TAO NAN SCHOOL

PRIMARY 5 EL PRACTICE PAPER 2

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Class: Primary 5 _____ / 2021

Section	Score	Maximum Marks
Grammar		10
Vocabulary		5
Vocabulary Cloze		5
Visual Text Comprehension		8
Grammar Cloze		10
Editing for Spelling and Grammar		12
Comprehension Cloze		15
Synthesis / Transformation		10
Comprehension Open		20
TOTAL		**95**

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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. "_____ the two mobile phones. Which is easier to use?" Mrs Chua asked her nephew.

   (1) Compare
   (2) Compares
   (3) Compared
   (4) Comparing

2. The boy ran around the corner and nearly collided _____ the teacher.

   (1) in
   (2) on
   (3) with
   (4) onto

3. At the upcoming assembly, students who have represented the school in the writing competition _____ a certificate.

   (1) are given
   (2) will be given
   (3) is to be given
   (4) are being given

4. Everybody disliked him as he _____ about himself every day.

   (1) boast
   (2) boasts
   (3) boasted
   (4) is boasting

5. Mr Wong forgot to let his son _____ that he would not be able to fetch him from school.

   (1) know
   (2) knew
   (3) knows
   (4) knowing

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6. Peter forgot to bring his house keys. _____, he had to wait for an hour at the gate until his parents returned.

(1) Besides
(2) However
(3) Nonetheless
(4) Consequently

7. Many guests _____ by the time the little boy woke up to cut his birthday cake.

(1) left
(2) had left
(3) have left
(4) are leaving

8. Roy _____ to his pen pal in Japan since he was in Primary Three.

(1) wrote
(2) writes
(3) has written
(4) has been writing

9. All the sports equipment _____ returned to the shelves this morning.

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

10. "He'd be upset if the learning journey is cancelled, _____ ?" asked Raju.

(1) didn't he
(2) hadn't he
(3) couldn't he
(4) wouldn't he

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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. As a result of applying the medicine conscientiously, Tom's wounds _____ rapidly.

(1) healed
(2) restored
(3) improved
(4) recuperated

12. Granny's top _____ is to look after her grandchildren well because she loves them dearly.

(1) priority
(2) urgency
(3) importance
(4) requirement

13. I had to _____ my trip because something urgent had cropped up.

(1) call off
(2) break off
(3) leave out
(4) put behind

14. She felt a pang of _____ for what she had done and promised her parents that she would turn over a new leaf.

(1) envy
(2) remorse
(3) perseverance
(4) determination

15. "If you don't want to get a sunburn, apply this sunblock cream _____," said my mother.

(1) vastly
(2) widely
(3) liberally
(4) elaborately

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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.

"Hey, you there! Litterbug!"

I jumped guiltily as I heard the shout from behind me. Turning around, I came face to face with a police officer whose face was twisted with **(16) <u>rage</u>**. He was gesturing angrily at a crumpled plastic bag lying on the pavement. I had **(17) <u>absent-mindedly</u>** thrown the plastic bag onto the ground a few seconds before he caught me. Subsequently, I was issued a summons for littering and had to serve Corrective Work Order at a park.

It was a sunny Friday morning when I reported to a supervisor at Bishan Park who instructed me to collect a rake and a dustpan from a man wearing a luminous yellow vest **(18) <u>emblazoned</u>** with the words 'Corrective Work Order'. At first, I thought that the rake could be **(19) <u>wielded effortlessly</u>**. However, it was too large and I constantly struggled to control it. Also, passing traffic blew the leaves all over the place, scattering the ones I had already swept. Half an hour later, panting loudly, I paused to **(20) <u>take a breather</u>**. My upper arms were aching so much that I thought they might fall off. I vowed not to throw litter unthinkingly ever again.

Adapted from 'Public Shaming of Litterbugs'

16. (1) anger
    (2) horror
    (3) anxiety
    (4) exhaustion

17. (1) foolishly
    (2) purposely
    (3) unknowingly
    (4) inconsiderately

18. (1) adorned
    (2) exhibited
    (3) displayed
    (4) ornamented

19. (1) handled simply
    (2) waved naturally
    (3) moved laboriously
    (4) brandished around

20. (1) let out a sigh
    (2) rest for a while
    (3) breathe deeply
    (4) inhale and exhale

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Study this flyer and then answer questions 21 to 28.

