was late for school _____ he woke up late this morning.

(1) but
(2) instead
(3) because
(4) therefore

3 By the time Mr Tan finished cooking, the children _____ asleep.

(1) fell
(2) falls
(3) had fallen
(4) have fallen

4 Sarah and I _____ on the pavement when a bicycle whizzed past us suddenly.

(1) am walking
(2) are walking
(3) was walking
(4) were walking

5 Mrs Wong made her children _____ their room before going out for a movie.

(1) clean
(2) cleans
(3) cleaned
(4) cleaning

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6 Dan often goes jogging after work, _____ ?

(1) did he
(2) does he
(3) didn't he
(4) doesn't he

7 Mr Johnson, _____ family just moved into the neighbourhood last month, is very sociable.

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

8 The two men were charged _____ stealing and selling of mobile phones.

(1) of
(2) for
(3) with
(4) about

9 You have to put these toys somewhere else as there is not _____ space left in the box.

(1) few
(2) little
(3) many
(4) much

10 I _____ not be able to make it for your birthday party tomorrow as my flight has been delayed.

(1) may
(2) must
(3) shall
(4) could

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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 Mrs Tan was horrified when she found the storeroom to be _____ with cockroaches.

(1) invaded
(2) infested
(3) intruded
(4) invested

12 Helen was dismayed to see that the black sauce had left an _____ stain on her silk dress.

(1) indelible
(2) irrelevant
(3) incorrigible
(4) irreversible

13 A good leader has the ability to _____ the people around him to follow his command.

(1) affect
(2) change
(3) influence
(4) manipulate

14 The new shop is offering many free gifts and vouchers as a sales _____ to attract more customers.

(1) ploy
(2) fraud
(3) scheme
(4) gimmick

15 The two sisters _____ because of a little misunderstanding.

(1) fell off
(2) fell out
(3) fell apart
(4) fell 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)

A 12-year-old boy, Ashvin, was given the Public Spiritedness Award. He was commended for being concerned with the needs of others before his own **(16)**. Ashvin was on his way home from school when he witnessed a traffic accident. Despite warnings from his friends that it might be dangerous **(17)**, Ashvin went to help one of the drivers who was crying loudly **(18)**. While waiting for the ambulance, he also checked **(19)** the other driver to see if he was fine. He had rushed to help the victims because other passers-by were preoccupied with **(20)** taking pictures of the accident with their phones. Ashvin was glad that he had done something to help.

Adapted from *The Straits Times on June 3, 2016*

16 (1) humble
(2) selfless
(3) thoughtful
(4) benevolent

17 (1) risky
(2) lethal
(3) petrifying
(4) audacious

18 (1) bawling
(2) sobbing
(3) weeping
(4) groaning

19 (1) analysed
(2) reviewed
(3) examined
(4) scrutinised

20 (1) attentive to
(2) engrossed in
(3) mesmerised by
(4) concerned about

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



Singapore Zoo

World's Best Rainforest Zoo

5 - 27 November 2016
(weekends only)



Zoolympix 2016

Transform into wildlife *Zooperheroes* and learn all about saving animals and conserving wildlife!



Wild Snaps

Say 'hi' and snap a picture with your favourite larger-than-life mascots, Ah Meng and friends.

Time: 10.00am, 12.00pm 4.00pm (30 minutes each)

Venue: Singapore Zoo Entrance Plaza

Ah Meng-zing Hairdo!

Is your hair as wild as Ah Meng's? Have you seen his craziest hairdo on Twitter?

Win attractive prizes by uploading your wackiest hairdo on Instagram! The winning picture will be put up on the Singapore Zoo website!

Psst...the picture with the most number of likes may not necessarily be the winning one!

Date: 5 – 18 November 2016



Chit-chat with Orang Utans' Keepers

Learn about the quirks and personalities of our Orang Utan family from our friendly animal keepers!

Time: 11.30am, 2.30pm, 4.00pm
(10 minutes each time)

Venue: Free Ranging Orang Utan Exhibit



Did you know?

