ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL (JUNIOR)

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2 (2019)

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY 5

Name : _____ ( )

Class : P 5. _____ Date : 24 October 2019

BOOKLET A

28 Questions

28 Marks

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

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.
(10 marks)

1. June was voted the most courteous pupil as _____ agrees that she deserves the award.

(1) nobody
(2) anybody
(3) everybody
(4) somebody

2. The Traffic Police announced that since January this year, road accidents have been _____ the increase.

(1) on
(2) over
(3) above
(4) towards

3. The captain, together with his crew, _____ drowned in the shipwreck.

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

4. _____ you need to use the washroom, please raise your hand.

(1) Will
(2) Shall
(3) Would
(4) Should

5. Henry helped a younger schoolmate _____ his bag to his classroom.

(1) carry
(2) carries
(3) carried
(4) carrying

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6. "You _____ for the last two hours. Take a break," Mother told me.

(1) are studying
(2) would be studying
(3) had been studying
(4) have been studying

7. As my sister grew older, she became less appreciative of my grandparents meddling _____ her affairs.

(1) at
(2) in
(3) into
(4) about

8. In that town, you can walk for kilometres without seeing _____ cars or people.

(1) both
(2) some
(3) either
(4) neither

9. There was a lot of leftover food as almost half of the invited guests did not _____ for the party.

(1) turn in
(2) turn on
(3) turn up
(4) turn out

10. Kimberley likes to play badminton _____ her sister, Sally, does not.

(1) or
(2) so
(3) despite
(4) whereas

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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 My family enjoys hearing the _____ of waves against the shores.

(1) lapping
(2) lashing
(3) rustling
(4) swishing

12 This country was prosperous during the _____ of the wise king.

(1) term
(2) reign
(3) tenure
(4) period

13 Singapore is often described as a/an _____ city as one can find people from all over the world living and working here.

(1) universal
(2) populous
(3) international
(4) cosmopolitan

14 Many reporters have to work under _____ deadlines as they have to bring the latest news to readers.

(1) firm
(2) tight
(3) compact
(4) restricted

15 It would be a nice _____ to bring a basket of fruit when we visit Andy in the hospital.

(1) act
(2) deed
(3) gesture
(4) appreciation

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

The mercury is rising in the Philippines. This not-in-use (16) reservoir in Rizal province, east of Manila, is a popular watering hole for people seeking respite (17) from the heat, which hit a high of 34 degrees Celsius yesterday. Last Friday, the Philippine weather bureau announced (18) the end of the north-east monsoon, which means the start of the dry season.

The bureau said the ongoing weak El Nino may result in a "prolonged (19) dry spell and higher air temperatures in the coming months". The heat will only add to Manila's woes (20) as some six million residents in the Philippine capital have been affected by a severe water shortage for more than two weeks.

The Straits Times, 25 March 2019

16. (1) extinct
(2) invalid
(3) obsolete
(4) discarded

17. (1) relief
(2) release
(3) relaxation
(4) reassurance

18. (1) foretold
(2) divulged
(3) signalled
(4) declared

19. (1) lengthy
(2) loitering
(3) sustained
(4) perpetuated

20. (1) trauma
(2) despair
(3) wounds
(4) heartbreaks

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Study the following brochure carefully and answer questions 21 to 28.

CHILDREN'S SPORTS CAMPS

ORGANISED BY HEALTHY LIVING GROUP

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Sports to be taught: badminton, basketball, golf, soccer, table tennis and tennis

Calling all children from ages 8 to 12!

Children's Sports Camp is a three-day camp that allows you to try out different sports. Guided by our team of 6 experienced coaches, every camper will have a chance to try out all six sports over the three days. Once you find the sport you like, you can sign up with us for weekly training sessions after the camp.



Dates : Camp 1 (12 - 14 Dec 2019)
Camp 2 (19 - 21 Dec 2019)

Time : 9.00am to 4.00pm daily
Venue : Tropical Country Club
Fees : $95 (includes a t-shirt, daily lunch and a Certificate of Attendance)

Interested? Sign up today!

Sign up online at www.healthyliving.com
For further enquires, call Ms Sandy at 62877777

Bring along your own water bottle, towel and snacks.
Dress in appropriate sports attire and shoes.

10% discount if you sign up by 1 October 2019!

Featuring two of our coaches



Coach Richard Channing

- Certified coach for soccer and tennis
- Played tennis for the Singapore National University from 2009-2011
- Has been coaching at Tropical Country Club for the last seven years
- Primary and secondary students love his patience and motivational skills



Coach Jenny Evans

- Dedicated and reliable Sports Coach at Tropical Country Club
- Played for the Singapore National Basketball Team from 2010-2014
- Trains students aged 7 to 15 in recreational basketball and other sports
- Often receives positive reviews from parents and students

Headquarters of Healthy Living Group: 75 Cashew Road, Singapore 762075

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Did you know?



