HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
2020 SEMESTRAL EXAMINATION
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

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Section	Marks	
Grammar		10
Vocabulary		5
Vocabulary Cloze		5
Visual Text Comprehension		8
Total		28

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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. Aunt Minah always buys Ling Ling and _____ our favourite cake when we visit her.

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

2. Mr Siva, together with the twins, _____ in the playground every Friday.

(1) cycle
(2) cycles
(3) are cycling
(4) have cycled ( )

3. At Helen's party, she gave _____ guest a gift pack.

(1) all
(2) each
(3) some
(4) many ( )

4. All except Julie _____ going to the career fair next Monday.

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

5. _____ it rain, there will be no PE lesson today.

(1) Might
(2) Could
(3) Would
(4) Should ( )

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6. Ming Fan was able to catch the last train home, _____ to his relief.

(1) less
(2) little
(3) most
(4) much ( )

7. "Jenny missed her learning journey, _____ she?" Sally asked.

(1) don't
(2) didn't
(3) hadn't
(4) doesn't ( )

8. The Australian firemen fought courageously throughout the night to bring the forest fire _____ control.

(1) in
(2) over
(3) under
(4) beyond ( )

9. Johnson insisted on taking part in the competition _____ feeling unwell.

(1) but
(2) despite
(3) because
(4) however ( )

10. Mr Chan asked his children to pack up their toys to get ready for dinner as they _____ since two hours ago.

(1) were playing
(2) have played
(3) had been playing
(4) have been played ( )

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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. The students immediately _____ their teacher as he was very approachable and helpful.

(1) took to
(2) took in
(3) took up
(4) took after ( )

12. The chess player thought long and hard to come up with a better _____ to outwit her opponent at the National Chess Championship.

(1) task
(2) strategy
(3) challenge
(4) arrangement ( )

13. The wild fire spread through the forest uncontrollably _____.

(1) like a raging bull
(2) like a moth to a flame
(3) like a cat on hot bricks
(4) like ripples from a stone thrown into a pond ( )

14. When the flood had _____, there were mud and debris everywhere.

(1) lowered
(2) reduced
(3) subsided
(4) minimised ( )

15. Toddlers are curious and enjoy exploring their surroundings as they are naturally _____.

(1) intruding
(2) inquisitive
(3) interfering
(4) informative ( )

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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)

Mankind and animals have a special relationship. There are many reports of animals launching fatal attacks on humans. Thus, humans have always felt that they need to protect themselves against wild animals. However, at times, it turns out that even <u>ruthless</u> (16) predators like lions can show empathy towards other animals or even people.

In Ethiopia in 2005, a group of men kidnapped a twelve-year-old girl against her <u>will</u> (17) to demand for a sum of money from her rich parents. <u>Protected</u> (18) by three lions, the girl was found in a jungle one week later. It turned out that when the lions saw the men harming the girl, they kicked the intruders and guarded her from harm.

When the police found the little girl, the lions <u>retreated</u> (19) and allowed the police to take her home. Amazingly, the lions only went back to the jungle when they saw that the girl had safely returned home. In the girl's <u>testimony</u> (20) to the courts, she said that the lions protected her until the police came. This is indeed a touching story of how animals show empathy in the most unthinkable situations.

16. (1) strict
(2) hostile
(3) severe
(4) vicious ( )

17. (1) option
(2) motive
(3) consent
(4) knowledge ( )

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18. (1) Defended
(2) Restricted
(3) Influenced
(4) Concerned

( )

19. (1) quit
(2) evaded
(3) withdrew
(4) abandoned

( )

20. (1) response
(2) allegation
(3) statement
(4) discussion

( )

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Study this flyer carefully and answer questions 21 to 28.

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is proud to present to you...

The Singapore Heritage Walk

Come rediscover Singapore with the best heritage walk organiser in Singapore this December holidays!

Where are we going?



