Nanyang Primary School
Primary 5
English Language
Term 1 Weighted Assessment

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Grammar Cloze	10
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There are 10 blanks, numbered 1 to 10, 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)	are	G)	in	K)	or	N)	unless
B)	although	E)	by	H)	into	L)	than	P)	up
C)	an	F)	if	J)	is	M)	then	Q)	within

On 22 March 2021, a social media user posted a video of her holding a tiny octopus in her palm. Little did she know that she had just narrowly avoided death.

_____ small and harmless-looking, the blue-ringed octopus _____ one of the most venomous creatures in the ocean. _____ threatened, the blue-ringed octopus can bite and inject a powerful venom _____ a person's bloodstream. According to experts, anything more _____ half a milligram of its venom is enough to kill _____ adult human. Most bites are initially not painful. However, the area may begin to throb and feel numb after ten minutes. Difficulty in breathing and paralysis might set _____ if immediate help is not rendered to the person. Soon after, death might occur from respiratory failure _____ cardiac arrest.

(1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8)

A 2008 study notes that there have been three recorded human deaths caused _____ the blue-ringed octopus. This relatively small number could be due to the fact that blue-ringed octopuses tend to keep to themselves _____ they are provoked. The easiest way to avoid being bitten by them in the ocean is not to touch the rocks and reefs where they usually reside.

(9) (10)

Adapted from https://www.thoughtco.com/blue-ringed-octopus-facts-4173401

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

When I was young, my favourite place was the library. I would always look _____ (11) to visiting the library and spend hours _____ (12) the shelves for interesting titles. While books are easily obtainable today, they were considered a luxury which only a _____ (13) people possessed six hundred years ago.

A book can be easily produced by anyone in a _____ (14) of minutes through the use of modern printers. However, in ancient times, such advanced technology was _____ (15) available. Texts were painstakingly copied by hand. As a _____ (16), books were very costly. Only the _____ (17) could afford them.

By the 9th century, the Chinese had developed a method of printing _____ (18) as woodblock printing. This was printing in its earliest form. Chinese characters were carved onto blocks of wood and ink was applied on them. When these blocks were _____ (19) onto a piece of paper, the Chinese characters _____ (20) appear.

In the 15th century, Johannes Gutenburg invented the first modern printing press. He printed two hundred books and the _____ (21) of each was equivalent to about three years' pay of an average clerk then. _____ (22) his best efforts to keep his printing press a _____ (23), several individuals eventually found out about his invention. They improved on it and from then on, books _____ (24) much cheaper to produce. Information began to spread at an incredible _____ (25).

Thanks to the early inventors, we now have a wide range of books in the library.

Adapted from: https://www.history.com/topics/inventions/printing-press

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ANSWER KEY

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Q1	B	Q2	J	Q3	F	Q4	H	Q5	L
Q6	C	Q7	G	Q8	K	Q9	E	Q10	N

Q11	forward	Q12	browsing	Q13	few	Q14	matter
Q15	not	Q16	luxury	Q17	wealthy	Q18	known
Q19	pressed	Q20	would	Q21	price	Q22	Despite
Q23	secret	Q24	became	Q25	speed		

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