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SINCERITY & PERSEVERANCE

2019 PRIMARY 5 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2

Name: _____ ( )

Class: Primary 5 ( )

Date: 21 October 2019

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2
(BOOKLET A)

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

1. Benjamin was so fond _____ his teacher that he made a beautiful card for her on Teachers' Day.

   (1) in
   (2) at
   (3) of
   (4) by

2. The manager told the guests, "All the luggage in the bedrooms _____ taken to the lobby an hour ago."

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

3. Adeline was by the pond when she saw her uncle _____ into the water to save her drowning brother.

   (1) jump
   (2) jumps
   (3) jumped
   (4) had jumped

4. Mr Tan reported that massive plumes of smoke _____ be seen rising from the burning building early this morning.

   (1) will
   (2) can
   (3) could
   (4) might

5. My cousin prefers _____ cartoons to _____ a nap in the afternoon.

   (1) watch... take
   (2) watch... taking
   (3) to watch... taking
   (4) watching... taking

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6. Tom decided not to go for the camp _____ he had signed up for it.

(1) for
(2) since
(3) despite
(4) although

7. "You can never get to school on time, _____ you?" said the discipline mistress.

(1) do
(2) can
(3) can't
(4) don't

8. If the prefect had been more alert, he _____ the students fighting in the field.

(1) may see
(2) might see
(3) will have seen
(4) would have seen

9. My stomach _____ since I woke up this morning.

(1) growled
(2) is growling
(3) has been growling
(4) had been growling

10. As Lily knew that her sons were not hungry, she _____ dinner.

(1) did not cook
(2) shall not cook
(3) has not cooked
(4) was not cooking

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

11. The _____ toddler refused to change his clothes even after numerous reminders.

(1) firm
(2) insistent
(3) stubborn
(4) persuasive

12. Due to the unfavourable weather forecast, tomorrow's Sports Day has to be _____.

(1) listed
(2) scheduled
(3) postponed
(4) programmed

13. It is a good habit to complete and submit your homework punctually and not _____ it _____ to a later date.

(1) put ... off
(2) put ... out
(3) put ... away
(4) put ... aside

14. That was a record _____ for the opening ceremony. No one expected such a large crowd.

(1) throng
(2) turnout
(3) assembly
(4) attendance

15. Losing the race to a younger athlete was a _____ for Ravi. It was unpleasant but he had to accept the result.

(1) lost cause
(2) close shave
(3) pain in the neck
(4) bitter pill to swallow

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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.

Huang Fu was a very rich farmer who was always unkind to his servant, Ah Hop. Every day, Ah Hop **(16) worked like a horse** on the farm but was paid very little.

One day, Huang Fu instructed Ah Hop, "Buy me a bottle of wine."

(17) Puzzled, Ah Hop asked, "Master, how can I buy you wine if I have no money?"

Huang Fu replied **(18) disdainfully**, "Anyone can buy wine with money. It takes real skill to buy wine without money."

Time passed and Ah Hop eventually returned. He handed the bottle to Huang Fu and murmured, "Enjoy the wine, please."

Staring at the bottle in dismay, Huang Fu complained, "There is no wine! How can I enjoy this?"

Ah Hop said **(19) with a straight face**, "Anyone can enjoy wine if there is some. It takes real skill to enjoy wine when there isn't any."

Huang Fu made a choking sound and was **(20) unable to utter a word**. After that incident, he never summoned Ah Hop to do ridiculous things for him ever again.

Adapted from https://www.funny-jokes.com

16. (1) worked eagerly
    (2) worked laboriously
    (3) worked effortlessly
    (4) worked energetically

17. (1) Helpless
    (2) Appalled
    (3) Challenged
    (4) Dumbfounded

18. (1) with shock
    (2) with contempt
    (3) with suspicion
    (4) with intolerance

19. (1) sadly
    (2) seriously
    (3) impatiently
    (4) good-naturedly

20. (1) remorseful
    (2) speechless
    (3) enlightened
    (4) thoughtless

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Study this advertisement and then answer questions 21 to 28.

Westview Garden Festival

15 - 22 November 2019
Waterside Gardens
Opening Hours: 10am – 10pm daily



Admission Price:
Adult: $25
Child (3 to 12 years old): $15

Enter a magical world of delightful garden designs and exquisite floral creations as Singapore goes into full bloom this November at the Westview Garden Festival 2019.

Festival Favourites

Fantastic Designer Gardens
Be enthralled by the beauty and magic of the magnificent landscaped fantasy gardens created by renowned local and international gardening celebrities. Get ideas and inspiration for creating a modern garden.



Fantasy Gardens



Caring for a Bonsai

Bonsai Garden
Bonsai is a Japanese art form of pruning plants to mimic the shape of full-grown trees. View how these miniature trees are grown and potted. Find out how long it takes to grow a bonsai from a seed!

