CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

Primary 6

Mid-Year Assessment

9 May 2022

English Language

Paper 2 Booklet A

Duration of Paper (Booklets A & B): 1 h 50 min

28 questions
28 marks

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(4) were

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(4) is having

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(2) of
(3) on
(4) with

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(3) sung
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6 Many consumers decided to cut down on their spending _____ an increase in food prices.

(1) owing to
(2) in spite of
(3) apart from
(4) resulting in

7 The lady _____ you asked for directions earlier was my aunt.

(1) who
(2) which
(3) whom
(4) whose

8 "Fay's wallet is missing. The thief is _____ us as no one else has entered or left the classroom since this morning," declared Mrs Tan.

(1) in
(2) within
(3) around
(4) among

9 Due to the bad weather, everyone was in favour _____ having the camping trip postponed.

(1) of
(2) to
(3) on
(4) for

10 Samuel, not _____ to be late for school, dashed across the road without looking out for traffic.

(1) want
(2) wants
(3) wanted
(4) wanting

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

11 The pupil missed the deadline to _____ an important assignment and was scolded by the teacher.

(1) hand in
(2) hand out
(3) hand over
(4) hand around

12 It is _____ to submit a medical certificate if we are sick on an examination day or we will be given a zero mark for the paper.

(1) right
(2) optional
(3) preferable
(4) mandatory

13 After much _____, the long awaited movie turned out to be a disappointment when it was shown at the cinema.

(1) inspiration
(2) recollection
(3) reminiscing
(4) anticipation

14 After learning about the old lady's plight, we decided to _____ in to pay for her medical fee.

(1) dig
(2) cave
(3) pitch
(4) throw

15 James has a _____ eating habit that attracts attention whenever he eats.

(1) faulty
(2) quirky
(3) haywire
(4) nonchalant

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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.

(5 marks)

The birth of giant panda cub *Le Le* in August 2021 brought much cheer and joy to all Singaporeans. It was the result (16) of years of hard work and dedication from the animal care teams of the Singapore Zoo. It was also a significant breakthrough (17) of Mandai Wildlife Reserve's breeding programme.

Altogether, births at the zoo were spread across 160 species. 44 of them are listed as threatened (18) by animal conservation authorities. The giant panda is presently classified as vulnerable. They are notoriously (19) difficult to breed in captivity. Thus, the breeding of the giant panda outside of China is qulte rare.

Under an arrangement made (20) between the Singapore and China governments, the baby panda will return to China when it turns two. Meanwhile, *Le Le* charms its curious visitors with its unbearable cuteness.

Adapted from various sources from The Straits Times

16 (1) effort
(2) product
(3) essence
(4) achievement

17 (1) step
(2) process
(3) importance
(4) development

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18 (1) fragile
(2) extinct
(3) intimidated
(4) endangered

19 (1) arguably
(2) normally
(3) infamously
(4) mischievously

20 (1) exchange
(2) occurrence
(3) agreement
(4) impression

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Study this advertisement carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28.

Bears and Bears Wonderland

5th Anniversary Celebration! Exciting Activities and Crazy Sales* await!

The event of the year that you have been waiting for is here! Bears and Bears Wonderland's 5th anniversary is finally here. Come and join in the celebration! Every child and those young at heart who are charmed by bears are invited.

Venue: Suncity Megamall

Date: 20 – 23 June 2022

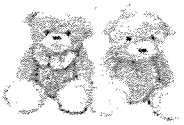
Opening hours: 11am to 9pm

****Discounts on selected items only***

Every child deserves a bear

Show how much you care for the children at Sunshine Children's Home by buying a bear from us and donating it to the children. You get to write them a well-wishing card too!

The exclusive 5th anniversary bear, designed by our founder Mr Barry Bear, is made from sustainable and recyclable materials. Each bear comes with a personalised certificate. It is a perfect gift to pamper yourself or someone special in your heart! It is sure to steal the heart of its beholder. At only $5 per piece, it is also an absolute steal!



5th Anniversary Bears

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WORKSHOP

Build Your Own Bear Workshop

Can't find the perfect bear for yourself or as a gift? Sign up for our inaugural Build-Your-Own Bear Workshop and customise one for yourself! You get to name your own bear too.

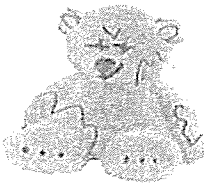
Date: 21 – 23 June 2022
Time: 10am – 12pm daily
Course Fee: $200 per participant
Age group: 6 years old and above
Class size: 8 participants

You will be guided by our friendly and patient instructor. An easy set of step-by-step instructions and assistance will be provided whenever you need it. With the small class size, you can be assured you will be get all the help you need to build a truly amazing bear!

