HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
2019 SEMESTRAL EXAMINATION TWO
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY FIVE
PAPER 2 BOOKLET A

NAME : _____

CLASS : P5 _____

INDEX NO : _____

28 QUESTIONS

28 MARKS

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 HOUR 50 MINUTES

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

Booklet A	_____ / 28
Booklet B	_____ / 67
TOTAL	_____ / 95

Parent's signature: _____

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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). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

1. Uncle Tan has _____ news that might be of interest to us.

(1) any
(2) few
(3) many
(4) some ( )

2. Neither the girls nor their cousin _____ for the picnic tomorrow.

(1) go
(2) goes
(3) is going
(4) are going ( )

3. Everyone wants to buy her homemade pies, _____ she is very delighted.

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

4. My little brother had never seen a penguin before we _____ the zoo.

(1) visit
(2) visited
(3) have visited
(4) had visited ( )

5. Amelia Earheart was the first female pilot to fly _____ the Atlantic Ocean.

(1) at
(2) across
(3) through
(4) between ( )

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6. Alice _____ have given up swimming if her family had not encouraged her.

(1) will
(2) must
(3) would
(4) should ( )

7. Vanetta always participates in class discussions, _____ she?

(1) do
(2) did
(3) didn't
(4) doesn't ( )

8. "_____ jewellery was stolen, yours or your mother's?" the detective asked Mrs Potts.

(1) Who
(2) Which
(3) Where
(4) Whose ( )

9. The vase with pink roses _____ made of fine porcelain.

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

10. Mr. Arthur, together with his extended family, _____ travelling to Iceland during the upcoming December holiday.

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

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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). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(5 marks)

11. Marilla was _____ when she saw that her basketball team was lagging behind the rival team by five points.

(1) offended
(2) lethargic
(3) disinclined
(4) disheartened

( )

12. Due to the large audience, the organisers had set up speakers so that the performer's voice would be _____ throughout the stadium.

(1) enlarged
(2) amplified
(3) magnified
(4) expanded

( )

13. The criminal tried to break free and yelled _____ that he had not committed the crime.

(1) calmly
(2) meekly
(3) inaudibly
(4) vehemently

( )

14. Mrs. Lim advised her son to _____ early that night as he would be sitting for an important examination the next day.

(1) turn in
(2) turn away
(3) turn down
(4) turn around

( )

15. At the café, Cecelia asked her friend if she could _____ her belongings while she went to the toilet.

(1) keep an eye on
(2) catch her eye on
(3) see eye to eye on
(4) turn a blind eye to

( )

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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)

All wallabies are marsupials or pouched mammals. Young wallabies are born tiny, helpless (16), and undeveloped. They immediately crawl into their mothers' pouches where they continue to develop (17) after birth—usually for a couple of months. Like their larger kangaroo cousins, young wallabies are called joeys. Even after a joey leaves the pouch, it often returns to jump in when danger approaches.

Wallabies are typically (18) small to medium-sized mammals, but the largest can reach 2 metres from head to tail. They have powerful hind legs that they use to bound (19) along at high speeds and jump great distances. When wallabies are threatened by predators, or when males battle each other, they may also use these legs to deliver lethal (20) kicks. Wallabies also have large and powerful tails that they use for balance when moving and to prop themselves up when in a sitting position.

Adapted from: https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/mammals/group/wallabies/

16. (1) vulnerable
(2) inadequate
(3) abandoned
(4) independent ( )

17. (1) create
(2) mature
(3) cultivate
(4) inculcate ( )

18. (1) strangely
(2) generally
(3) unusually
(4) habitually ( )

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19. (1) dart
(2) leap
(3) gallop
(4) pounce

( )

20. (1) toxic
(2) tragic
(3) deadly
(4) dreadful

( )

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Study this flyer carefully then answer questions 21 to 28.