Battlebox @ Fort Canning

- Re-live one of the most important battles in Singapore's history
- Unveil the underground secrets that lie beneath the hills





Little India

- Be surrounded by plenty of religious sights
- Sample the mouth-watering Indian street foods that Little India has to offer



Chinatown

- Stroll through Pearl's Hill City Park, a hidden oasis of peace and tranquillity
- Admire the shophouses along the streets of Chinatown



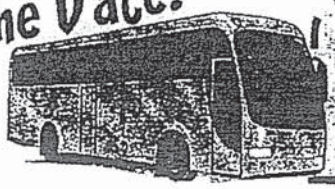


Kampong Glam

- Visit Sultan Mosque, popular for its golden dome and huge prayer halls
- Delight in Malay cuisines and traditional Malay desserts



Save the Date!



Day : Saturday
Date : 4 December 2020
Time : 9 am to 5 pm

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Join us!

Sign up by 31 November 2020 to get 20% discount off registration fees!

Registration Fees	
Singapore Residents	$25 per person
Non-Residents	$30 per person
Elderly (above 60 years old) non-residents	$28 per person
Group package (purchase of 4 tickets & above)	$15 per person

Itinerary

Time	Activity
8.30 am	*Registration at table next to Bugis MRT Station Exit B
9.15 am	Bus departs for Battlebox @ Fort Canning - Go on a Battlefield Study Tour conducted by local guides. Walk through the maze of rooms within the Battlebox and learn how they functioned during World War II.
11.15 am	Bus departs for Serangoon Road - Lunch at the famous Bhai Sarbat restaurant. - Visit the House of Tan Teng Niah, the last surviving Chinese villa in Little India. Named after a rich Chinese businessman, Tan Teng Niah owned several sweet-making factories along Serangoon Road.
12.45 pm	Bus departs for Pagoda Street - Short walk at Pearl's Hill City Park. Walk along the reservoir located on top of the hill. Bask in the serenity of the park and look forward to the ambience provided by the Tembusu trees. - Visit Buddha Tooth Relic Temple, a temple that houses the sacred tooth of Buddha. Dive into the well-documented history of Buddhist culture that incorporates various elements of Tang Dynasty architecture.
3.00 pm	Bus departs for Arab Street - Tour of Sultan Mosque, built in 1824 for the first sultan of Singapore. Be enchanted by the unique architecture of the mosque, which combines traditional Indian and Islamic elements with European architectural features. - Visit the Malay Heritage Centre, a cultural centre and museum showcasing the heritage and history of Malay Singaporeans. - Free time: Explore Haji Lane for sweet treats!
4.45 pm	Bus departs for Bugis MRT Station, Exit B.
5.00 pm	Dismissal

* Our friendly staff will be there to assist you.

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For each question from 21 to 28, 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. (8 marks)

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

(1) take part in walks
(2) indulge in traditional street foods
(3) visit heritage places in Singapore
(4) find out about World War II in Singapore's history

( )

22. The visit to Chinatown entails a _____.

(1) stroll through a park and a walk along shophouses
(2) taste of street foods and a visit to the House of Tan Teng Niah
(3) visit to the House of Tan Teng Niah and a stroll through a park
(4) walk along shophouses and a visit to the House of Tan Teng Niah

( )

23. Isaac wants to get 20% discount off registration fees. What should he do?

(1) Sign up before 31 November 2020.
(2) Register at 8.30 am on 4 December 2020.
(3) Assemble at 9.15 am on 4 December 2020.
(4) Look for three friends to go with him for the walk.

( )

24. Mrs Enola Holmes is a 60-year-old tourist from London. How much does she have to pay for her registration fees if she registers after 31 November 2020?

(1) $15
(2) $25
(3) $28
(4) $30

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25. Why is there an asterisk at the word 'Registration'?
It is to _____.

