NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL

2020
PRIMARY 6
TERM 1: WEIGHTED ASSESSMENT

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
(BOOKLET A)

Additional Materials: Optical Answer Sheet (OAS)

Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1 h 50 min

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

(10 marks)

1. John, together with his parents, _____ at the restaurant an hour ago.

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

2. _____ hard he tried, he could not solve the difficult question.

(1) Unless
(2) Although
(3) However
(4) Whenever

3. "Please keep this secret between you and _____," May reminded her friend.

(1) I
(2) us
(3) me
(4) we

4. Two thirds of the members _____ their attendance for the seminar next week.

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

5. Lynn was one of the girls who_____ awarded prizes.

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

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6. The teacher announced, "Pupils, you have to complete the assignment by _____."

(1) oneself
(2) yourself
(3) yourselves
(4) themselves

7. I heard her _____ a song as I walked past her room.

(1) sang
(2) sung
(3) sings
(4) singing

8. If Judy _____ the house earlier, she would not have missed the bus.

(1) left
(2) leave
(3) had left
(4) have left

9. "She's gone to school, _____ she?" Mille asked her brother.

(1) has
(2) does
(3) hasn't
(4) doesn't

10. I always mistake Jane _____ her sister. They just look so much alike!

(1) of
(2) as
(3) for
(4) with

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For each question from 11 to 17, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

(7 marks)

11. I finally _____ my driving license after two failed attempts.

(1) fulfilled
(2) attained
(3) achieved
(4) completed

12. Mr Lee will quickly _____ through the newspaper every morning to get an overview of the news for that day.

(1) skim
(2) study
(3) survey
(4) scrutinise

13. With a look of displeasure on her face, Alice _____ admitted her mistake.

(1) grudgingly
(2) negligently
(3) rebelliously
(4) disobediently

14. It is very difficult to _____ the exact conditions for the science experiment in order to get identical results.

(1) revert
(2) review
(3) reiterate
(4) replicate

15. "I will try to _____ the disappointment from losing the competition," May said.

(1) get over
(2) get round
(3) get through
(4) get away from

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16. The basketball players had built strong bonds with one another and enjoyed a great sense of _____.

(1) pride
(2) obligation
(3) patriotism
(4) camaraderie

17. Jane sulked as she was _____ that her brother had gotten away with his misbehaviour yet again.

(1) hesitant
(2) indifferent
(3) nonchalant
(4) incredulous

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For each question from 18 to 22, 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 (OAS).

(5 marks)

A marathon is a long-distance running race of forty-two kilometres. The distance is daunting (18) and completing it seems like an almost impossible mission. If so, why do so many people still take part in the annual Standard Chartered Singapore Marathon? The health benefits that one can reap (19) from it are many. Given the rigorous nature of the training, a person will likely see vast (20) improvements in both their physical and mental health.

Running a marathon gradually (21) builds up resilience. The very challenging nature of running a marathon could also develop a person's tenacity (22) to overcome setbacks.

Completing the race gives the runner a sense of achievement as he accomplishes one of life's greatest physical challenges!

Adapted from *Inspire*

18. (1) frustrating
(2) intimidating
(3) exasperating
(4) overpowering

19. (1) gain
(2) gather
(3) recover
(4) achieve

20. (1) swift
(2) huge
(3) sluggish
(4) heightened

21. (1) ultimately
(2) frequently
(3) eventually
(4) progressively

22. (1) purpose
(2) flexibility
(3) perseverance
(4) stubbornness

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Study this flyer carefully and then answer questions 23 to 30.

Farm & Barn celebrates Earth Day!

Embark on an eco-friendly lifestyle as you learn how to prevent food wastage, pick up gardening tips, attend upcycling workshops and purchase local produce. Take steps to protect the environment with us!

Date: Sunday, 19 April 2020
Time: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Venue: Farm & Barn

Register for the following activities @ the registration booth BEFORE ADMISSION

Grow! Grow! Grow!



For children under 12
25 participants per session

- Build a hydroponic kit from recycled materials. Participants get to bring home their own pot of seedlings.

