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ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL (JUNIOR)

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2 - 2017

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY 5

Name : _____ (  )

Class : P 5._____

Date : 30 October 2017

# BOOKLET A

28 Questions

28 Marks

Total Time For Booklet A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

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For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(10 marks)

1 The animal which used to stay in grasslands _____ making sounds now.

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

2 "He'd watered the plants, _____?" Val asked.

(1) hasn't he
(2) hadn't he
(3) wouldn't he
(4) shouldn't he

3 The work belongs to them. It is _____, so please return it to them.

(1) they
(2) their
(3) them
(4) theirs

4 She is the author _____ he likes.

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

5 We spotted him easily among the grey ruins _____ the fact that he was wearing a conspicuously bright red shirt.

(1) like
(2) due to
(3) despite
(4) in spite of



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6 "My eyes have _____ the glory of the great King!" the little boy exclaimed.

(1) see
(2) saw
(3) seen
(4) seeing

7 Usually, she _____ for her medical check-up once a year, but last term she _____ the appointment.

(1) go ... missed
(2) go ... will miss
(3) goes ... missed
(4) goes ... will miss

8 The girl, as well as the boys, _____ listening to music. She did not enjoy it in the past.

(1) enjoy
(2) enjoys
(3) enjoyed
(4) enjoying

9 Regardless of how _____ he was, he would have won the game in any case.

(1) weak
(2) weakly
(3) weakest
(4) weakness

10 Sadly, our team did not win the game. It was, _____, a good game.

(1) as such
(2) for example
(3) nevertheless
(4) consequently



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For each question from 11 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(5 marks)

11 We tried not to laugh at the _____ sight of him running to school wearing ten different hats at the same time.

(1) witty
(2) ludicrous
(3) inanimate
(4) picturesque

12 The demand for software applications is _____ to increase within the next two years.

(1) preyed
(2) predated
(3) projected
(4) protruded

13 They did not manage to catch the _____ who had committed the vile act.

(1) jury
(2) victim
(3) consultant
(4) perpetrator

14 The teacher was pleased to be greeted with the _____ news of the large amount of money that the students had raised for charity.

(1) celebrity
(2) obnoxious
(3) apocalyptic
(4) stupendous

15 I _____ Christopher on my way home because he was very unwell and I wanted to see him.

(1) called at
(2) called on
(3) called off
(4) called forth



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

A turtle was spotted laying eggs at a sandy beach in East Coast Park by a member of the public on 23 August 2017. While hatchlings have been regularly seen, it is rare to see a turtle laying eggs in Singapore. The 141 eggs laid by the critically endangered hawksbill turtle have been moved to a safer location with less human **(16) activity** and low light pollution. The locations of the original and new sites are being kept **(17) under wraps** by the National Parks Board (NParks) to avoid disturbances.

"Based on factors such as the amount of light pollution and foot traffic, NParks assessed that the **(18) original** site posed a high risk to the nest. We will continue to **(19) monitor** the eggs," said Dr Karenne Tun, a director at NParks who does research on the **(20) diversity** of flora and fauna in Singapore. Members of the public are reminded that, if they ever sight a turtle, they should keep their distance from it and speak softly.

*Adapted from 'Endangered Turtle's Eggs at Beach Moved to Safer Area'*

16 (1) trading
(2) trafficking
(3) movement
(4) reproduction

17 (1) locked
(2) sanctified
(3) concealed
(4) anonymous

18 (1) first
(2) latest
(3) creative
(4) attractive

19 (1) watch closely
(2) dissect in detail
(3) give something to
(4) think deeply about

20 (1) cells
(2) variety
(3) benefits
(4) structure



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

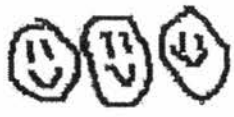
# Amazing Science Land

**Address:** 23 Neo Theresa Road, Singapore 123987
**Opening Hours:** 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. daily, except on weekends and public holidays when it is open from 10 a.m. to 10p.m.