Gifting Book Fair

Supporting Sunshine Children Home*

(*For every book purchased, $1 will be donated to Sunshine Children Home)

7 December 2019 - 22 December 2019
11 a.m. – 10 p.m.
Sunny Bay Exhibition Hall

VALUE BUY

Get Upto **75% Off** DISCOUNTS

For Gifting Bookstore members!

GIFT-WITH-PURCHASE
Receive a free trolley and a $10 voucher with $150 nett purchase

 # Sign up for a membership card at the fair and get an additional 20% off your total spending!

Booktalk

When you read a good book, it's only natural to want to share it. Booktalks are short, informal presentations designed to inspire others to read the same book. Word-of-mouth is extremely effective!
Join us as a presenter at the Special Weekend Programmes – Booktalk.
Please register online at
www.giftingbookfair/booktalks.com
by 5 December 2019 if you are interested in sharing your favourite book!

Love Books?

VOLUNTEER



Be a volunteer at the Book Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily! You can decorate and set up the booths or help children select books.

You will get to bring home 2 books of your choice for every 4 hours of your service.

If you want to be a volunteer, send a message to 98223322 and include the following details:

- Volunteer's Name
- BC Number
- Contact Number
- Current School

For applicants below 18 years old, your parents will need to register on your behalf.

ONLY SHORTLISTED APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED!

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JOIN US!

SPECIAL WEEKEND PROGRAMMES		
Time	Activity	Venue
12 p.m.	**Origami workshop** by Akemi Learn how to fold 12 types of animals with pieces of paper. All materials will be provided.	Function Room 1
1 p.m.	**Storytelling** by author Enid Blyth	Auditorium
2 p.m.	**Talk for parents: How to groom bilingual kids** by Mdm. Halliday, Principal of Global Primary School	Auditorium
3 p.m.	**Booktalk** Come and listen to our presenters share about their favourite book! You might be inspired to read a new book!	Function Room 1
4 p.m.	**Storytelling** by author Geronimo	Auditorium
5 p.m.	**Stage performances** by the Sunshine Children Home • Choir • Modern Dance • Magic Show	Auditorium
6 p.m.	**Talk for parents: How to talk to your teenagers** by Dr. Lim, Counsellor of Family Services Centre	Auditorium

Sunshine Children Home

- To provide a stable and safe home for orphans
- To provide them an education and the opportunity for self-development
- To enable these children to grow up to lead independent lives as useful citizens of Singapore

More information is available at www.sunshinechildrenhome.org.sg.

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Gifting Bookstore



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For each question from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the corr answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on th Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks

21. The main purpose of this flyer is to _____.

(1) publicise the Gifting Book Fair
(2) promote the special weekend programmes
(3) encourage parents to groom bilingual children
(4) get volunteers for the Sunshine Children Home ( )

22. Jie Ming, a secondary 2 student, wants to volunteer at the book fair. What must he do?

(1) Buy two books at the fair in order to sign up.
(2) Register at the Book Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
(3) Send his personal particulars to the main organiser.
(4) Get his parent to send a message with his particulars to 98223322.

( )

23. Jack is wondering whether to get a membership card. According to the flyer, he should get it if he wants to _____.

(1) get additional discounts
(2) be a volunteer at the book fair
(3) buy a trolley to bring all his books home
(4) attend the special weekend programmes

( )

24. Why is the phrase VALUE BUY written entirely in capital letters?
It is to _____.

(1) show that the phrase is part of a name
(2) distract the readers from the donation drive
(3) draw readers' attention to the discounts given
(4) show that the Gifting Book Fair's opening is unexpected

( )

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25. Marcus likes hands-on activities. Which of the special weekend programmes should he go for?