Cooking Demo Session

16 years old and above
15 participants per session

- Chef Melvin from the F&B restaurant will show you how to create new dishes using leftover food such as rice, bread and fruits.

Receive a FREE cutlery set when you bring your own recycled bag. While stocks last!

Farm to Table



For the young and old
Cost: $20 per team for the ingredients
10 participants per session

Join us for a two-hour hands-on session. Learn how to harvest herbs and other produce in our garden. Children of all ages accompanied by an adult can stir up a dish in the kitchen with our very own produce at Farm & Barn. Pick up some cooking tips from Celebrity Chef Chan while doing so.

Upcycling!



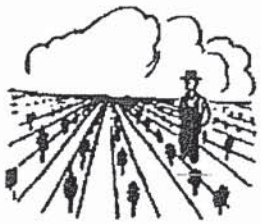
For the young and old
30 participants per session

What is Upcycling? Do you know that cardboard egg trays make great seed starters? The cardboard will degrade and nourish the soil. Come and learn 15 mind-blowing ways to reuse and re-purpose your unwanted items.

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The Story behind Farm & Barn

Located amidst lush greenery at the top of Bukit Lorang hill, coming to Farm & Barn is like going to a secret hideaway farm in Singapore. Owner of Farm & Barn, Mr Alvin Tan, an ex-Science teacher, first started the farm in 2015 to pursue his passion for agriculture. It started during his childhood days when his family owned an orchard. However, due to his busy lifestyle, he was temporarily unable to pursue his interest. Although there was little publicity, business has grown by word of mouth. The farm is always bustling with group tours and school field trips.



The Dream!

Mr Alvin Tan, who has also been an environmental advocate for the past 20 years, shares his inspiration for this inaugural event at his farm. "Global warming has always been a concern. Our warming planet affects our populations, ecosystems and animal species. But I believe that when there's a will, there's a way! Every one of us, the young and old, can take the lead in making a positive difference to nurse our beautiful Earth back to good health! It is my desire to be able to reach out to more people and encourage the community to lead an environmentally-friendly lifestyle."

Mr Alvin suggests trying the following simple steps to cultivate a more eco- friendly lifestyle:

- Reduce plastic use
- Reduce food wastage
- Recycle everything

According to Mr Alvin Tan, this event is even more meaningful as Earth Day 2020 will mark the 50th anniversary of the world's largest environmental movement. He promises that this will definitely be an annual event so that he can reach out to more people.

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(8 marks)

23. The main objective of the event is to _____.

(1) attract more people to visit Farm & Barn
(2) encourage people to take up agriculture
(3) encourage people to lead an eco-friendly lifestyle
(4) provide opportunities for families to bond together

24. Visitors who participate in the activities _____.

(1) will receive a cutlery set
(2) are required to sign up at the booth
(3) need to bring their own recycled bag
(4) will get to bring home a pot of seedlings

25. Which of the following is correct about the Farm to Table Activity?

(1) Two children can form a team to take part.
(2) Participants have to bring their own ingredients.
(3) There is a cap to the number of people who can join each session.
(4) Participants will learn how to grow herbs and other produce in the garden.

26. Which of the following activities would be suitable for May, an 11- year-old girl, who wants to earn how to be more creative with her used items and how to grow plants?

(1) Upcycling and Farm to Table
(2) Grow! Grow! Grow! and Upcycling
(3) Cooking Demo Session and Upcycling
(4) Grow! Grow! Grow! and Cooking Demo Session!

27. Which of the following statements about Mr Alvin Tan is <u>not</u> true?

(1) He is familiar with agriculture.
(2) He stopped following his passion for a period of time.
(3) He started the farm with the intent to support his family.
(4) He takes pride in promoting an environmentally-friendly lifestyle.

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28. Why is there an exclamation mark used in the heading "Farm & Barn celebrates Earth's Day!"?

(1) to show that the event is unexpected
(2) to draw attention to the event's activities at Farm & Barn
(3) to show excitement about Farm & Barn's Earth Day Event
(4) to emphasise Farm & Barn's aim to conserve planet Earth

29. According to Mr Alvin Tan, why is the event especially special this year?

(1) It is the first year the event is held.
(2) He has been an environmental advocate for the past 20 years.
(3) The event coincides with the 50th anniversary of the largest environmental movement.
(4) The event holds activities to encourage people to lead an eco-friendly lifestyle.