Orang Utans are losing their forest home to palm oil and paper plantations. Let's be conscious consumers by purchasing sustainably-sourced products!

Enjoy unlimited access to Jurong Bird Park, Night Safari, River Safari and Singapore Zoo with just 1 membership card. Prices start from only $119*. Visit members.wrs.com.sg for more information!
***Terms and conditions apply.**

Brought to you by:

Wildlife Reserves Singapore Group

Jurong Bird Park · Night Safari · River Safari · Singapore Zoo

Adapted from http://www.zoo.com.sg/ahmeng-zing/

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Overview

Known for their distinctive red fur, Orang Utans are the largest arboreal mammal, spending most of their time in trees. Long, powerful arms and grasping hands and feet allow them to move through the branches. These great apes share 96.4% of our genes and are highly intelligent creatures.

The name 'Orang Utan' means 'man of the forest'. In the lowland forests in which they reside, they feast on wild fruits and slurp water from holes in trees. Adult male Orang Utans can weigh up to 200 pounds.



Endangered Species

The two species of Orang Utan, Bornean and Sumatran, differ little in appearance and behaviour although the Sumatran Orang Utans have longer facial hair. Both species have experienced sharp population declines and there are few left in the world.



Why They Matter

Orang Utans are 'gardeners' of the forest, playing a vital role in seed dispersal in their habitats. They live in tropical forests and prefer forests in river valleys and floodplains of their respective islands. Their extremely low reproductive rate makes their populations highly vulnerable. Females give birth to one infant at a time every 3 - 5 years.

Threats

Hunting and Illegal Wildlife Trade

Orang Utans are easy targets for hunters because they are large and slow targets. They are killed for food or in retaliation when they move into agricultural areas and destroy crops. This usually occurs when Orang Utans cannot find the food they need in the forest. Females are hunted most often. When caught with offspring, the young are often kept as pets.



Adapted from *http://www.worldwildlife.org/species/orangutan*

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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 main objective of the flyer is to _____.

(1) encourage visitors to go to the Singapore Zoo
(2) educate the public about Ah Meng and his friends
(3) learn about the quirks and personalities of orang utans
(4) give visitors a chance to win attractive prizes in the contest

22 The Ah Meng-zing Experience is organised by _____.

(1) Zoolympix
(2) River Safari and Zoolympix
(3) Singapore Zoo and Zoolympix
(4) Wildlife Reserves Singapore Group

23 Why is an exclamation mark used at the end of the catchphrase 'Transform into wildlife Zooperheroes and learn all about saving animals and conserving wildlife!'?

(1) to attract visitors to visit the Singapore Zoo
(2) to draw attention to the lives of wild animals
(3) to emphasise on how to transform into wildlife Zooperheroes
(4) to excite visitors to learn more about saving animals and conserving wildlife

24 How can you participate in the Ah Meng-zing Hairdo contest?

(1) Upload a picture of your craziest hairdo on Instagram
(2) Take a picture of Ah Meng's weirdest hairdo and upload it on Twitter.
(3) Gather as many 'likes' as you can on Instagram for the picture of your silliest hairdo.
(4) Put up a picture of yourself and Ah Meng with his silliest hairdo on the Singapore Zoo website.

25 If I want to take a photograph with the mascots of Ah Meng and his friends, can turn up at _____.

(1) 4.45pm at the Singapore Zoo Entrance Plaza
(2) 12.05pm at the Singapore Zoo Entrance Plaza
(3) 11.30am at the Free Ranging Orang Utan Exhibit
(4) 2.35pm at the Free Ranging Orang Utan Exhibit

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26 Why are Orang Utans known as 'gardeners' of the forest?

(1) They help to disperse seeds in the forest.
(2) They take care of the trees in the tropical forests.
(3) They spend most of their time planting trees in the forests.
(4) They feast on wild fruits and slurp water from holes in trees.