Fly into Asia's largest bird park now!

Bird Paradise Park

2 Sunbird Terrace Hills, Singapore 628628
Open daily from 9am – 6pm

Don't miss the chance to see 5 000 birds fly, swim and roam FREELY in their special habitats!

Catch Our Star Attractions!

Sunbird Loft



This 9-storey high enclosure offers a 360-degree view of lush greenery. Experience our friendly, colourful sunbirds eat right out of your hands!

Splish Splash Waterfall

Admire this man-made waterfall with over 600 free-flying birds. Get up close to these beautiful birds as they flock to you to feed on their favourite food.

Admission Price:
Please donate whatever amount you wish.



Bird Shows

Time: 10am, 1pm & 3pm
Venue: Amphitheatre
Watch the birds perform clever tricks!
Shows are subject to weather conditions.

Penguin Walk

Home to nearly 100 penguins, this exhibit also includes a separate outdoor enclosure for the endangered African penguins.

Breeding and Research Lab

Go behind the scenes to our bird nursery, where eggs and chicks receive expert care. See how we nurture our adorable birds!

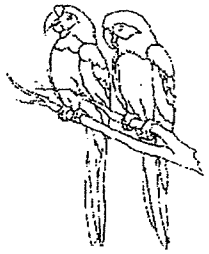
Here's what our visitor, Mr Ahmed has to say...

When I was little, my father, who loves nature, would often take me to Bird Paradise Park. We never missed the bird shows and were awed by the birds' show-stopping antics. I loved watching the interactive feeding sessions and learning more about the birds. Now that I'm a father myself, I make it a point to bring my family here. Though my sons do not share my passion for feeding the birds, they're always thrilled by the bird shows. I'm glad that the park is starting a campaign on saving the Blue Parrots from extinction.

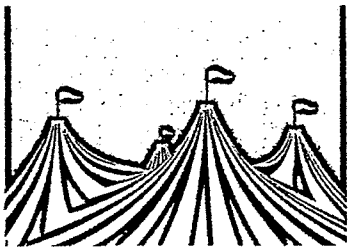
This park is fully funded by the Tan Foundation – a community effort to educate the public about wildlife conservation.

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Save the Blue Parrots



Bird Paradise Park is going to launch a campaign called 'Let Blue Parrots Live' in November. It hopes to raise public awareness that blue parrots are a rare species now due to the irresponsible cutting down of trees. Be sure to sure to catch a glimpse of the blue parrots whose brilliant blue feathers will take your breath away!



Let Blue Parrots Live Carnival

Dates: 17 & 18 November 2018 (Saturday & Sunday)
Venue: Open field next to Bird Paradise Park
Time: 9am – 5pm
Coupons are sold at $10 per booklet during the carnival.
All coupon booklets come with a free reusable bag!

Blue Parrot Mascot



Take pictures with our friendly blue parrot mascot!
Time: 12pm – 1 pm and 3pm – 4pm

Lucky Draw

Stand a chance to take part in a lucky draw when you visit any of the stalls marked with a star (★).

More than 20 Game Stalls!

Many attractive prizes to be won!

Exhibition on the Endangered Blue Parrots

Learn more about our beautiful feathered friends!
Blue Parrots are omnivores. They love their nuts, fruit, seeds and insects!



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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 word 'FREELY' is typed entirely in capital letters. This is to _____.

(1) draw readers' attention to the 5 000 birds in the park
(2) heighten public awareness about wildlife conservation
(3) tell the readers not to miss the chance of visiting Asia's largest park
(4) stress that the birds' movements in their enclosures are unrestricted

22. Why is the admission price to the bird park not a fixed amount?

(1) The bird park is fully funded by the Tan Foundation.
(2) Larger amount of donations can be obtained in this way.
(3) The money collected from the sale of the carnival coupons is sufficient.
(4) The bird park wants the public to catch a glimpse of the rare blue parrots.