Orchid Spectacular @ Emerald Dome
Embark on an unforgettable journey into the diverse and colourful display of Asia's most exquisite orchids. Some orchid species on display are: Dendrobiums, Vandas and Epidendrums.



Potted Dendrobrium orchids

The Everyday Gardeners
Wondering how to start a herb and vegetable garden? Get gardening tips from your friendly neighbourhood gardeners. Learn how to select:
1) the best gardening tools
2) the right plants
3) the suitable soil

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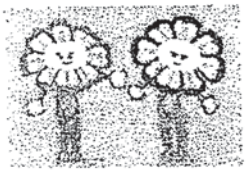
The Marketplace

This non-ticketed area is open to the public during the festival opening hours!



- **Gardening Shops** – Shop for all items related to gardening at this one-stop marketplace with over 20 gardening booths!
- **Stage Performances** – Be entertained by amazing band and choir performances put on by primary and secondary school students throughout the day.
- **Food and Beverage Stalls** – Watch chefs prepare mouth-watering local delights like chicken rice and curry puffs.

Flower Mascots
(at the Marketplace)



Spot the friendly Flower Mascots and take pictures with them!
Time: 12 – 1pm and
3 – 4pm daily

We want to hear from you!

- What do you think about this garden festival?
- Would you be interested to visit it again?
- What other exhibits would you like to see in future garden festivals?

Write in to us at letters_from_visitors@westviewgarden.sg and your letter might be published in our annual newsletter.

Here's some feedback from a visitor, Mr Alvin Tan, published in our annual newsletter about the 2018 garden festival.

I attended this garden festival last year and I was very impressed! I did not mind paying an entrance fee of $25 to visit the beautiful garden displays as well as the floral display in the Emerald Dome! I took many lovely photographs there! My favourite area was definitely the Marketplace, which had free access for members of the public. I really enjoyed myself watching the stage performances, shopping for gardening tools and relaxing at the food and beverage stalls.

The Westview Garden Festival is organised by the Waterside Gardens and is supported by the National Parks Board.

Sponsors: Watercolour Florist *Far West Flora*

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For each question from 21 to 28, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

21. The **main** aim of the advertisement is to _____.

(1) promote the garden festival
(2) encourage visitors to take up gardening
(3) welcome visitors to Singapore for the new year
(4) support gardeners whose floral creations are in full bloom

22. This event will be held at _____.

(1) Emerald Dome
(2) The Marketplace
(3) Waterside Gardens
(4) National Parks Board

23. To find out more about growing vegetables, I should visit _____.

(1) Bonsai Garden
(2) Orchid Spectacular
(3) The Everyday Gardeners
(4) Fantastic Designer Gardens

24. The colon in the Orchid Spectacular section is used to _____.

(1) emphasise the wide display of orchids
(2) provide some examples of orchid species
(3) tell readers more about the orchids on display
(4) heighten public awareness about local orchids

25. According to the advertisement, visitors will be able to do many things at the event except _____.

(1) buy food
(2) perform on stage
(3) see beautiful floral displays
(4) take photographs with the mascot

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26. The purpose of the questions in the section **"We want to hear from you!"** is to _____.

(1) encourage readers to visit the garden festival
(2) check if the readers have understood the article
(3) give readers some ideas of what they can write about
(4) enable the writer to get more information for the article

27. Visitors to The Marketplace will be able to _____.

(1) experience preparing local favourites
(2) take home free local foods like chicken rice and curry puffs
(3) take photographs with the flower mascots at any time of the day
(4) enjoy concerts staged by primary and secondary school students

28. Why was Mr Alvin Tan willing to pay $25 to visit the garden festival?

(1) He found visiting the garden festival thoroughly enjoyable.
(2) He managed to bring home some gardening tools for free.
(3) He liked the idea of visiting The Marketplace even after opening hours.
(4) He was delighted to find his feedback published in the annual newsletter.

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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) an	(D) however	(G) the	(K) where	(N) with
(B) before	(E) in	(H) to	(L) which	(P) without
(C) does	(F) on	(J) until	(M) while	(Q) would

An online post about Mdm Rani Veloo's act of kindness has gone viral since Mr Jack Lee wrote to the Singapore General Hospital to commend her for her civic-mindedness. Mr Lee was deeply grateful _____ (29) Mdm Veloo for assisting his elderly father _____ (30) getting down from an overhead bridge along Flora Avenue _____ (31) 6 July 2019.

In his letter, Mr Lee said that his father had been stranded on _____ (32) overhead bridge for three hours due to the loss of strength in his legs. _____ (33) there were many passers-by who tried to render help, they did not know how to move him. That was _____ (34) Mdm Veloo came to his aid.