(1) Booktalk

(2) Stage performances

(3) Origami workshop by Akemi

(4) Storytelling by author Enid Blyth ( )

26. Wei Ting wants to share her favourite book with an audience at the Booktalk session. What must she do?

(1) register in person at the book fair

(2) send her personal particulars to 98223322

(3) register online at www.giftingbookfair/booktalks.com

(4) register online at www.sunshinechildrenhome.org.sg ( )

27. What is the **main** aim of the Sunshine Children Home?

(1) teach them different languages so that they can be bilingual

(2) entertain children without a caregiver during the school holidays

(3) provide the orphans with an education in a stable and safe environment

(4) help all citizens grow up to lead independent lives as useful Singaporeans

( )

28 Based on the information provided in the flyer, which of the following statements is true?

(1) There is at least a 50% discount for all the books sold at the fair.

(2) All volunteers get to bring home goodie bags filled with reading games.

(3) Parents are encouraged to sign up for the parenting talks conducted by Mdm. Halliday only.

(4) Gifting Book Fair supports the Sunshine Children Home with a portion of the proceeds collected from the sale of the books.

( )

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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) besides	(D) however	(G) its	(K) therefore	(N) were
(B) can	(E) into	(H) some	(L) through	(P) when
(C) few	(F) it	(J) their	(M) was	(Q) where

The native Mediterranean species of olives thrives in bright sunshine, but requires chillier temperatures to bear flowers and fruit. (29)_____, when a 1000-year-old olive tree in equatorial Singapore successfully blossomed and fruited in 2015, (30)_____ caused a great celebration. This horticultural accomplishment is achieved (31)_____ the hard work of the team from Gardens by the Bay.

The idea of constructing a world-class garden in the tropics (32) _____ conceived by Dr Kiat W. Tan. He was a botanist and former chief executive of Gardens by the Bay. At (33) _____ conception, the idea seemed completely outrageous.

It is hard to imagine that this horticulture destination was once a sea, then sand and soggy soil. Yet, in only a (34) _____ years, an inter-disciplinary team of international and local professionals and specialists successfully transformed a barren site into a lush green space (35) _____ about 1 million plants reside. Flora and fauna from every continent, except Antarctica, (36)_____ be found in the Gardens.

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Visitors can find 18 larger-than-life structures called the Supertrees, and two cooled conservatories, Flower Dome and Cloud Forest in the Gardens. (37) _____ being exceptional attractions designed to capture the imagination of the public, most of the structures were inventively constructed to be energy efficient in (38) _____ use of water and energy. Now Gardens by the Bay attracts more than 40 million visitors since its opening in 2012.

Adapted from http://www.bbc.com/storyworks/travel/garden-of-wonders/gardens-by-the-bay

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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)

Pet therapy is a guided interaction between a person and a trained animal which builds on the pre-existing human-animal bond. Interacting with a friendly

(39) [ ]

pet can help improve <u>much</u> physical and mental issues. It can help reduce blood

(40) [ ]

pressure and <u>improving</u> overall cardiovascular health. It can also release

(41) [ ]

endorphins that produce a calming effect. This can <u>allivate</u> pain, reduce stress,

(42) [ ]

and enhance your overall psychological state. <u>While</u> a medical procedure, people

(43) [ ]

may have less <u>anziety</u> if a pet is present. In rehabilitation, people may be more

(44) [ ] (45) [ ]

<u>motivate</u> to recover and undergo their therapy when working with <u>their</u> pet.

(46) [ ]

People who have sensory disabilities can sometimes <u>comunikate</u> more easily with an animal. This encourages more interaction with healthcare providers and other

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(47) [ ]

people. Before an animal and its handler can paticipat in pet therapy, the team

(48) [ ] (49) [ ]

has to fullfill certain requirements. This process typically includes a pyhsicle examination of the animal to confirm that it is immunised and free of diseases,

(50) [ ]

an obedient training course and an evaluation of the animal's temperament and behaviour with the handler. The success of pet therapy depends on establishing realistic goals and expectations and meeting those goals.