23. Which one of the following 'Star Attractions' educates visitors about the life cycle of birds?

(1) Bird Shows
(2) Sunbird Loft
(3) Penguin Walk
(4) Breeding and Research Lab

24. Which one of the following statements about what Mr Ahmed said is <u>not</u> true?

(1) He finds visiting the bird park educational.
(2) He is supportive of the 'Let Blue Parrots Live' campaign.
(3) He and his father visited the bird park regularly when he was young.
(4) He and his children enjoy feeding the birds whenever they visit the bird park.

25. Look at the section on 'Save the Blue Parrots'. What does 'It' refer to?

(1) the campaign
(2) the rare species
(3) the blue parrots
(4) the cutting down of trees

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26. According to the flyer, what causes the blue parrots to become endangered?

(1) They have a very selective diet.
(2) They have brilliant blue feathers.
(3) Their natural habitat is being destroyed by Man.
(4) Many people have never seen the blue parrots before.

27. Anyone who has bought a coupon booklet for the carnival will definitely _____.

(1) receive a free gift
(2) get to take part in the lucky draw
(3) get to bring home an attractive prize
(4) be given a photograph of the mascot

28. What is the **main** aim of organising the carnival?

(1) to attract readers to visit the bird park
(2) to arouse the readers' interest in the campaign
(3) to introduce the visitors to the bird park mascot
(4) to let visitors have a fun-filled weekend at the bird park

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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) behind	(D) had	(G) meanwhile	(K) other	(N) their
(B) by	(E) his	(H) not	(L) since	(P) thus
(C) has	(F) just	(J) on	(M) that	(Q) with

Birbal was a wise and knowledgeable minister who served Akbar, Emperor of India. He was close to Akbar and informed him of all that was happening around the kingdom. _____ (29) Akbar cared about his people, Birbal advised him that one way to find out if they were truly happy was to visit them in disguise and see how they lived. Akbar liked the idea of an adventure. _____ (30), he dressed up as an ordinary villager and decided to visit a faraway village.

Accompanying Akbar were four ministers who had to carry some boxes _____ (31) their backs. Birbal selected an enormous box _____ (32) contained food. The other ministers laughed at him for choosing the largest box. Unlike Birbal, they chose boxes which were _____ (33) as large or heavy as Birbal's box. Birbal kept quiet and did not react to _____ (34) mocking. The journey started and they made their way to the village.

After some hours, Akbar and his men stopped under a shady tree for lunch. Birbal distributed the food from his box. This lightened his burden _____ (35) half. After a satisfying meal, the men continued their journey to the village. The village was so far away that they had to stop for dinner after hours of walking. Birbal gave out the remaining food to everybody. That emptied _____ (36) box. For the rest of the journey, the wise minister _____ (37) nothing to carry but the empty box! However, the _____ (38) men's loads seemed to get heavier and heavier with every step they took. Only then did they feel ashamed of making fun of Birbal.

Adapted from 'Akbar and Birbal' retold by Harsimrah Anand

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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)

There is an old lady who often sits alone in the void deck of my block. To earn a

(39) [ ]

living, she goes around collecting used drink cans and selling them to the neihborhood

(40) [ ]

rag-and-bone man. My parents are very compasionete people who often give her money and take time to chat with her. Both of them are very concerned that she eats well and

(41) [ ] **(42)** [ ]

do not fall sick. My parents treat her as if she were my mother.

(43) [ ]

The kindness my parents show to the poor and the aged is a extension of the love

(44) [ ]

that they give to our family. On instance, when we go to the supermarket each week

(45) [ ] **(46)** [ ]

with my perternal grandmother, my father always pays for the grocerys. As a filial son,

(47) [ ]

he provides her with an allowance but does not allowed her to pay for her marketing.

(48) [ ]

My mother often accompanies my grandmother on these trips, carry the items she has

(49) [ ]

selected and supporting her as she walks in case she loses her ballence.

(50) [ ]

I have told myself that I will look after my parents when they grow old, especaily after seeing that poor and lonely lady at my void deck. They have worked diligently to educate and shower me with love. I shall treat them with the same kindness and respect that they have shown to the elderly.