(1) inform participants whom to register with

(2) advise participants to register before 8.30 am

(3) remind participants that the tour starts after registration

(4) emphasise the friendliness of the staff of Haz Heritage Consultants

( )

26. What new knowledge can participants gain from the trip to Battlebox?

(1) Origin of Fort Canning

(2) History of World War II

(3) Functions of rooms within the Battlebox

(4) Construction of rooms within the Battlebox

( )

27. Which of the following is true about Mr Tan Teng Niah's house?
It is _____.

(1) located in Little India

(2) a factory that makes sweets

(3) one of the many Chinese villas that exist today

(4) incorporates elements of Tang Dynasty architecture

( )

28 What is uncommon about the architecture of Sultan Mosque?
It _____.

(1) was designed by the first sultan of Singapore

(2) incorporates elements of European architecture

(3) was inspired by the history of Malay Singaporeans

(4) has a golden dome and is furnished with huge prayer halls

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Name: _____ ( ) Class: P5 _____

Section	Marks	
Grammar Cloze		10
Editing for Spelling and Grammar		12
Comprehension Cloze		15
Synthesis / Transformation		10
Comprehension Open Ended		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) a	(D) besides	(G) every	(K) is	(N) this
(B) an	(E) by	(H) from	(L) must	(P) when
(C) are	(F) can	(J) however	(M) therefore	(Q) where

Plastics are among the most common forms of waste not just in Singapore but around the world. (29)_____ day, we see plastics being used in most aspects of our lives. (30)_____ food wrappers to straws and plastic bags, it is almost impossible for us to completely avoid any plastic usage. Although some of these plastic items (31)_____ be reused, most of them end up being thrown away, resulting in plastic waste that cannot be recycled.

In Singapore, non-recyclable materials (32)_____ burned before being dumped at Pulau Semakau – an offshore island. There has been (33)_____ increasing rate of plastic usage in Singapore. (34)_____, Pulau Semakau is quickly filling up. According to Dr Amy Khor, Singapore's Senior Minister of State for the Environment and Water Resources, Singapore has generated 8 million tonnes of waste since last year. (35)_____ is equivalent to 530,000 double decker buses! At this rate, we will be filling Semakau landfill by 2035 and it will be difficult to find an alternative solution (36)_____ that happens.

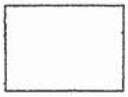
Besides the immediate land pollution consequence, burning plastic waste (37)_____ also a huge contributor to air pollution. Without the right

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measures, the burning of plastic waste can result in harmful gases being released into the air.

To help curb the threat of plastic pollution, you can play your part (38)_____. reducing your daily plastic usage. Everyone has a part to play to save our planet.

Adapted from https://blog.geneco.sg/knowledge/plastic-pollution-in-singapore-what-is-it-and-why-does-it-matter



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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)

Several months ago, Tay and I were heading back to our office after lunch

(39) [ ]

when we witnesed a beautiful sight. The weather was fair and the tide was low.

(40) [ ]

From a distance, Tay and I saw a family of otters happily playing near the feild

(41) [ ]

that separated the ponds. It was spectacular as well as entertainment to see them running around one another, intermittently rubbing their bodies on the sand,

(42) [ ]

marking out their territories with their scent and ocassionally standing up on

(43) [ ]

their hind legs to catch a gleampse of us.

(44) [ ]

The family consists with six members - two adults and four pups.

From our previous encounters with the family, we saw that the parents often

(45) [ ] (46) [ ]

teaching the pups how to fish. They would also play with the pups and by the process, strengthen the bond within the group. A few weeks later, we saw them

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(47) [ ]

teaching the pups how to marking their territory with the scent produced by the pair of scent glands at the base of their tails.

(48) [ ]

The fact that the otters are reproduce shows that Sungei Buloh

(49) [ ]

Wetland Reserve is a naturel habitat with a lot of food for them. In fact, we

(50) [ ]

should continue to keep the reserve a safe and condusive habitat for them. Let us do our part to conserve the wetlands!