Adapted from: https://www.healthline.com/health/pet-therapy#outlook

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

Yawning, like scratching an itch, is a reflex action. Very often, one does not need to consciously think and act in (51) _____ to produce a yawn. The sequence of yawning is the same for every one – opening the mouth, taking in a deep (52) _____ of air and then exhaling slowly. At this time, the eardrums stretch and the eyes may (53) _____ tight, causing them to water. Do you know that all vertebrates, from fish and birds (54) _____ wolves and horses, yawn too?

Why do people and animals yawn? In fact, no one knows for certain (55) _____ there are some who have tried to explain this phenomenon. One (56) _____ is that we yawn because we are tired, since yawning happens before (57) _____ after our sleep. It can also occur when we do boring things. In both situations, we do not breathe as deeply as we usually do and as a (58) _____, our bodies take in less oxygen. Thus, yawning helps to bring more oxygen into the bloodstream (59) _____ carbon dioxide out of it. Another explanation is that yawning stretches the lungs and lung tissues and increases the heart rate, making us feel more awake.

Other than (60) _____ the needs of our body, yawning has been considered to be (61) _____ communication tool by some researchers. They believed that before humans communicated vocally, they might have used yawns to (62) _____ home a message. A man might yawn to show his alertness or aggression towards another.

(63) _____ it be a reflex action of the body or a communication tool, one thing that many people agree on is that yawning can be

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contagious. Have you ever experienced seeing your friend yawn and then find yourself do the same (64) _____ after? Are you also aware that even thinking about yawning can get you yawning? (65) _____ the way, how many times have you yawned while reading this passage? Most likely you do not keep track since a yawn occurs spontaneously and we do not take much notice of it.

Adapted and modified from https://kidshealth.org/en/kids/yawn.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. Harry was very rude. He had taken my book without my permission.

It was _____

_____

67. Mr Tan was very tired. He could not fall asleep.

_____ although

_____

68. The principal asked the campers, "What did you do during the campfire last night?"

The principal asked the campers _____

_____

69. Kenneth bought a birthday cake. He bought a present and a card as well.

_____ apart from _____

_____

70. We carried on with the meeting even though the chairman was absent.

_____

_____ of the chairman.

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

At the Great Wall of China, in Beijing, a new sensation has arrived - a young boy named Chen Guang.

Guang 14, has become an overnight star after a Singaporean visitor to the great wall posted a video on Facebook of him speaking in 10 different languages.

Guang is one of the many children who peddles **souvenirs**, such as fridge magnets and postcards, to tourists at the Great Wall. It is not uncommon for the children to have picked up a few key phrases of the languages of the most frequent visitors - from India, Korea and Europe. However, Guang has stepped up his game. He surprises the visitors with his abilities to converse in many foreign tongues.

When he was younger, Guang's parents sent him for private English classes. However, after his father lost his job, his parents could not afford the school fees after one year. His mostly self-taught skills are remarkable. He is able to rattle off counting one to ten in 16 different languages, including Tagalog, Japanese, Vietnamese, German and Tamil.

Whenever Guang meets Indian tourists, he will burst into an enthusiastic adaptation of a song by the famous Indian singer, Shankar, as he sells them mementos. For visitors of other nationalities, he uses the same strategy to sell them souvenirs.

The money he earns goes directly to his mother who uses it to meet the expenses of his family's daily needs. His mother, Li Na, said she could not believe it when she started to hear about her son's growing fame.

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"Even though I am his mother, I didn't realise how intelligent my son is. I didn't know that he knew these languages and used them to sell souvenirs to support the family," she said after viewing the viral video. She commented that Guang is never one to complain about wearing old clothes, having to walk long distances to school or not having enough food to eat.

The recognition Guang has received is transforming the life of his family. They have been taken on expense-paid trips to make guest appearances on local television programmes in Shanghai. Now, his mother does not have to struggle to fulfil her children's dream of receiving a good education. She is grateful that Guang can finally return to school.