27 Which one of the following statements is false?

(1) Male Orang Utans weigh 200 pounds.
(2) Orang Utans live in the lowland forests.
(3) Orang Utans are a highly endangered species.
(4) Bornean and Sumatran Orang Utans look very much alike.

28 Which of the following is **not** a reason why hunters kill Orang Utans.

(1) Orang Utans are often kept as pets.
(2) Orang Utans serve as food to some people.
(3) Orang Utans destroy the crops in the agricultural areas.
(4) Orang Utans move slowly and are easy targets for hunters.

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PRIMARY 5

Name : _____ ( )

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Date : 25 October 2016

BOOKLET B

52 Questions
67 Marks

In this booklet, you should have the following:
a. Page 9 to Page 16
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) a	(D) in	(G) the	(K) to	(N) who
(B) an	(E) out	(H) their	(L) up	(P) whom
(C) at	(F) over	(J) they	(M) which	(Q) with

From Woodlands in the north to Kallang in the south, this tiny island of 5.39 million people came together, if just for a fleeting moment. Housewives doing _____ (29) Saturday marketing, children in the middle of football training, and old men meeting up _____ (30) friends for breakfast, all stopped their activities _____ (31) watch one boy make history. _____ (32) realising his dream of the Olympic gold, he also realised theirs. At the HDB Hub in Toa Payoh, _____ (33) 100 people turned up to watch Joseph Schooling's race, two of _____ (34) were accountant Jasmine Ong, 38, and her four-year-old son Ren Jie. Said Jamine, "I think it's the biggest birthday present for Singapore's 51st birthday."

Many Singaporeans gathered at the OCBC Aquatic Centre and broke _____ (35) in riotous cheers as Schooling won Singapore's first gold medal at the Olympic Games.

The crowd cheered throughout the 100m butterfly final and many leapt for joy when Schooling touched the wall in a record time of 50.39 seconds - _____ (36) new Olympic record. Former national swimmer Joscelin Yeo, _____ (37) was at the OCBC Aquatic Centre with her family, said, "I'm _____ (38) a loss for words. I'm just so happy, so proud of him."

Straight after his historic golden feat, Schooling told Singapore media in Rio de Janeiro, "This swim wasn't for me. It's for my country."

Adapted from http://www.straitstimes.com/sport/singaporeans-cheer-schooling-as-nation-hopes-for-first-olympic-gold-medal

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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)

Pangolins, often called 'scaly anteaters', are covered in tough scales.

(39) [ ]

These mammals have vorayshious appetites and eat ants and termites using

(40) [ ] **(41)** [ ]

their extraordinary long, sticky tongues. They are able to quickly roll itself up into a tight ball when threatened. Eight different pangolin species can be found across

(42) [ ]

Asia and sub-Saharan Africa. These animals are poched for illegal wildlife trade.

(43) [ ] **(44)** [ ]

Habitat lose has also made them suceptabel to being hunted.

(45) [ ] **(46)** [ ]

Pangolins vaeri in size and they weigh between about 1.6kg to about 33kg.

(47) [ ]

Their bodies are covered with overlap scales. These scales are made of keratin

(48) [ ]

— the same protein which form human hair and finger nails. The scale edges are

(49) [ ]

constantly filed down as pangolins barrou and tunnel through the soil in search

(50) [ ]

with termites and ants. Unlike African pangolins, Asian pangolins also have thick bristles that emerge from between their scales.

Adapted from http://savepangolins.org/what-is-a-pangolin/

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

When I was in primary school, being 'cool' did not matter to me at all. Then I went to secondary school, and it was clear there were only two _____ (51): I could be cool, or I could be invisible. I have to say, though, I was doing pretty well at being invisible.

Then on the third period of the first day in secondary school, a teacher made us _____ (52) a questionnaire out with 'getting-to-know-you' questions.