Badminton was played more than 2000 years ago in Greece, China and India. It was named 'badminton' after Badminton House, the home of the Duke of Beaufort, England.

Football or soccer began in England in 1863. The education authorities observed that the sport taught students qualities such as loyalty, cooperation and team spirit. Participation in football became compulsory in many schools.



Table tennis, first known as 'ping pong', started in England in the 1880s as an after-dinner pastime. The game became popular, and by 1901, table-tennis tournaments were being conducted all over England.





Basketball was invented in 1891 in Massachusetts, USA, by a teacher, James Naismith. He wanted a game that was less injury-prone than football.



Golf originated from Scotland in 1497. It is played by striking a feather-stuffed ball with club-shaped tree branches.

Tennis started in France as a game where players used their palms to hit balls. Players started using rackets in the 15th century. In 1873, a Londoner, Walter Wingfield, invented the game, 'Playing Ball', which evolved to the modern tennis we play today.



Parents accompanying children who are attending the Sports Camp will be issued a special 3-day pass to use the facilities at Tropical Country Club.
Relax in air-conditioned comfort, swim in their Olympic-sized pools and watch the latest films in the Club's cinema!

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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 purpose of the brochure is _____.

(1) to give information about the two coaches
(2) to promote the facilities of Tropical Country Club
(3) to attract people to sign up for Children's Sports Camp
(4) to persuade people to sign up for membership at Tropical Country Club

22. Ahmad would like to get more information about the sports camp. He needs to _____.

(1) go to Tropical Country Club
(2) contact Ms Sandy at 62877777
(3) visit the website www.healthyliving.com
(4) go to the headquarters of Healthy Living Group

23. To be eligible for a discounted rate of payment, one must sign up _____.

(1) online
(2) for one sport
(3) by 1 October 2019
(4) for weekly training sessions

24. Which one of the following statements is correct?

(1) You can choose to try out any 6 sports at the camp.
(2) You need to know at least 6 sports before signing up for the camp.
(3) You can get to learn a maximum of 6 sports if you sign up for the camp.
(4) You can sign up for weekly training sessions with all 6 sports after the camp.

25. Which of the following statements is correct about both coaches featured in the brochure?

(1) They were both players of National teams.
(2) They are well-liked by the students they coach.
(3) They are the only coaches at the Children's Sports Camps.
(4) They are both certified coaches for soccer, tennis and basketball.

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26. What can be learned about the beginning of the six sports?

(1) Tennis was played with a racket and a ball.
(2) England was the birthplace of badminton, football and tennis.
(3) Golf was played with a feather-stuffed ball and any tree branch.
(4) Basketball was invented to be a less injury-prone sport than football.

27. If Ben signed up for the Children's Sports Camp, he would _____.

(1) expect to have great fun during night activities
(2) be issued a 3-day pass to use all the facilities at the club
(3) be able to choose to camp on any 3 days from 12 to 21 December
(4) have paid for the camp, a T-shirt, lunch for three days and a Certificate of Attendance

28. Mr Chua intends to accompany his son for the camp. He can _____.

(1) watch films at the club on any day in the month of December
(2) use the swimming pools at the club during the three days
(3) learn how to play the six sports along with his son
(4) have daily lunches with his son

END OF BOOKLET A

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PRIMARY 5

Name : _____ ( )

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Parent's Signature

BOOKLET B

52 Questions

67 Marks

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

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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)	are	(D)	every	(G)	of	(K)	therefore	(N)	were
(B)	but	(E)	from	(H)	off	(L)	to	(P)	which
(C)	even	(F)	hardly	(J)	such	(M)	was	(Q)	where

Late nights and weekends are part of an event organiser's work. Events, (29) _____ simple parties to nationwide events, require a group of people working together. Working as a team is important to the success (30) _____ the events. Teamwork not only applies (31) _____ the cooperation within the group, (32) _____ also partnerships between teams. (33) _____, the structure of an event organisation team is complex and very collaborative.

There are many various aspects of an event. For example, (34) _____ event requires coordination of logistics. This may include arranging for the installation of items (35) _____ as furniture and props. (36) _____ if this aspect is outsourced to other companies (37) _____ specialise in providing these structures, a member needs to be assigned to oversee this.

In conclusion, the success of an event is (38) _____ ever achieved by a single individual but an entire team. All the aspects come together to ensure an event runs smoothly.

Adapted from 'Event Organiser'

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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)

Some birds are endangered by human activities. One of them is the Yellow-Breasted Bunting.