Mr Lee added that _____ (35) her nursing experience and knowledge, Mdm Veloo was able to promptly assess the situation. She immediately directed others to help move his father to ground level _____ (36) Mr Lee's siblings could then transport him home.

"Mdm Veloo went beyond the call of her duty. _____ (37) her assistance and guidance, I think my father _____ (38) not have been able to get off the bridge. What Mdm Veloo has done is highly commendable and much appreciated," said Mr Lee.

Adapted from news article

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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)

One of the most famous stories of intelligent animals was about Koko, a female gorilla, born at the San Francisco Zoo in America. Koko was taught sign language and (39) [ ] learnt aproximetly one thousand signs and two thousand English words! Her motherly (40) [ ] affection was bold enuf to make headlines when she, through sign language, asked for (41) [ ] a kitten one day. As such, she was giving a life-like stuffed toy but she was least (42) [ ] than satisfied. She did not play with it but continued to sign the word 'sad'. Thus, she was (43) [ ] able to choose a kitten from a litter of abandend kittens on her birthday the following (44) [ ] year. The zookeepers naming this kitten Cookie. Koko cared for this kitten as if it were (45) [ ] her own. Under Koko's tender loving care, Cookie grow into a strong and healthy cat. (46) [ ] Unfortunetly, one day, Cookie escaped from Koko's cage and was run over by a (47) [ ] speeding car. Koko greeved, signing the words 'bad, sad, bad' and 'frown, cry, frown, sad' (48) [ ] over her losing. She also made a sound similar to a human weeping for many days. (49) [ ] Subsiquenly, Koko s maternal instinct was displayed whenever she had other young (50) [ ] animals to look after. Koko lived pass the average life expectancy of a gorilla. She died at the age of 46 years.

Adapted from 'wikipedia.org on Koko (gorilla)'

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

On sunny weekend mornings, Gabriel, his sister Emma and their parents always go for a walk at the park near their home in Bishan. That particular Sunday morning was no _____(51)_____. The Tan family, eager for some fresh _____(52)_____, set out soon after breakfast. Gabriel and Emma were chatting animatedly. _____(53)_____ of the blue, Emma stopped in her_____(54)_____. Gesturing excitedly into the distance, she asked, "Daddy, what are those things near the pond?" At once, the rest of the family looked in the direction Emma was _____(55)_____ in. A family of otters was playing near the pond!

"Ah, they must be the famous Bishan otters!" Mr Tan said, whipping out his phone to snap some_____(56)_____ of the uninvited guests.

Gabriel turned to his mother and asked, "Can we _____(57)_____ them our biscuits? They look hungry."

Mrs Tan replied, "No, we mustn't. _____(58)_____we do, they will soon forget how to look for food themselves. Otters eat mainly fish that they catch in the areas they live in."

"Maybe we can take one_____(59)_____ with us," Emma suggested as she made a beeline _____(60)_____ the water. "It'll be our pet! We can_____(61)_____fish from the market to feed it."

"It's _____(62)_____ the law to keep otters as pets! Besides, it's not right to take it _____(63)_____ from its family," her mother said. The children exchanged sad looks. All of a sudden, they heard a splashing _____(64)_____. They looked up only to realise that the otters had _____(65)_____ away. How they hoped to see the otters again soon!

Adapted from Bishan Otters

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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. Ahmad enjoys playing computer games.

Ahmad finds _____

_____

67. The students were disappointed when they did not make it to the finals of the competition.

Much to their _____

_____

68. My brother does not like yoghurt. My brother also does not like ice cream.

_____ neither _____

nor _____

69. All the players train extremely hard during the weekly practice. Bobby and James do not.

Every one of the players except _____

_____

70. "What did you and Thomas eat for recess?" Mdm Wong asked Mei Mei.

Mdm Wong asked Mei Mei _____

_____

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

Deep within the forest lived tall and ancient trees protected by a tree spirit called Maru. One day, three men named Aki, Hans and Raz decided that they would earn some money by cutting down trees in the forest and selling the wood to the villagers. Initially, they agreed that they would only chop down one tree a month as that would provide enough wood for them to survive for an entire month. For every tree they chopped down, the three men planted two saplings that would one day grow into enormously tall trees. "**This** is how we keep the forest healthy and happy," Aki would say with a smile each time he planted a sapling in the earth. "And if we take care of the forest, then the forest will take care of us."

For many months, Aki and his friends were conscientious about preserving the forest. They only cut down one tree each month and they always made sure that they planted the saplings in order to show respect for the forest. However, **things started to change** when Aki's friends began to look at the trees in a different way. Hans asked, "Why are we only cutting down a single tree each month when we could be cutting down many more? We could make more money then!"