I _____ (53) that she would be reading them privately, so I felt safe _____ (54) my responses with her. The teacher collected the sheets, shuffled them, and _____ (55) them to the class. We were _____ (56) to read out the student's name and the given response. My sheet ended up in the _____ (57) of one of the meanest students in class. He stared at my responses with his mouth wide open, then burst into loud peals of _____ (58).

He stood up to share my response with the class. The question was 'What is your favourite movie?'- to which I had _____ (59) 'Beauty and the Beast'. The students in class made no _____ (60) to hide their amusement. Within seconds, everyone in the class was laughing. Embarrassed, I felt about an inch tall. My eyes were _____ (61) on the ground, wishing that it would open and swallow me up there and _____ (62).

Suddenly, a voice from the back of the room said, "Cut it out." It _____ (63) to Michelle Siever. She turned to the class and said, "Why are you making fun of her?"

One thing for _____ (64), I will never forget Michelle Siever. I learnt a valuable _____ (65) that day. You can be cool, and be remembered for a little while. You can be invisible, and not be remembered at all, or you can stand up for others when they need you most, and you will be remembered as their hero for the rest of their lives.

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Adapted from http://www.rd.com/true-stories/inspiring/classmate-stood-up-to-bullies/html

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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 Everyone wants to attend the New Year celebration. Daphne does not want to attend the New Year celebration.

Except _____

_____

67 Sheep are sheared regularly in the farms in New Zealand.

The shearing _____

_____

68 "Did you take the medication last night?" Mother asked Gabriel.

Mother asked _____

_____

69 Tina wants to go to the River Safari. Tina's brothers want to go to the River Safari too.

_____ together with

_____

70 Kimberly has set up the stage for the big show tonight.

_____

_____

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

When I was growing up, my parents took teaching jobs in a remote town in Quezon Province, the Philippines, leaving me and my younger sister and two younger brothers in the care of my grandparents in the town of Sampaloc.

Nanay, as we called my grandmother, did not hug or kiss children. A woman with a sharp tongue and words that make the heart bleed, Nanay was a **tyrant** - but she was there. We saw our parents only a few times a year, but as early as I could remember, Nanay had always been a part of my life. I believed grandmothers lived forever.

Nanay taught me many lessons. Most importantly, she taught me that my happiness comes first. "At the end of your life, you do not want to regret living a life for others but not yourself," she would always say.

Still, she had her weaknesses. When we were little, she adopted orphaned cats that slept on the sofa with her. The cats defecated inside the house and it made the whole place stink, but Nanay did not have the heart to punish them.

It was a different story with her grandchildren. When we displeased her, she threatened to die and haunt us. My grandfather was a submissive, quiet man who never interferred when Nanay spewed the curses that would befall us if we did not behave. As a result, I never feared anything like ghosts or vampires because I lived with the **'Real Thing'**; Nanay could terrorise both young children and old men.

When I was thirteen, Nanay sent me to Manila to attend high school, and I stayed there for university. I came back each summer, but after I got married the visits became less frequent. Soon all of her grandchildren had moved out. After my grandfather had died, Nanay was left on her own. In her letters to me, she wrote of how lonely she was, but I never made the effort to spend more time with her.

Nanay died last year after suffering a stroke. She was 83. After the funeral, I went to our old house and helped sort through her possessions. I came across an old set of white crocheted curtains that she had made. I had not seen them in years. It was delicate. As I admired the hard work in the pattern, I realised I could repair the piece – using the crochet skills Nanay had taught me – and turn it into a tablecloth

When I visited her grave, I was filled with sorrow as I reflected on all the birthdays I had allowed to pass. I thought about all the stories she never got a chance to tell me, about her life, about the girl she once had been. It occurred to me that perhaps she did not know how to tell me because I had never thought to ask.

When the crocheted curtain-turned-tablecloth is complete, I will try something else. Maybe I will cook sweetened sticky rice or make a patchwork blanket from scrap cloth. The way Nanay taught me, the way I remember. I **was right all along**. Grandmothers live forever. They are in their granddaughters' hearts.