It is believed to migrate from Russia and Japan to southern China and parts of Southeast Asia between (39) [ ] (40) [ ] August to October. Its population is estimated to have fall by 70 percent in Russia from 2000 to 2010. (41) [ ] (42) [ ] Threts include being trapped and sold as food in some parts of China. Buyers want to perchace them. (43) [ ] In some parts of the world, they are stuffed and sold as mascots as some people believe their prezence (44) [ ] in homes provides benifitts to the homes. (45) [ ]

Another endangered bird is the Blue-Winged Pitta. It sometimes fly from different parts of (46) [ ] Southeast Asia to Sumatra. It is commonly killed in kolisions with buildings, especially in Singapore.

The Brown-chested Jungle-Flycatcher moves from China to Indonesia in September every year, (47) [ ] (48) [ ] stop in Singapore along the way. It can be see in Bidadari. Several years ago, birdwatchers (49) [ ] (50) [ ] observe that its population declined. This was because of a loss of its forest habitat and envairoment due to logging and agriculture in countries along its flight path.

Let's hope we conceive of creative ways to minimise harm to the birds while continuing to develop our land.

Adapted and modified from 'Songbirds' (The Straits Times, Feng Zengkun)

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

The team is ready. No mountain will (51) _____ in the way of the six women who will be (52) _____ Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa next week. They are doing it to (53) _____ funds for charity.

The eight-day expedition, organised by Ace Adventure Expeditions, (54) _____ to commemorate International Women's Day on March 8. The team also hopes to raise at least $10,000 (55) _____ this expedition for Project Pari. Project Pari is an initiative which (56) _____ young women from low-income families with financial assistance and enrichment activities.

The team started training in September last year, and it has been an uphill (57) _____ . The women go trekking (58) _____ week. They also do ten sets of 40-storey (59) _____ up staircases twice a week while carrying loads.

The expedition leader, Ms Joanne Soo, enjoys the serenity she (60) _____ in the mountains. She also thinks that her mountain-climbing journey has developed her personal (61) _____ such as self-discipline, resilience, and humility.

As she had been a student who had to work and earn money to (62) _____ herself through school, she said that the upcoming expedition to help Project Pari is something close to her (63) _____ . Ms Soo, who was part of a (64) _____ to scale Mount Everest in 2009, said, "If there is some help that can be given, I'm glad to be a (65) _____ of it."

She and her teammates certainly look forward to their next climb.

Adapted from 'No mountain too high to raise funds for charity' (February 2015) and 'Ace Adventures Expeditions'

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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. We celebrated our brother's birthday. We threw a party.

_____

by _____

67. Peter is generous. This pleased his friends.

Peter's _____

_____

68. John completed all the work yesterday.

All the work _____

_____

69. Adam told his sister, "We can visit our neighbours next Tuesday."

Adam told his sister that _____

_____

70. Ken cut the paper with his scissors.

Using _____

_____

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

The hike to the summit of Mauna Loa, or "Long Mountain" in Hawaii, is about 40 kilometres. The biggest active volcano on Earth, **it** rises gradually from the sea to 4169 metres, but its flat terrain and gentle slopes can be deceiving. The weather on the mountain is unpredictable although the forecast called for mostly sunny days.

It was Monday. Alex Sverdlov had landed in Hawaii the previous day and signed up with the National Park Service for a permit to hike and stay overnight in the Mauna Loa area. He walked towards the trail and paused at a warning sign: "Freezing conditions may occur at any time of the year. Beware!" But he knew what to expect – he had climbed the volcano alone a year ago and found it peaceful but challenging enough to climb again. Strenuous activities appealed to him. He began the climb. He knew he would be back on Wednesday to meet friends for dinner. His hiking trip was going perfectly and he spent the night at a wooden cabin.

When he awoke on Tuesday, he saw that clouds had rolled in overnight. He was not concerned. As he continued trekking, it started to snow. When he reached the summit at noon, a white curtain of fog shrouded his view. Soon after he began his descent, it started snowing harder. The wind blasted the flakes into his face, partially blinding him.

The snow was up to his shins and he tumbled onto his back. His knee hurt but he felt fortunate – the fall should have broken his leg. He marched on. His confidence was strong. "What an adventure," he thought. He stopped to take a drink, only to find that the water in **his** bottle had frozen. Despite his thirst, he knew better than to eat snow, which would lower his body temperature and hasten dehydration.

As his surroundings faded into blackness, the trail markers were hard to make out. He sat down, hugging his legs and tucking one fleece sleeve into the other to keep his hands from freezing. In the thin air, less oxygen reached his brain. Combined with the lack of water, **this** made him dizzy. With his body no longer in motion, his core temperature began to drop.

As the hours passed, he felt enveloped by the warmth and comfort of a blanket. He felt he was no longer on the mountain. He was floating in mid-air. In this manner, he moved in and out of hallucinations. Then, he snapped back to reality. "I'm still here!" he shouted.