30. The purpose of including the section 'The Dream!' in this flyer is to_____.

(1) prevent global warming
(2) inspire others to play their part in caring for the environment
(3) educate people about the importance of reducing food wastage
(4) encourage others to whip up dishes using their homegrown greens

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PAPER 2 – Language Use and Comprehension	Booklet A:	/30
	Booklet B:	/70
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Please sign and return the exam paper the next day. Any queries should be raised at the same time when returning paper.

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There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, 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)	although	D)	from	G)	is	K)	than	N) to
B)	among	E)	he	H)	on	L)	the	P) which
C)	and	F)	however	J)	should	M)	they	Q) will

Is there anyone in your class who is a bully or is being bullied? Recently, both the schools and the media have been placing greater emphasis _____ (31) the issue of bullying because of its negative effects on the victims.

Victims of bullying are often shy _____ (32) tend to be physically weaker than their peers. _____ (33) may also have low self-esteem and poor social skills, _____ (34) make it hard for them to stand up for themselves.

Being bullied _____ (35) extremely stressful and it can lead to depression or development of low self-esteem. _____ (36) the most harmful effects of bullying are the victim feeling helpless and viewing the situation as hopeless.

_____ (37), dealing with bullying is extremely tricky. What _____ (38) one do or say when faced with bullying to prevent it _____ (39) happening again? If you are the one being bullied, tell the bully that you do not like the way he treats you and walk away. Chances are that the bully _____ (40) think twice before bullying you again. When you are being bullied, remember to turn to someone whom you trust for help or advice and do not suffer in silence.

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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. (13 marks)

Saw an interesting-looking bird at the park flitting from tree to tree? Nowadays, you do not have to lug around a heavy book on birds to ***identification*** *it. A free app that has been developed locally now makes birdwatching information easily* ***excessible*** *to enthusiasts, helping them identify bird species they may come across.*

(41) [ ]

(42) [ ]

(43) [ ]

(44) [ ]

The ***lawnche*** *of this free app, which is a much-awaited event,* ***have*** *brought cheer to the fast-growing birdwatching* ***comuneity*** *here. The app, titled "Birds of Singapore",* ***aim*** *to promote birdwatching as a hobby. It* ***feachures*** *more than five hundred photographs of about 392 species of birds ranging* ***between*** *the charismatic spotted wood owl to the striking crimson sunbird.*

(45) [ ]

(46) [ ]

(47) [ ]

(48) [ ]

(49) [ ]

Retieree and birdwatching enthusiast, Alan Owyong, came up with the idea for the app in 2011. Mr Owyong, 71, says, "The app ***providing*** *a way for the public to report* ***sytings*** *of interesting birds by uploading photos tagged with the location* ***which*** *they were spotted. I wanted to use* ***tecknology*** *to reach out to the younger generation of birdwatchers. With the app, I can easily search for information about the type of bird I am looking at."*

(50) [ ]

(51) [ ]

(52) [ ]

(53) [ ]

Adapted from: https://www.straitstimes.com/lifestyle/a-bird-app-or-two-in-hand

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

Pangolins are unique and peculiar animals. The Sunda pangolin, also _____ (54) as the scaly anteater, is a shy, solitary mammal.

These prehistoric animals _____ (55) been around for 80 million years and are the only known mammals to have skin which is covered _____ (56) large, hard scales. The scales of the pangolin are made _____ (57) keratin, or compressed hair, and help to _____ (58) its body from predators such as leopards. _____ (59) threatened, the pangolin can curl up into a ball, with its overlapping scales acting _____ (60) an armour while it tucks its face under its tail.

_____ (61) from its scales, the pangolin's most notable characteristic is its sticky tongue which can measure up to forty centimetres in _____ (62). To feed, the pangolin uses its strong front claws to tear into ant mounds and laps _____ (63) the ants with its tongue.