Fee includes
- ✓ A bear model of your choice
- ✓ Standard cotton filling
- ✓ A sewing kit
- ✓ A set of T-shirt and shorts or a dress for your bear
- ✓ Instructor's fee

Limited vacancies only. First-come, first-served registration.

Sign up now to avoid disappointment at www.byobworkshop.com for an unforgettable experience!



DRAMA

Kids up to 8 years old are invited to watch a live drama re-enacting the ever well-loved story, Goldilocks and the Three Bears. Admission to the performance is complimentary. Popcorns are available at $2 per packet. Entries are limited to 50 children per session.

Date	20 – 22 June 2022
Time	2.30pm and 3.30pm



SPECIAL PRIVILEGES FOR VIP MEMBERS ONLY

PRE-CELEBRATION PRIVATE SALES

Date	15 – 19 June 2022
Time	After 3pm

- All VIP members are entitled to an additional 10% discount.
- Free gifts for purchases made above $100 in a single receipt.

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

(8 marks)

21 Why are the phrases '5th Anniversary Celebration! Exciting Activities and Crazy Sales await!' at the top of the advertisement in bold on page 8?

(1) It is to capture the attention of readers.
(2) It is to make the brochure more presentable.
(3) It is to organise the presentation of information.
(4) Each of the phrases is followed by an exclamation mark.

22 This event is targeted at _____.

(1) bear lovers
(2) all shoppers
(3) only children
(4) those who love drama

23 Which of the following is <u>not</u> a privilege of VIP members?

(1) private sales
(2) additional discount
(3) free gifts with purchase
(4) purchase of the anniversary bears

24 Jessica wants to attend the Build Your Own Bear Workshop. She <u>cannot</u> choose the _____.

(1) bear model
(2) type of filling
(3) name of her bear
(4) clothing for her bear

25 The event is only open to public from _____ June 2022.

(1) 15 to 19
(2) 20 to 22
(3) 20 to 23
(4) 21 to 23

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26 Anyone who wants to make a contribution to Sunshine Children's Home during the event should _____.

(1) be a VIP member
(2) buy a bear from the shop
(3) register to watch the drama
(4) participate in Build Your Own Bear Workshop

27 Which of the following words on page 8 tells us that the anniversary bear can only be purchased from Bears and Bears Wonderland?

(1) perfect
(2) special
(3) exclusive
(4) personalised

28 Which of the following statements is **true**?

(1) Every participant will get a packet of popcorn.
(2) Each shopper can only buy one anniversary bear.
(3) The Build Your Own Bear Workshop will be launched at the anniversary event.
(4) VIP members can receive free gifts if they spend any amount in a single receipt.

Please note that the passage for Comprehension questions 71 to 80 in Booklet B is on the next page. You may now go on to Booklet B.

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Refer to the passage below when you answer questions 71 to 80 in Booklet B.

I loved visiting Grandma. Despite her old age, she was always up and about. She would cook us mouth-watering meals. It was hard to resist the aroma and flavour of her dishes. She always insisted that we eat all the food on our plates. "No leftovers! That's the rule of this house," she declared.

As a family, we only visited Grandma during special occasions. She had no other children except my mother. On the first day of the Lunar New Year, I would pay Grandma my respects and, without fail, receive from her a generous red packet filled with crisp, new dollar notes. After that, we would savour Grandma's sumptuous lunch.

I remember there was always plenty of food at Grandma's birthday. Lots of neighbours and friends would celebrate this joyous occasion with her. She was truly a social butterfly!

One day, Mum told me that Grandma was coming to live with us. Not quite expecting that, my eyes widened. Recalling Grandma's delectable dishes, I blurted, "Is she going to cook for us every day?"

"Well, she may cook for us sometimes. Grandma is getting on in age and has decided to give up her apartment. It's not easy living on her own. For some years now, your father and I have asked her to live with us . We are glad she finally agreed to it," Mum replied.

I was glad too. My little brother Ben was crying a lot in the night. Perhaps Grandma could help Mum look after him at night. He was only two years old and I did not fancy being his nursemaid.

One night, I heard Dad telling Mum, "I think your mother will bring joy when she stays with us."

The day Grandma came to live with us, Mum and Dad fussed over her. She seemed to enjoy the attention. Grandma moved into Ben's room because my little brother needed her care more than I did. At last, Mum and Dad could have some peace.