John Broward was Hawaii Volcanoes National Park's search-and-rescue coordinator. When he had earlier arrived at the Centre on Tuesday morning, the weather forecast showed a snowstorm on the way. A search-and-rescue mission could begin only after a hiker was overdue. A check of the park permits showed that Alex Sverdlov should be back on Wednesday. Sverdlov would not be officially missing until his scheduled return. He was on his own for now. In case Sverdlov did not turn up by Wednesday night, John Broward gathered his staff and laid out the plans.

On Wednesday, when Sverdlov awoke, he found that he had survived the night. He continued moving but kept coughing badly and was exhausted. "Perhaps this situation is beyond me," he thought. He had trusted his hiking experience and had made it this far without serious injury but it was only a matter of time before **the elements** defeated him.

It was the thrill of a rescue that had drawn John Broward to the job when he was at university. However, he felt no thrill on Thursday morning, but was a bundle of nerves. The helicopter lifted off at 8.30 a.m. It moved slowly for Broward to scan for clues – footprints, an object or a movement. To Broward, the snow was **now a blessing**. The unbroken white landscape that made it easy for a hiker

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to get lost now made things easier for them to spot.

"He's right there!" the pilot said.

"Where? I don't see him."

"Right in front of us." 45

Catching sight of Sverdlov, the tension left Broward's body for the first time in two days.

Adapted from 'Lost on the Volcano'

Do not write in this space

71 Which word in **paragraph 1** has a meaning opposite to each word below? [2m]

	Word with opposite meaning
foot	
foreseeable	

72 Why does the writer state that the flat terrain and gentle slopes "can be deceiving" (line 3)? [2m]

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_____

73 According to **paragraph 2**, why did Sverdlov want to climb Mauna Loa despite the risks? [2m]

_____

_____

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74 Which three-word phrase in **paragraph 3** tells you that Sverdlov could not see the scenery clearly at the summit? [1m]

Do not write in this space

75 Based on the story, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false. Then, give one **reason why you say so**. [3m]

Statement	True / False	Reason
Sverdlov was so thirsty that he ate snow.		
Sverdlov's body temperature began to fall when he sat down and hugged his legs.		
A search-and-rescue mission to look for Sverdlov could begin only on Thursday morning.		

76 What did Sverdlov experience when he was hallucinating? [2m]

(i) _____

(ii) _____

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77 Look at the table below. What do the word(s) 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]

Do not write in this space

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
his (line 18)	Sverdlov's
it (line 2)	
this (line 23)	
the elements (line 37) (list two)	

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

_____ John Broward arrived at the Centre.

_____ John Broward began a career involving rescue.

_____ John Broward gathered his staff and planned Sverdlov's rescue.

79 Based on the information from the passage, fill in the blanks in the table. [2m]

Who	How did he feel just before	What happened that led to a change in emotion	How did he feel just after
Sverdlov	**He was confident.**	**He was coughing badly and exhausted.**	**He was helpless.**
Broward		**He spotted Sverdlov.**	

80 Explain, in your own words, why the snow was "now a blessing" (line 41). [2m]

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SECTION A

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

SECTION B

Q29 E	Q30 G	Q31 L	Q32 B	Q33 K
Q34 D	Q35 J	Q36 C	Q37 P	Q38 F

Q39 and

Q40 fallen

Q41 Threats

Q42 p se Purchase

Q43 presence presence

Q44 benefits

Q45 fled

Q46 collisions

Q47 stopping

Q48 seen

Q49 observed

Q50 environment

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Q51 stand

Q52 climbing

Q53 raise

Q54 seeks

Q55 through

Q56 provides

Q57 task

Q58 every

Q59 climbs

Q60 experiences

Q61 traits

Q62 support

Q63 heart

Q64 team

Q65 part

Q66 We celebrated our brother's birthday by throwning a party.

Q67 Peter's generosity pleased his friend.

Q68 All the work was completed by John yesterday.

Q69 Adam told his sister that they could visit their neighbours next Tuesday.

Q70 Using his scissor, Ken cut the paper.

Q71 su Summit

ui :table unpredictable

Q72 They can cause a hiker to thick that the climb is easy but it is difficult.

Q73 He found it challenging and strenous activities appealed to him.

Q74 shrouded his view

Q75 False. Sverdlov knew better than to eat snow.

True. He was not mving and his temperature began to drop.

False. Sverdlov was due to be back

Q76 (i)He was floating in mid air

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(ii)He felt no longer on the mountain.

Q77 Mauna Lao

lack of oxygen

snow and the mountain

Q78 2 1 3

Q79 afraid, relieve

Q80 It was easier for Boward to scan for clues such as foot prints an object or movement whch heped him find Sverdlor.

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