Sunda pangolins are critically _____ (64) and their numbers are declining rapidly. They are being poached and are on the _____ (65) of extinction because of the demand for their meat and their scales. These highly-valued _____ (66) of the pangolin are used in traditional Chinese medicine _____ (67) there is no evidence to prove they are effective. All eight species of these shy, scaly creatures _____ (68) said to be the most trafficked mammals in the world. The rapid loss of habitat is also placing additional pressure on the remaining population of pangolins.

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For each of the questions 69 to 74, 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). (12 marks)

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69. Neither of the restaurants we went to was crowded.

Both _____

_____ .

70. The plane departed late. Many passengers were upset about it.

_____ about the late

_____ .

71. Lucas was frustrated. He slammed the door.

_____ in

_____ .

72. The salesman attends to the customer.

The customer _____

_____ .

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73. Andy felt indignant. He was blamed for something that he did not do.

Having _____

_____

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74. "Is the book which was kept in the drawer with you?" Jane asked her brother.

Jane asked her brother _____

_____

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Read this passage and answer questions 75 to 84. (20 marks)

Billy Bunch was unlike other children his age. He had a stutter. Each time before he could finish his sentence, his classmates were already laughing at him. That made him reluctant to communicate. He was certainly not a favourite among his teachers either as he was inattentive during lessons and made little attempt to disguise it.

"It's your turn to read the next page aloud, Billy," Mr Brown, Billy's teacher, would say. While Billy stuttered his way through, the smirks and sniggers of his classmates added to the hurt and humiliation he tried so hard to hide. The only place Billy felt completely at ease was the Wilderness, to which he would escape without fail every time he was taunted by his classmates. There, he could be himself and not have to worry about what others thought about him.

Billy had stumbled upon the place by chance. That evening, Billy saw a great white owl fly over his head and into the ruins of a chapel. Intrigued by the bird, he ran after it for a closer look, but it disappeared from sight. **It turned out to be a blessing in disguise.** Billy discovered something even more fascinating when he looked around him. The Wilderness. Since that day, Billy would visit the Wilderness while ensuring nobody spotted him. Here, he could lie back on the springy grass and watch the kingfishers by the canal. Billy knew every creature in the Wilderness. Not only that, he took it upon himself to protect all the creatures against the predatory cats. A stinging shot from his catapult was sufficient to deter them from returning. He declared himself the guardian of the Wilderness.

One evening, Billy was lying in the tall grass by the canal, kingfisher-watching, when he saw a blue-grey cygnet emerge from the bushes and move gracefully towards him. Suddenly, he heard a voice yelling, "Let's sink the swan!" Billy shivered, retreating further into the long grass. He saw five youths hurling a continuous barrage of stones at the cygnet. Seeing the cygnet beat its wings in a frantic effort to take off, outrage drove away Billy's fear. Billy knew at once what had to be done. Immediately, he leapt out into the canal and ploughed through the water towards the cygnet. Under the bombardment of stones, Billy put his hands over his head to protect himself, but one hit him on the arm, leaving a red gash. He winced in pain. Reaching out, he clutched the struggling bird firmly by the wings, shielding it from the stones as he made for the safety of the chapel.

Once there, Billy sank to his knees and set the cygnet down. Still simmering with anger, he sat in silence for some minutes. His anger vanished as he admired the young swan preening itself.

"You're the most beautiful thing I've ever seen," Billy whispered. The cygnet looked up at him. "Did they kill your mother too?" Billy asked. "They did, didn't they? Well, I'll look after you now. Wish you could speak to me. You could teach me how to fly for a start." Just then, Billy was aware that his words were flowing easily without a trace of a stutter. "Never mind the flying, you've taught me to speak!" Billy exclaimed as he got on his feet, dancing around the chapel. By the time Billy turned to where the cygnet had been standing, all he found was one small grey feather on the chapel ground. He picked it up and put it into his pocket.

The next morning, when it was Billy's turn to read aloud in class, he stood up and noticed the children sniggering around him. Then, using his grey feather to underline the words, he began reading clearly and confidently. Mr Brown took off his glasses in disbelief, and every smirk in the classroom was wiped away as Billy read on faultlessly to the end of the page. **Billy knew he had triumphed over himself and his classmates.** There was silence around Billy, born of astonishment and respect that he had never felt before.