Adapted from: Wetlands – a publication of Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve

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

Lizards are four-legged reptiles that live on land. There are about six thousand species of lizards that can be (51) _____ all over the world. Most of them inhabit warm regions while there are some lizards (52) _____ live in the cool pine forests in North America.

Most lizards are covered (53) _____ scaly skin, cold blooded and active during the day. They receive heat from their surroundings and rely (54) _____ their environment to help warm their bodies. Small lizards (55) _____ able to regulate their body temperature and will warm up when the temperature of the air around them changes slightly. They have the (56) _____ to feel changes as subtle (57) _____ the sun moving behind a cloud. Their rate of metabolism (58) _____ down when they rest in the shade. However, when they move into the sunlight, they become active once (59) _____ bodies are warm.

Lizards have well-developed eyes and good colour vision. Most lizards can see colours better (60) _____ humans. The eyes on their heads allow them to (61) _____ distance and speed when capturing their (62) _____ as they hunt. Believe it or not, chameleons have unique eyes. Their eyes can swivel, giving them a three hundred and sixty degree panoramic (63) _____ of their surroundings. They can move their eyes independently which allow them to watch two different objects at the (64) _____ time. The eyes of the chameleons, together with their long tongues, mean they have (65) _____ trouble finding food for themselves. It is necessary for lizards to have good vision as they spend a considerable time hunting.

Adapted and modified from livescience.com/56017-lizard, facts.html.livescience.com-lizard-facts

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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. Meiling is being taught how to swim by the instructor.

The instructor _____

_____

67. The shopping mall is huge. Raj met his cousins there last week.

_____ where _____

_____

68. "Did you see Paul at the canteen yesterday?" Mrs Tay asked Ali.

Mrs Tay asked Ali _____

_____

69. I would rather eat a bowl of spicy curry chicken than drink a glass of apple cider vinegar.

I prefer _____

_____

70. Teck Meng was determined to do his best at the basketball trials. That helped him defeat his opponents easily.

Teck Meng's _____

_____

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

I decided to set up camp near the *ravine since fresh water was readily available and there was an abundance of firewood. The ravine was so deep that there was very little sunlight. Therefore, for most of the day, it remained in shadow. This encouraged many birds and animals to emerge from their hiding places during the hours of daylight. Few people ever passed that way. As a result, the ravine had become a little haven for wildlife, one of the few natural sanctuaries left near Mussoorie in Northern India.

Nearly every morning, I leisurely walked down the path from my campsite to the stream. I could hear the cry of the deer and witness families of birds gliding down the ravine on gigantic, motionless wings. As I had not come to take anything from the jungle, the birds and the animals grew accustomed to me. One evening, as I was strolling, I heard them chattering in the trees and behind the tall bushes. As I crossed the stream and began climbing a hill, the grunting and chattering amplified as if they were trying to warn me of some **hidden danger**. The next minute, a shower of pebbles came rattling down the steep hillside and I looked up to see an orange-gold leopard poised on a rock six metres above me.

It was not looking towards me but had its head thrust attentively forward in the direction of the ravine. It must have sensed my presence because it slowly turned its head to look down at me. It seemed a little puzzled by my presence. To give myself courage, I sang my favourite song loudly and the leopard sprang away into the bushes, making no sound as it melted into the shadows. The leopard, like other members of the cat family, was nearing extinction in India and I was surprised to find one so close to Mussoorie. I had disturbed the animal in its quest for food. A little later, I heard the cry of a deer

ravine – deep narrow valley with steep sides

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as it fled through the forest; it was still on. Probably deforestation had driven the deer into this green valley and the leopard naturally had followed.