From the day she arrived, Grandma and I got along well. That was not surprising. She was with Mum when I was born, and stayed a month at our home to take care of the both of us. Though I only saw her during special occasions, Mum and Dad visited her often. It was clear that they loved her and cared for her. From time to time, I overheard them talking fondly about her. I would stand quietly outside the room, listening surreptitiously and wondering what they were going to say.

Grandma got me ready for school each morning. This was a great help for Mum and Dad since they both had to go to work in the morning. There was also no more rush to get Ben up early so that Mum could drop him at the childcare centre. After breakfast, Grandma would walk him there.

Some weekends, Grandma would plan a family outing to the Botanic Gardens. We enjoyed spending time together, playing on the grass and having picnics. It was so much fun!

Grandparents are a family's greatest treasure. Their special love sets them apart. Through her love and care, Grandma has helped to keep our family close. To this day, our time with Grandma has remained one of our fondest memories.

Adapted from 'The Jade Bangle' by David W. F. Wong

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English Language

Paper 2 Booklet B

Duration of Paper (Booklets A & B): 1 h 50 min

52 questions
67 marks

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Booklet A	/28
Booklet B	/67
Total	/95

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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)	and	(D)	for	(G)	on	(K)	than	(N)	when
(B)	because	(E)	in	(H)	over	(L)	that	(P)	which
(C)	even	(F)	much	(J)	such	(M)	their	(Q)	while

Whale sharks are the world's largest fish. They spend much of _____ _____ time
(29)
swimming slowly, swallowing large quantities of tiny creatures _____ ___ as krill. Now, new
(30)
research has shown that these giants have more complex hunting habits _____
(31)
previously thought.

In Western Australia's Ningaloo Reef, whale sharks were observed to hunt as a team with other predators including tuna, other sharks, and _____ diving seabirds. In a recent
(32)
video clip shared on the Internet, at least three whale sharks were seen swooping _____ on a school of baitfish, a behaviour rarely caught _____ camera.
(33)

_____ krill makes up the bulk of whale sharks' diets, scientists have long known
(35)
_____ small fish like anchovies and sardines do appear on the menu. Discovering
(36)
specifically when and why these animals opt _____ larger prey, however, is a difficult
(37)
task. Whale sharks can be really challenging to study _____ they are so mobile. Not
(38)
only can they swim across entire oceans, but they are also known to dive thousands of feet beneath the surface.

Adapted from nationalgeographic.com

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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)

International Women's Day is a day that honours women and promotes women's rights. It is

(39) [ ]

observed every year in 8 March. Each year, United Nations, an international organisation,

(40) [ ] (41) [ ]

declared a theme related to a specific women's concern — for example, improve education or

(42) [ ]

ending violents against women. All around the world, talks, performances, and other activities are

(43) [ ]

arranged to raise awareness about women's equality and to campain for equal rights.

(44) [ ]

The first International Women's Day taking place in 1911. More than one million people

(45) [ ]

attended rallies to mark the day. Subseekuently, International Women's Day was celebrated in

(46) [ ]

many more nations and on difrent dates. In 1921, the date of International Women's Day was

(47) [ ]

official changed to 8 March.

(48) [ ]

Some countries — such as Cuba, China and Uganda — had made International Women's Day a public holiday. In South Africa, the people celebrate their own version named National

(49) [ ]

Women's Day as a public holiday every year. It comemerates a protest march of about 20,000 South African women who were protesting unfair laws.

(50) [ ]

Today, International Women's Day is an important occasion for promoting women's isues and rights. This is especially so in developing countries.

Adapted from britannica.com

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

Have you ever delayed doing something important? We are all guilty of procrastinating at some point in time of our lives. Many people do not consider themselves procrastinators. As much _____ (51) they would like to deny it, procrastinators put _____ (52) doing important tasks habitually.

Procrastinators actively look _____ (53) distractions, especially ones that do not require much commitment. The most common distractor activities that students engage in _____ (54) napping, eating, drinking, watching television and surfing the Internet.

Procrastinators often search for reasons to procrastinate. They often _____ (55) themselves that they still have a lot of time to _____ (56) the task. They tend to underestimate the amount of time it will take to finish the job. They may also believe that they can only work when they are _____ (57) the mood to do so.

Contrary to popular belief, procrastination is not about being lazy. Neither is it about _____ (58) poor time management. When we are procrastinating, something is _____ (59) us back from getting the work done. We should ask ourselves _____ (60) we are avoiding the task.

Is the task unpleasant? Do we lack the confidence? Could it _____ (61) that we are anxious? _____ (62) we find ourselves delaying a task, we should identify our reasons for doing so.