**Admission Fees:** Free for those already receiving financial assistance in school. For others, please contribute any amount.

*Station 1: Super Heroes and Heroines*

The science behind the tricks and stunts you see on screen



*Station 2: Plant Zone*



*Station 3: Animals and other living things*

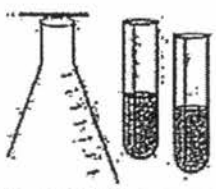
*Station 4: Mind and Body*

*Station 5: Space Exploration*

Learn about outer space and use telescopes!



*Station 6: Chemistry*



*Station 7: Relationship between Maths and Science*

*Station 8: Climate Change*



We change the activities at our place at least once a year so that those who have come before may come again to enjoy themselves!

**Amazing Science Land** is a registered non-profit organisation. We make our operations lean and channel any profits back to ***the cause***.



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**Only from November 2017 to January 2018:**

**Free goody bags for visitors from 6 to 16 years old**

- 1. Get an Activity Sheet at the entrance.
- 2. The Activity Sheet has questions for each station. Answer the questions when you go to at least three stations.
- 3. Submit your Activity Sheet at the entrance/exit in exchange for a goody bag.

**Goody bags may vary in contents and may include balls, educational toys such as blocks, books, and/or sustenance items such as food and drinks.**

## The Tale Behind Amazing Science Land

The founders (Robert Tok, Chris Wong and Tan Shun Ming) of this theme park, Amazing Science Land, are friends who grew up in the same neighbourhood when they were young. While Robert had few unmet needs while growing up as his father was the village chief and also owned some profitable businesses, Chris and Shun Ming struggled through their childhood and experienced poverty. Chris and Shun Ming resolved to have the means to help others like themselves. Hence, they studied hard as children and worked diligently as young adults. Gradually, they earned more and also saved more of what they earned. As a child, Robert noticed that many of his friends could not afford what he could, so he gave some of his educational toys and books to them. When he was older, he decided to contribute to society on a larger scale.

In their late teenage years, they had the idea of creating 'Amazing Science Land' for children and youths who would usually not be able to afford the admission fee to a theme park. By raising funds in creative and entrepreneurial ways as students, they started Amazing Science Land. Now, as working adults, they continue to keep it running.

How do they receive enough funds to keep it running? The three friends said, "People have been generous. As this is a non-profit organisation, we did not keep the excess money received from admission fees and donations for personal use but paid the staff only enough. We plowed the excess back into the cause. A generous person will be blessed; and one who blesses others will be blessed with the joy of knowing that he or she has helped someone. Therefore, even though visitors can pay any amount they wish, we trust that people will not take advantage of the system. On our part, we will continue to make 'Amazing Science Land' fun and educational."

What is next? "By next year, we plan to have more facilities for the physically challenged or disabled, or perhaps integrate activities for the elderly who can also volunteer to man the stations."



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(8 marks)

21 What is the main aim of the poster?

(1) to attract visitors to Amazing Science Land
(2) to attract only volunteers who can pay anything
(3) to promote topics in Science to the general population
(4) to promote the true tale of the founders of Amazing Science Land

22 Bearing in mind the main objective of Amazing Science Land, which item in the goody bag is different in purpose from the rest?

(1) toy
(2) drink
(3) book
(4) block

23 The word **'HURRY!'** in the star is in capital letters and has an exclamation mark. What is the best explanation for this hurry?

(1) Free goody bags are given out only during a certain period.
(2) The stations will vary their contents for visitors of different ages.
(3) There are limited stocks of free activity sheets and if you arrive late on the day you visit, you may not get one.
(4) The free goody bags will be given out on a first-come-first-served basis at the time of entrance into Amazing Science Land daily.

24 Dana wishes to study bacteria. He also wishes to use equipment to look at physical objects that are far away. Which two stations should he visit?