Although it was some weeks before I saw the leopard again, I was often made aware of its presence. A low, deep growl often gave it away. At times, I felt almost certain that I was being followed. One evening, I found the remains of the deer which had been partially eaten. **They** were quite a sight. I wondered why the leopard had not hidden the remains of his meal and drew a conclusion – it must have been disturbed while eating. Climbing the hill, I met a party of *shikaris* who were fully armed with guns. This group of hunters asked me if I had seen a leopard. I shrugged. Leopard-skins, they told me were selling at over a thousand rupees each! There was a ban on the export of skins but they led me to understand that there were means to sell it and ways to conceal the evidence. "It's quite easy to make a profit as long as one knows how to cover one's tracks and not get caught," they proclaimed proudly.

I thanked them for the information and walked on. I shook my head, unable to accept what I had heard.

Adapted from 'The Leopard by Ruskin Bond'

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71. Why did the narrator decide to set up his campsite near the ravine? (2m)

72. What two conditions made the ravine a suitable home for the birds and animals? (2m)

a)
b)

73. Fill in the following table by identifying the correct word from the passage. (2m)

Question	Word from the passage
a) Which word from the second paragraph tells us that the narrator walked to the stream in an unhurried manner every morning?	
b) Which word from the second paragraph tells us that the volume of the noises made by the birds and animals increased while the narrator was crossing the stream?	

74. According to the narrator, why did the leopard end up in the valley? (2m)

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

_____ The wildlife around the ravine was not bothered by the narrator's presence.

_____ The narrator enjoyed taking walks to the stream near his camp.

_____ The *shikaris* wanted to capture the leopard.

76. 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. (3m)

Word from the passage	What the word refers to
a. hidden danger (line 15)	
b. it (line 26)	
c. They (line 32)	

77. Which three-word phrase in paragraph 4 tells us that the narrator had found an answer to what he was thinking? (1m)

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78. 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. The narrator could sense that the leopard was in the valley even when he did not see it.		
b. The leopard was terrified of the narrator when it first saw him.		
c. The narrator clapped his hands to scare the leopard away.		

79. Based on the passage, fill in the boxes below. (2m)

Cause	Effect
	The leopard left his meal half eaten.
Leopard-skins were being sold for thousands of rupees.	

80. According to the passage, how did the narrator feel about the *shikaris*? Why? (2m)

_____

_____

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ANSWER KEY

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Q47	Mark	Q48	Reproducing	Q49	Natural
Q50	Conducive	Q51	Found	Q52	That
Q53	With	Q54	On	Q55	Are
Q56	Ability	Q57	As	Q58	Slows
Q59	Thein	Q60	Than	Q61	Estimate
Q62	Prey	Q63	View	Q64	Same
Q65	No				

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Q66. The instructor is teaching Meiling how to swim.
Q67. The shopping mall where Raj met his cousins last week is huge.
Q68. Mrs Tay asked Ali if he had seen Paul at the canteen the previous day.
Q69. I prefer eating a bowl of spicy curry chicken to drinking a glass of apple cider vinegar.
Q70. Teck Meng's determination to do his best at the basketball trials helped him defeat his opponents easily.
Q71. Fresh water was readily available there and there was an abundance of fire wood.
Q72 a) Few people had passed the ravine.
b) The ravine was so deep that it was always in the shadow.
Q73 a) Leisurely
b) amplified
Q74. Deforestation had driven the deer into the valley and the leopard naturally chased the deer.
Q75. 2 , 1 , 3
Q76 a) leopard
b) the leopard's quest for food
c) the remains of the deer which were partially eaten by the leopard.
Q77. Drew a conclusion
Q78 a) True , The narrator could hear the leopard's low , deep growl.
b) False , The leopard was puzzled that the narrator was there when it first saw him.
c) False , The narrator sang his favourite song loudly to scare the leopard away.
Q79 i) The party of shikaris disturbed the leopard while it was eating its meal.
ii) The shikaris were hunting the leopard for its skin.
Q80. The narrator felt that the shikaris were doing the wrong thing. He knew the shikaris were hunting animals for their skin and exporting and selling them illegaly.

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