Adapted from 'Celebrating Family: 101 Stories on Love and Inspiration'

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

With hard work comes success. Ben Chan is a well-known doctor who has a chain of _____ (51) across Singapore. Many people do not know that Ben had to struggle very hard to get to where he is now. _____ (52) Ben was eight and his brother, Curtis, was ten, their father passed away. Their mother, Sonya, brought them up single-handedly from _____ (53) on. Money was very tight so Ben's mother took up two, sometimes three jobs, to make ends _____ (54). As she had very little education, Sonya often worked for well-off _____ (55) as a cleaner. This gave her an insight into what went on in the homes of wealthy people who had successful careers and good incomes. Sonya noticed that they had a large collection of books and read a lot.

In school, Ben was at the bottom of his _____ (56). His classmates called him "dummy" and not surprisingly, he soon _____ (57) a violent, uncontrollable temper. When he brought home a bad report card for the third time, Sonya realised that she had to _____ (58) action. Believing in the importance of reading, she told her sons that they were to _____ (59) at least two books from the library every week. She _____ (60) them to two television programmes a week and insisted that they _____ (61) a book review on the books they had read. Ben and Curtis were not at all keen on this but their _____ (62) did not give them a choice. It was not _____ (63) many years later that Ben realised his mother could not read well enough to check their book reviews. Touched by his mother's efforts, Ben and his brother vowed to work hard. As a result, their school results in all subjects began to _____ (64). In college, Ben continued to read widely. He was also determined to work on controlling his temper. Aspiring to become a _____ (65), Ben attended medical school. His success can only be credited to his mother.

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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. David had a toothache. Aunt Suzy suggested that David see a dentist.

_____ because of

_____

67. Ruby will achieve her goals if she works hard.

_____

_____

68. My brother did not stop to rest until he had solved the challenging sum.

My brother only _____

_____

69. "I met your sister at the party last night," Mrs Wee told me.

Mrs Wee told me that _____

_____

70. Sundram can decide either to backpack in Japan or spend time with his family.

Sundram has to decide between _____

_____

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

Jim and Selena were zoology students. As part of their studies on wildlife, they travelled to the Wildlife Reserve Park in Sarawak, hoping to observe unusual animals such as the sun bear and the orangutan. To their disappointment, they only spotted common birds, lizards, squirrels and monkeys in the park. Jim and Selena experienced this frustration for the first few days of their trip. Jim, who had always wanted to study exotic wildlife up close, began to wonder if it was going to be a fruitless trip.

On the second week of their trip, Jim and Selena set off early in the morning to explore the surrounding forested areas at the foot of a mountain. That night, they made their way back to their hostel. While driving, the headlights of their car picked out a creature crossing the road. It was a blurred figure that had just made it to the grass patch along the road. Immediately, Jim stepped on his brakes and the car came to a halt, a safe distance away from it.

The surrounding area was pitch black. Jim plucked up his courage and opened the car door slowly. He moved carefully towards the creature with a torch in his hand. Selena's heart was in her mouth as she prayed for Jim's safety.

"Could it be a wild cat?" Jim wondered. It was about 50cm long and 6cm tall. Jim's curiosity was piqued. At first, he was afraid that the creature might attack him. Then, he recalled reading about the animal on the Internet, and knew without a doubt that it was a pangolin – a harmless anteater. "**My dream** has come true!" Jim thought excitedly. Trembling with excitement, he reached out tentatively to touch the animal.

The pangolin turned slowly and began to crawl away. Selena could see it too as Jim shone his torch slightly away from the pangolin but enough to illuminate its scales. It had a thick tail like a crocodile's and its back was covered in golden scales. The pangolin had a lean, pointed face. Its long claws clicked against the road surface. One of its claws was hurt and bleeding. It took no notice of Jim who tiptoed behind it. However, when Jim tapped its back gently, a most fascinating thing happened. The pangolin, sensing danger, took on a different shape. It shyly curled itself into a tight, golden, scaled ball.