Adapted from Adapted from Reader's Digest My Story – The Grand in Grandmother

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71 Which province was the writer and her family living in? [1m]

72 In what way was Nanay a 'tyrant' (line 5) to the writer? [2m]

73 What did Nanay tell the writer to make a priority in her life? Why? [2m]

74 What was the **'Real Thing'** (line 17-18) that the writer likened Nanay to? [2m]

75 Fill in the blanks with words from paragraphs 5 to 6 (lines 14 to 23) that have the same meanings as the following words. [3m]

accommodating	
frighten	
regular	

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76 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
Nanay allowed the cats to defecate in the house.		
The writer's grandfather defended his grandchildren when Nanay scolded them.		
Nanay felt very lonely after the writer's grandfather had died.		

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

_____ The writer went to university in Manila.

_____ The writer found an old set of white crocheted curtains in Nanay's house.

_____ Nanay told the writer and her siblings that she would die and haunt them.

78 What was the realisation that the writer had when she visited Nanay's grave? [2m]

_____

_____

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79 How do we know that the writer wants to remember Nanay? [2m]

_____

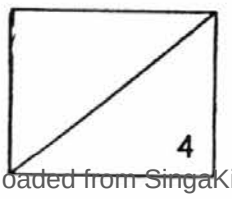
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80 Why did the writer say that she 'was right all along' (line 35)? [2m]

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TERM : SA2

Booklet A

Q1	2	Q5	1	Q9	4	Q13	3	Q17	1	Q21	1	Q25	2
Q2	3	Q6	4	Q10	1	Q14	4	Q18	1	Q22	4	Q26	1
Q3	3	Q7	4	Q11	2	Q15	2	Q19	3	Q23	4	Q27	1
Q4	4	Q8	3	Q12	1	Q16	2	Q20	2	Q24	1	Q28	1

Booklet B

Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
H	Q	K	D	F	P	E	A	N	C

Q39	voracious	Q48	forms	Q57	hands
Q40	extraordinarily	Q49	burrow	Q58	laughter
Q41	themselves	Q50	of	Q59	written
Q42	poached	Q51	options	Q60	effort
Q43	loss	Q52	fill	Q61	fixed
Q44	susceptible	Q53	thought	Q62	then
Q45	vary	Q54	sharing	Q63	belonged
Q46	from	Q55	distributed	Q64	sure
Q47	overlapping	Q56	told	Q65	lesson

Q66 Except for Daphne, everyone wants to attend the New Year celebration.

Q67 The shearing of sheep is regular in the farms in New Zealand.

Q68 Mother asked Gabriel if she had taken the medication the previous night.

Q69 Tina together with her brothers, wants to go to the River Safari.

Q70 The stage has been set up by Kimberly for the big show.

Q71 Quezon

Q72 Nanay had a sharp tongue and her words made the heart bleed.

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Q73 The writer's happiness as the writer should not regret living a life for others and not herself.

Q74 The writer likened Nanay to ghosts or vampires.

Q75

accommodating	submissive
frighten	terrorise
regular	frequent

Q76

	True/False	Reason
Nanay allowed the cats to defecate in the house.	True	The cats defecated inside the house, however Nanay did not have the heart to punish them.
The writer's grandfather defended his grandchildren when Nanay scolded them.	False	The writer's grandfather never interfered when Nanay spewed curses at their grandchildren.
Nanay felt very lonely after the writer's grandfather had died.	True	Nanay wrote letters to the writer telling her how lonely she was.

Q77 2 The writer went to university in Manila.
3 The writer found an old set of white crocheted curtains in Nanay's house.
1 Nanay told the writer and her siblings that she would die and haunt them.

Q78 The writer realized that Nanay never got a chance to tell her about her life as a girl because the writer never once thought of asking her.

Q79 The writer wants to cook sweetened sticky rice that way Nanay taught her.

Q80 She believed that grandmothers lived forever when she was young and now she knew that she was right as grandmothers live in their granddaughter's hearts.

End

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