Adapted from Little Foxes by Michael Morpurgo

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75. State a reason to explain why Billy had difficulty making friends. [1m]

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_____

_____

76. What does the writer mean by "It turned out to be a blessing in disguise." (line 12) [2m]

_____

_____

77. Which four-word phrase from paragraph 3 shows that Billy wanted to keep the Wilderness a secret? [1m]

78. Why did Billy view himself as 'the guardian of the Wilderness'? [2m]

_____

_____

79. Which two of the following words best describe Billy's character in the passage? Put a tick (√) in the box beside each of your answers. [2m]
DO NOT TICK MORE THAN TWO BOXES.

respectful	☐	sociable	☐
compassionate	☐	proud	☐
careless	☐	selfless	☐

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

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_____ Billy was determined to prevent a mishap.

_____ Billy was amazed by the beauty of the creature.

_____ Billy tried to protect himself from physical harm.

81. 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
Billy used his catapult to shoot birds in the Wilderness.		
Billy was elated when he first realised he could speak fluently.		
Mr Brown expected Billy to read the page aloud with a stutter.		

82. Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. [3m]

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
it (line 4)	
there (line 28)	
they (line 31)	

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83. Based on information from lines 5 to 36, fill in the blanks in the following table. [3m]

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How Billy felt	What made Billy feel that way	What Billy did as a result
humiliated	His friends smirked and sniggered when he stuttered while reading.	
	He heard the youths threatening to hurt the cygnet.	He hid himself in the long grass.
furious		He rescued the cygnet.

84. What did the writer mean by "Billy knew he had triumphed over himself and his classmates."? (lines 40 - 41) [2m]

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BOOKLET A

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Q11	2	Q12	1	Q13	1	Q14	4	Q15	1
Q16	4	Q17	4	Q18	2	Q19	1	Q20	2
Q21	4	Q22	3	Q23	3	Q24	2	Q25	3
Q26	2	Q27	3	Q28	3	Q29	3	Q30	2

BOOKLET B

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Q41	identify	Q42	accessible	Q43	launch	Q44	has	Q45	community
Q46	aims	Q47	features	Q48	from	Q49	retiree	Q50	provides
Q51	sightings	Q52	where	Q53	technology	Q54	known	Q55	have
Q56	in	Q57	of	Q58	protect	Q59	when	Q60	as
Q61	apart	Q62	length	Q63	up	Q64	endangered	Q65	brink
Q66	parts	Q67	although	Q68	are				

Q69. Both the restaurants we went to were not crowded.
Q70. Many passengers were upset about the late departure of the plane.
Q71. Lucas slammed the door in frustration.
Q72. The customer is attended to by the salesman.
Q73. Having been blamed for something that he did not do, Andy felt indignant.
Q74. Jane asked her brother if the book which had been kept in the drawer was with him.
Q75. Billy had a stutter and each time before he could finish his sentence his classmates were already laughing at him.
Q76. The writer meant that him chasing a great white owl and it disappearing from sight was a blessing as he then found out about the wilderness.
Q77. ensuring nobody spotted him

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Q78. Billy knew every creature in the Wilderness and took it upon himself to protect all of them against predatory cats.

Q79. compassionate , selfless

Q80. 1 , 3 , 2

Q81 a.) False , Billy used his catapult to shoot predatory cats to protect all the creatures from them.

b.) True , Billy got up on his feet and started dancing around the chapel when he first realized he could speak fluently.

c.) True , Mr Brown expected Billy to read with a stutter and took off his glasses in disbelief when read with a

Q82. (line 4) : Billy's inattentiveness during lessons
(line 28) : in the chapel
(line 31) : the fire youths

Q83. a.) He escaped to the wilderness

b.) scared

c.) He saw five youths hurling a barrage of stones at the cygnet and it being its wings in a frantic effort to take off.

Q84. Billy had overcome his stutter and his friends could no longer make fun of him.

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