"Yes, we could earn ourselves a great deal of money if we cut down more trees," said Raz. Aki was very distressed to hear his friends talking in such a manner. However, Hans and Raz were not to be dissuaded and so they combined their savings and bought a big tractor and an electric saw. Just before sunrise, Hans and Raz set out into the forest with their new equipment and began cutting down one tree after another. One by one, the towering trunks fell to the ground.

As the forest was filled with the crashing sound of the falling trees, Aki's heart was filled with sadness. "What are you doing?" he asked sorrowfully. "We must not disrespect the forest in such a manner." His friends merely laughed and continued to fell more trees before loading them onto the tractor. Aki felt powerless. He was unable to stop his friends because they were blinded by greed. Kneeling down and bowing to the sky, Aki clasped his hands together to ask for forgiveness.

Unknown to the men, Maru had been watching their deed. He was raging with fury that his trees were being cut down in such a disrespectful way. He decided to teach Hans and Raz a lesson by using his magical powers. Both men suddenly felt an acute pain in their stomachs and nothing they did seemed to ease the pain. Despite their discomfort, they continued their evil work of lumbering the trees. Soon, a cold gust of wind blew across the trees, shaking them violently and a heavy rain began to fall.

"We must leave this place!" screamed Hans and Raz. "The forest has come alive and destroyed all our equipment!" The two friends ran out of the forest as fast as they could and never returned. Aki, on the other hand, was miraculously protected from the wind and rain.

"I will not leave the forest!" Aki cried out at the top of his lungs. "I will stay and plant new saplings to replace the trees that my greedy friends have chopped down!" As quickly as they started, the wind subsided and the rain came to an abrupt stop. Aki was grateful that the storm was over, and immediately, he set about doing **his task**.

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71. What did the three men do to make a living? [1m]

_____

_____

72. Why were the three men satisfied with cutting down only a tree each month? [2m]

_____

_____

73. 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. [3m]

Word(s) from the passage	**What the word(s) refer to**
This (line 6)	
things started to change (line 11)	
his task (line 39)	

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74. Which **two** of the following words best describe how Hans and Raz felt in paragraph 3? Put a tick ✓ in the box beside each of your answers. [2m]

adamant	☐	passionate	☐
blessed	☐	impatient	☐
envious	☐	worried	☐

75. Which sentence from paragraph 4 shows that Hans and Raz found Aki's plea foolish? [2m]

_____

_____

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

_____ Aki prayed for Maru's forgiveness.

_____ Hans figured that cutting down many trees would be profitable.

_____ Raz chipped in to buy a tractor and cutting equipment.

77. Choose words from paragraphs 5 to 7 which have similar meanings to the words below. [3m]

stabbing	
logging	
died down	

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78. What did Maru do when his initial punishment failed to stop Hans and Raz from cutting down the trees? [2m]

_____

_____

79. The table below shows the actions of the three friends from paragraphs 4 to 7. Fill in the boxes using the information from the story. [2m]

The character's action	
(a) Hans and Raz continued to cut down the trees despite the stomachache.	Reason for their action:
(b) Aki bowed to the sky and asked for forgiveness.	Reason for Aki's action:

80. Was Maru fair in his treatment of the three friends? Give one reason to explain your answer. [2m]

_____

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SECTION B

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Q34 J	Q35 N	Q36 K	Q37 P	Q38 Q

Q39 approximately

Q40 enough

Q41 given

Q42 less

Q43 abandoned

Q44 named

Q45 grew

Q46 unfortunately

Q47 grieved

Q48 loss

Q49 Subsequently

Q50 past

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Q51 different

Q52 air

Q53 out

Q54 tracks

Q55 pointing

Q56 pictures

Q57 give

Q58 If

Q59 home

Q60 for

Q61 buy

Q62 against

Q63 away

Q64 sound

Q65 swum

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Q71 The three e men earned some money by cutting down trees in the forest and selling the wood to villagers.

Q72 Cutting down only a tree each month would provide enough wood for them to survive for an entire month.

Q73 For every tree the three men chopped down, they would plant two saplings.

Han's and Raz wanted to cut down more than one tree each month.

Aki plating new saplings

Q74 adamant,impatient

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Q75 His friends merely laughed and continued to fell more trees before loading them onto the tractor.

Q76 3

1

2

Q77 acute, lumbering, subsided

Q78 Maru used his magical powers to send a cold gust of wind blow across the trees, shaking them wildly and a heavy rain began to fall.

Q79a) Hans and Raz were blinded by greed.

b) Aki felt powerless as he was not able to stop his friends from cutting down the trees, he wanted to aplogise to Maru.

Q80 Yes, he was. He punished only Raz and Hans but not Aki.

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