(1) Station 1 and Station 5
(2) Station 3 and Station 5
(3) Station 1 and Station 7
(4) Station 3 and Station 7

25 Jen and Rania are going to Amazing Science Land in November 2017. Which of the following is not true?

(1) Admission is free for students who need financial aid.
(2) They are friends who grew up in the same neighbourhood.
(3) At Station 8, they can learn more about environmental issues.
(4) They can enter the theme park at 10.30 a.m. on a Saturday or Sunday.



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26 The phrase "the cause" appears twice in the poster. In the grey box at the bottom of the poster and also in 'The Tale Behind Amazing Science Land', the **'cause'** refers to _____.

(1) encouraging everyone to be generous
(2) helping in the advancement of Science
(3) calculation of the profits and proper payment of the staff in Amazing Science Land
(4) providing the less well-off children and youths with chances to enjoy themselves while learning something at the theme park

27 According to 'The Tale Behind Amazing Science Land', the founders said, "... we trust that people will not take advantage of the system."
In this context, they mean that they trust that _____.

(1) those who bless others will survive
(2) people will not just say that the place is not fun
(3) visitors to Amazing Science Land will go through the stations properly
(4) visitors will pay admission fees of a reasonable amount if they can afford it

28 Based on the poster, which of the following is true about Amazing Science Land?

(1) A visitor in 2019 will enjoy exactly the same activities as in 2017.
(2) Transportation there is free for those already receiving financial assistance in school.
(3) The founders used to be children with very similar socio-economic backgrounds.
(4) The founders express their belief in people's generosity as the theme park has received sufficient money from fees and donations to keep it running.

**END OF BOOKLET A**



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# SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2 - 2017

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE

## PRIMARY 5

Name :_____( )

Class : P 5._____

Date : 30 October 2017

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Parent's Signature

## BOOKLET B

52 Questions

67 Marks

**Total Time For Booklets A and B : 1 hour 50 minutes**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

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| Booklet | Component | Possible Marks | Marks Obtained |
|---|---|---|---|
| A | | 28 | |
| B | Grammar Cloze | 10 | |
| | Editing for Spelling & Grammar | 12 | |
| | Comprehension Cloze | 15 | |
| | Synthesis and Transformation | 10 | |
| | Comprehension OE | 20 | |
| | Total | 67 | |

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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) across | (D) at | (G) into | (K) over | (N) up |
| (B) as | (E) could | (H) must | (L) since | (P) with |
| (C) aside | (F) from | (J) of | (M) under | (Q) yet |

It was midnight. All _____ (29) once, the sirens began to wail.

Gordon sat _____ (30) on his bed immediately and, together _____ (31) his parents, dashed to the nearest underground shelter.

The drone caused by the enemy's warplanes _____ (32) be heard shortly, confirming their arrival. Then, the ground started shaking _____ (33) the bombs began to fall.

Gordon felt nauseous as it was hot and stuffy in the shelter, _____ (34) he knew he was lucky to be alive. _____ (35) where he was hiding, an occasional spider could be seen crawling _____ (36) the ceiling. They scrambled _____ (37) the cracks of the wall and never emerged.

Another wail _____ (38) sirens signalled to the shelter-seekers that the air raid had ended. Jackson was relieved to have pulled through another night.



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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)

(39) [ ]

I was born on 16 April 1889, at eight o'clock at night. According by Mother, my

40) [ ]

world was a happy one. We could afford moderate luxeries – staying in a tastefully

(41) [ ]

furnished house in the city and not having to worrying about spending money. She

(42) [ ] (43) [ ]

receieved high wages as a singer at a popular theatre. However, our good fortuhe is not to last.

44) [ ] 45) [ ]

Mother had contrakted a throat disease and she can no longer sing like before.

46) [ ]

It was because of her vocal condition that I made my first stage apeerance at the tender age of five. Mother was performing when halfway through, her divine

47) [ ] 48) [ ]

voice becomes a whisper and she was orblaiged to leave the stage. Upon the

49) [ ] 50) [ ]

manager's pursistance, I stepped onto the stage and sang, accompanying by the orchestra. A shower of money poured onto the stage.