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We can try the following ways to overcome procrastination. Create to-do lists and set priorities so we can do the important things _____ (63) . Break complex tasks into smaller, more manageable steps. Reduce distractions to create a conducive learning _____ (64) . For example, we can _____ (65) our phones away or turn off the television. We can reward ourselves for completing even small tasks. Doing all these can increase our motivation to do work and reduce guilt.

Adapted from 'How to stop procrastinating' from healthhub.sg

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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 Rina enjoys playing football. She also enjoys singing and reading.

Besides playing football, _____

_____.

67 "I will meet you at the canteen after school today," Mary told her brother.

Mary told her brother _____

_____

68 When it was given its freedom, the bird flew into the air.

When the bird was set _____

_____

69 It was not until I reached the office that it started raining.

Not until _____

_____

70 He is a hypocrite to accuse me of lying since he is known for being dishonest.

It is _____ to accuse me of lying since he is known for being dishonest.

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Read the passage on page 12 of Booklet A and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

71 From the first paragraph, pick out a four-word phrase that tells us Grandma was constantly active. [1m]

72 From the third paragraph, explain clearly how Grandma was a sociable person who enjoyed the company of other people. [2m]

73 Look at the table below. What do the word(s) in the left column refer(s) 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
your mother (line 20)	
That (line 25)	
there (line 34)	

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

_____ Grandma finally agreed to stay with the writer's family.

_____ The writer and her brother went to the Botanic Gardens with Grandma.

_____ Grandma took care of the writer and her mother for a month.

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75 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
a) **Grandma had only one child.**		
b) **Grandma agreed immediately when Mum and Dad asked her to live with them.**		
c) **The writer visited Grandma often before she moved in with the family.**		

76 a) Give a word to show how the writer felt when she first heard that Grandma was coming to live with them. [1m]

b) How do we know that? [1m]

_____

77 Refer to paragraph 6. Why was the writer glad that Grandma was coming to live with them? [1m]

_____

_____

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78 Based on information from lines 22 to 34, state the corresponding cause / effect in the table below. [3m]

Cause	Effect
Mum and Dad loved and cared for Grandma.	a)
b)	Grandma enjoyed the attention on the day she moved in.
Grandma would walk Ben to the childcare centre after breakfast.	c)

79 Which **two** words from lines 25 – 30 show that the writer did not want her parents to know she was listening to their conversation? [2m]

_____ and _____

80 "Grandparents are a family's greatest treasure." (line 38) By showering the family with love and care, how had Grandma made a difference?
Give one example of how Grandma did that.
Support your answer with evidence from lines 35-40. [2m]

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Q 21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
1	1	4	2	3	2	3	3	M	J
Q 31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38		
K	C	E	G	Q	L	D	B		

Q39)	on	Q44)	took	Q49)	commemorates
Q40)	declares	Q45)	subsequently	Q50)	issues
Q41)	improving	Q46)	different	Q51)	as
Q42)	violence	Q47)	officially	Q52)	off
Q43)	campaign	Q48)	have	Q53)	for
Q54)	are	Q58)	having	Q62)	When / should
Q55)	tell	Q59)	holding	Q63)	first
Q56)	finish	Q60)	why	Q64)	environment
Q57)	in	Q61)	be	Q65)	put

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66)Besides playing football, Rina enjoys singing and reading.

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68)When the bird was set free, if flew into the air.

69)Not until I had reached the office did it start raining / did it start to rain.

70)It is hypocritical of him to accuse me of lying since he is known for being dishonest.

71)always up and about

72)Lots of neighbours and friends would celebrate Grandma's birthday with her, and there was always plenty of food at her birthday.

73)(line 20) --- The writer's Grandmother.

(line 25) --- The writer's Grandma and the writer getting a long well when Grandma came to live with the writer's family.

(line 34) --- Ben's childcare centre

74)2, 3 , 1

75)a)True – Grandma had no other children except the writer's mother.

b)False – Grandma only finally agreed to live with the writer's family after some years.

c)False – The writer's only visited Grandma during special occasions.

76)a)Surprised

b)The writer's eyes widened.

77)The writer's brother, Ben, was only two years old and cried a lot in the night, so the writer thought Grandma could help the writer's mother look after Ben at night and the writer would not need to be his nursemaid.

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78)a)Mum and dad visited grandma after.

b)Mum and Dad fussed over Grandma on the day she moved in.

c)There was no more rush to get Ben up early so that Mum could drop him at the childcare centre.

79)quietly and surreptitiously

80)Grandma helped to keep the family close. She would plan a family outing to the Botanic Gardens on some weekends and the family enjoyed spending time together, playing on the grass and having picnics.

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