Gingerly, Jim picked up the pangolin and held it tight against his chest to ensure that he did not drop it. It weighed about 4kg. Cradled in Jim's arms, the pangolin decided to uncurl itself. That was when its golden scales and sharp claws ripped the flesh of Jim's thumb. Jim let out a yelp but did not dare let go. Quickly, Selena opened the boot of the car and brought out a towel to wrap the pangolin. It immediately curled up into a ball once again. "You're frightening it!" Selena chided him before placing it into a cardboard box with some grass. They decided to take the pangolin to the vet at the Wildlife Reserve Park.

"Do you know that poachers trap pangolins for their claws and scales to make earrings?" said the vet grimly. He then treated its injury and eventually released it into the reserve park. Both Jim and Selena were glad, knowing that the park rangers would ensure the safety of the pangolin. It really made their trip to Sarawak worthwhile.

Adapted from 'Pangolin' by Angus Whitebead

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71. Why did Jim and Selena go to Sarawak? [1m]

_____

_____

72. Which two words in the first paragraph describe what type of wildlife Jim and Selena were looking for? [2m]

	and	

73. Based on the story, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	True / False	Reason
Jim and Selena spent an entire day at the forested areas.		
Jim was a careful driver.		
Jim recognised the creature as a pangolin when he first saw it.		

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

shy	☐	proud	☐
afraid	☐	concerned	☐
relieved	☐	discouraged	☐

75. What was Jim's dream (line 19)? [2m]

_____

_____

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

_____ Jim saw a creature making its way to the grass patch.

_____ Selena wrapped the creature with a towel.

_____ Jim and Selena studied the creature closely.

77. Choose words from paragraphs 4 and 5 which have similar meanings to the words below. [3m]

hesitantly	
thin	
crept up	

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78. The table below shows the actions of Jim and Selena in paragraph 6. Fill in the boxes using the information from the story. [2m]

The character's action	
Jim let out a cry. (Line 32)	Reason for Jim's action:
Selena scolded Jim before placing the pangolin into a box. (Lines 34-35)	Reason for Selena scolding Jim:

79. According to the passage, what will happen to a pangolin if it is caught by poachers? [2m]

_____

_____

80. What did the vet do after treating the pangolin's injury? Why? [2m]

_____

_____

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ANSWER KEY

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

Q29	L	Q30	P	Q31	J	Q32	M	Q33	H
Q34	N	Q35	B	Q36	E	Q37	D	Q38	K

Q39	neighbourhood	Q40	compassionate	Q41	does	Q42	their
Q43	an	Q44	For	Q45	paternal	Q46	groceries
Q47	allow	Q48	carrying	Q49	balance	Q50	especially

Q51	clinics	Q52	When	Q53	then	Q54	meet	Q55	families
Q56	class	Q57	developed	Q58	take	Q59	read	Q60	limited
Q61	write	Q62	mother	Q63	until	Q64	improve	Q65	doctor

Q66	Aunt Suzy suggested that David see a dentist because of his toothache.	
Q67	With hard work, Ruby will achieve her goals.	
Q68	My brother only stopped to rest after solving the challenging sum.	
Q69	Mrs Wee told me that she had met my sister at the party the previous night.	
Q70	Sundram has to decide between backpacking in Japan and spending time with his family.	
Q71	Jim and Selena went to Sarawak to observe unusual animals such as the sun bear and orangutan.	
Q72	unusual and exotic	
Q73	True	They set off early in the morning to explore the forested areas and returned only late that night to their hostel.
	True	Jim stepped on his brakes and the

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		car came to a halt, a safe distance away from the animal.
	False	Jim wondered if it was a wild cat.
Q74	afraid and concerned	
Q75	It was to study an exotic animal up close.	
Q76	1 3 2	
Q77	tentatively lean tiptoes	
Q78	Reason for Jim's action : The pangolin use its claws to ripped the flesh off jim's thumb. Reason for Selena scolding Jim : Jim was frightening the animal.	
Q79	The poachers would kill the pangolin and use their claws and scales to make earrings.	
Q80	The vet released the pangolin into the reserve park. the park rangers wanted to ensure the safety of the pangolin.	

END

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