Adapted from *My Autobiography* by Charles Chaplin



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

What is salt? Salt is an _____ (51) which has long been considered to be magical. In ancient Rome, it was so _____ (52) regarded that soldiers would exchange part of their salary _____ (53) salt.

_____ (54) the invention of the refrigerator, salt was _____ (55) of the few ways of preserving food for it to be _____ (56) for consumption. It is known that a small _____ (57) of salt is vital for our bodies to _____ (58) properly. However, in today's culture which is hooked on convenience and processed food produces, ninety percent of the world's _____ (59) is heavily overdosing on salt – a fact which they are probably not even _____ (60) of.

A food research company based in the United Kingdom reported that food _____ (61) such as sausages and baked beans are saltier than they were 25 years ago. The recommended maximum daily _____ (62) of salt for an adult is 5 to 6 grammes; however, many people consume an amount which _____ (63) what is recommended. This results in _____ (64) such as high blood pressure, strokes and heart attacks. Perhaps this is the rationale behind the phrase "to be taken with a _____ (65) of salt". Consuming too much salt has proven to be harmful to oneself.

Adapted from *Daily Dose* by Adeline Toh



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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. George could not take part in the race. He had a sprained ankle.

Since _____

_____.

67. The aeroplane was running low on fuel. It landed safely.

_____

although _____.

68. Mr Chan lost his way. Mr Chan refused to ask for directions.

_____

despite _____.

69. Scientists invented robots to decrease human workload.

Robots _____

_____.

70. Susan is a careless girl. This often causes Susan to lose her belongings.

Susan's _____

_____.



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

The atomic reactor is a fascinating device which is heavily relied upon during crime investigations. It is used to detect chemicals in pieces of evidence, especially when finding traces of arsenic in human hair. Arsenic is a harmful chemical found naturally in soil, water and air. If a person is poisoned with arsenic, tiny amounts of **this** are deposited in the hair root. These deposits stay and move with the hair as it grows.

It was 1956. A forty-five year old woman had been suffering from a mysterious illness for the entire year. The doctors handling her case were baffled as they did not know how to treat her illness. The woman had been complaining of severe discomfort since the beginning of that year, down with a peculiar illness that weakened her gradually. She was admitted to the hospital twice. However, her doctors could not find out what was wrong with the woman. No medicine that **they** prescribed could help her, and she was vomiting and had severe muscle cramps.

Out of desperation, her doctors sought the help of some scientists whom detectives worked closely with during crime investigations. The examinations of these scientists unveiled a startling discovery – she was suffering from arsenic poisoning! These scientists had used the atomic reactor to run tests on the woman's hair. The strand of hair selected was long enough to show ten months' growth. Oddly, the scientists found large amounts of arsenic only in some sections of that strand. Knowing how fast hair grows, they were able to show that the arsenic got there when the woman was mysteriously ill at home. The arsenic leves dropped when she stayed at the hospital. It looked as though she had been poisoned at home over a period of time.

The detectives were informed. They headed for the woman's house at once. They found several containers but one contained her medication and **it** was wrapped in a white cloth, hidden under the kitchen sink. A deep frown creased the detectives' foreheads. They opened the container and found traces of blue-green arsenic powder. They also searched the car that was in the garage. **There**, the detectives found more arsenic powder. Where could all this arsenic powder come from? All clues pointed to the local farm. It was the only known place in town where plenty of arsenic was made available. It was used to poison the rats, which were pests, there.



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With these pieces of evidence in hand, the detectives made their way to the farm, not wanting to waste a minute more to confirm their deduction. With the help of the atomic reactor, the mystery behind the woman's illness was solved.