Guang is one of the rare lucky children to have received a sponsorship from a Chinese businessman to pursue his studies in a top school in Beijing. He hopes to achieve his **aspiration** as a tour guide so that he can explore and travel to new places. He also hopes that other children peddling souvenirs to tourists will be offered the same opportunity.

In some countries, children work to supplement family incomes. They do not attend schools as they are forced to beg or work in risky industries, such as making bricks or salt mining. Giving money to children at tourist sites or on the streets can make the situation worse. The more a child gets, the more likely he will be made to beg. Thus, depriving him of the chance to receive an education.

It is important to appreciate and be thankful for what you have in life – be it big or small.

Adapted from https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/asia/cambodian-khmer-temple-seller-boy-speaks-

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71. What does Guang do at the Great Wall of China? (1m)

_____

_____

72. How did Guang become an overnight sensation? (2m)

_____

_____

73. According to Paragraph 3 and 4, what are Guang's remarkable abilities? (2m)

a)
b)

74. Describe the strategy Guang uses in order to get tourists to buy from him. (2m)

_____

_____

75. Fill in the following table by identifying the correct words from the passage. (2m)

Question	Word(s) from the passage
a) Which **two** words from Paragraph 2 tell us that Guang became well-known over a short period of time?	
b) Which word from Paragraph 5 tells us that Guang's songs were modified from the original ones?	

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76. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage. (1m)

_____ Guang was selling souvenirs at the Great Wall of China when he met a Singaporean tourist.

_____ Guang and his family appeared in local television programmes.

_____ A video showing Guang speaking 10 different languages was posted on Facebook.

77. Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write the answers in the column on the right. (2m)

Word from the passage	What the word refers to
souvenirs (line 6)	
aspiration (line 37)	

78. Based on the passage, fill in the boxes below. (3m)

Cause	Effect
	Guang was not able to attend private English classes.
Guang receives recognition and growing fame for his talent.	
	Children in some countries are forced to beg or work.

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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
(a) Guang learnt to speak English only after interacting with tourists.		
(b) Guang's mother was unaware of his linguistics talent before the video was posted online.		
(c) Guang's mother hopes that Guang can continue to sell more souvenirs at the Great Wall.		

80. According to the passage, "...Guang is never one to complain about wearing old clothes, having to walk long distances to school or not having enough food to eat." (Lines 27-29) With reference to this, tick **two** qualities of Guang. (2m)

☐ confident	☐ tolerant
☐ creative	☐ resilient
☐ gentle	☐ wilful

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ANSWER KEY

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Q64 thing

Q65 by

Q66 It was very rude of Harry to have taken my book without my permission.

Q67 Mr Tan could not fall asleep although he was very tired.

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Q69 Kenneth bought a birthday cake apart from a present and a card.

Q70 We carried on with the meting despite the absence.

Q71 He peddles souvenirs sch as fridge magets and postercards to visiting tourist.

Q72 A si..., ...ean visitor to the Great wall posrted a video on Facebook of Guang speaking in 10 different languages.

Q73 (a)He is able to converse in many foreign tongues.

(b)He is able to count one to ten easily in 16 different languages.

Q74 Whenever he meets foreign tourist, for example Indian tourist, he will burst into an enthusiastic adaption of a song by the famous Indian singer, Shankkar, as he sells them souvenirs.

Q75 overnight star

adaption

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Q76 1, 3, 2

Q77 Fridge magnets, postcards and other things sold by Guang as well as many other children.

Guang dream of becoming a tour

His family was taken on expense-paid trips to make guest apperance on local television programmes in Shanghai.

In some countries, children work to supplement family income.

Q79 False.When he was younger his parents sent him for private English classes

True. Guang's mother mother only realised that Guang could speak so many so many languages after viewing the video

False. She is grateful tht Guang will no longer have to sell souvenirs but will be able to finally return to school.

Q80 tolerant, resilent.

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