Adapted from *Science versus Crime* by William Breckon

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

_____ The detectives went to the woman's house.

_____ The woman fell mysteriously ill.

_____ The scientists conducted tests on the woman's hair.

72. Give your responses to the following questions. [4m]

a) Which three-word phrase from lines 1-3 tells you that the atomic reactor is widely used in crime investigations? (1m)

b) For each word below, which word in paragraphs 2 - 3 has the same meaning? (3m)

| | |
|---|---|
| puzzled | |
| strange | |
| revealed | |

73. From lines 11 to 14, what were two noticeable symptoms of arsenic poisoning shown by the woman? [2m]



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74. How did the tests on the woman's hair help the scientists determine that she was poisoned at home? [2m]

_____

_____

75. From lines 25 to 28, why was the container that contained the woman's medication suspicious to the detectives? [2m]

_____

_____

76. Why did the detectives only head to the farm, and not anywhere else, after finding arsenic at the woman's house? [1m]

_____

_____

77. In paragraph 4, where else, besides the woman's house, did the detectives find arsenic? [1m]

_____

_____

78. Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. The first one has been done for you. [3m]

| Word from the passage | What the word refers to |
|---|---|
| this ( line 5) | arsenic |
| they ( line 13 ) | |
| it ( line 26 ) | |
| there ( line 30 ) | |



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

| | True / False | Reason |
|---|---|---|
| Arsenic is a man-made chemical. | | |
| The doctors figured out what caused the woman's illness | | |
| The detectives could not find any trace of arsenic in the woman's home. | | |

80. In the last paragraph, what deduction did the detectives hope to confirm? [1m]

_____

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**END OF BOOKLET B**



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**Booklet A**

| Q 1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q5 | Q6 | Q7 | Q8 | Q9 | Q10 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Q 11 | Q12 | Q13 | Q14 | Q15 | Q16 | Q17 | Q18 | Q19 | Q20 |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Q 21 | Q22 | Q23 | Q24 | Q25 | Q26 | Q27 | Q28 | | |
| 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 4 | | |

**Booklet B**

| Q 29 | Q30 | Q31 | Q32 | Q33 | Q34 | Q35 | Q36 | Q37 | Q38 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| D | N | P | E | B | Q | F | A | G | J |

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Q39) | to | Q43) | was | Q47) | became |
| Q40) | luxuries | Q44) | contracted | Q48) | obliged |
| Q41) | worry | Q45) | could | Q49) | persistence |
| Q42) | received | Q46) | appearance | Q50) | accompanied |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Q51) | ingredient | Q56) | safe | Q61) | products |
| Q52) | well | Q57) | intake | Q62) | amount |
| Q53) | for | Q58) | function | Q63) | above |
| Q54) | Before | Q59) | population | Q64) | diseases |
| Q55) | one | Q60) | aware | Q65) | pinch |

| | |
|---|---|
| Q66) | Since George sprained his ankle, he could not take part in the race. |
| Q67) | The aeroplane landed safely although it was running Low on fuel. |
| Q68) | Mr Chan refused to ask for directions despite the fact that he had lost his way. |
| Q69) | Robots were invented by scientist to decrease human workload. |



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| | |
|---|---|
| Q70) | Susan's carelessness often causes her to lose her belongings. |
| Q71) | 3, 1, 2 |
| Q72) | (a) heavily relied upon<br>(b) baffled, peculiar, unveiled |
| Q73) | She was vomiting and had severe muscle cramps. |
| Q74) | The scientists found large amounts of arsenic only in some sections of that strand and the arsenic levels dropped when she ~~stayed at the~~ hospital. |
| Q75) | They found traces of blue-green arsenic powder in the container, wrapped by a white cloth, hidden under the kitchen sink. |
| Q76) | All clues pointed to the local farm, it was the only known place in the town where plenty of arsenic was made available. |
| Q77) | The detectives found arsenic in the car inside the garage and the local farm. |
| Q78) | The Doctors that look after the woman<br>The container wrapped in white cloth hidden under the kitchen sink<br>The car in the garage |
| Q79) | False. It is found naturally in soil, water and air.<br>False. The Scientists figured out what caused the woman illness.<br>False. They found a container in the woman's house that have blue-green arsenic powder. |
| Q80) | The detectives hope to confirm that the arsenic powder in the woman's house was from the local farm. |



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