CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION (2025)

PRIMARY FIVE

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET A

Name: _____ ( )

Class: Primary 5 _____

27 October 2025

25 Questions
(25 Marks)

Total Time for Booklets A and B:
1 hour 50 minutes

Components		Marks Awarded	Max Marks
Situational Writing			14
Continuous Writing			36
Language Use & Comprehension	A	/25	90
	B	/65	
Listening Comprehension			20
Oral	Reading	/15	40
	SBC	/25	
TOTAL			200
			100

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Parent's Signature: _____

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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.

(10 marks)

1. My father was very happy with my brother and _____ for doing well in the examinations.

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

2. Neither the musicians nor the conductor _____ ready for the performance tomorrow.

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

3. "You will not miss my birthday party, _____?" Ali asked Meng.

   (1) will you
   (2) won't you
   (3) would you
   (4) wouldn't you

4. Mr Tan is the teacher _____ lessons are very interesting.

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

5. Everyone, except Jayden, _____ their homework.

   (1) complete
   (2) completing
   (3) has completed
   (4) have completed

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6. "_____ it is normal to celebrate winning the football match, you should remain humble," reminded the coach.

(1) While
(2) Except
(3) Unless
(4) However

7. Mrs Lim _____ goes to the mall on weekends as it is too crowded.

(1) often
(2) rarely
(3) usually
(4) sometimes

8. "We _____ since 7 a.m. Let's take a short break," Mary suggested.

(1) study
(2) studied
(3) were studying
(4) have been studying

9. "Even though my mobile phone is old, I have _____ trouble with it," Muthu explained.

(1) few
(2) little
(3) much
(4) many

10. Steven's classmates congratulated him _____ his first win at the recent Wushu competition.

(1) in
(2) at
(3) on
(4) over

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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) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(5 marks)

11. A separate queue was set up at the airport to give _____ to the elderly to go first.

(1) priority
(2) concern
(3) urgency
(4) attention

12. The burglars _____ with the stolen jewellery before the police arrived.

(1) made do
(2) made up
(3) made off
(4) made over

13. The vigilant lifeguard _____ jumped into the pool to save the struggling boy without hesitation.

(1) gingerly
(2) vigorously
(3) mindlessly
(4) instinctively

14. Many Singaporean families still _____ the tradition of visiting their relatives during special occasions.

(1) obey
(2) notice
(3) observe
(4) simulate

15. Siti tried to _____ her laughter when she saw her friend make funny faces in class.

(1) limit
(2) stifle
(3) hinder
(4) confine

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For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.
(5 marks)

Lila's grandfather, once a famous radio broadcaster, had left behind many things strewn across dusty shelves. In the storeroom **(16)** **cluttered** with items, Lila tediously searched through loads of items for parts to fix an old radio. As she dismantled the old radio, a yellowed photograph slipped out from beneath the speaker. In the photo, her grandfather was a young man, smiling **(17)** **exuberantly** beside the radio during a broadcast.

Driven by curiosity, Lila dug deeper and uncovered journals **(18)** **documenting** his experiences, rich with tales of resilience and hope. Each page was more **(19)** **absorbing** than the previous but she decided to stop and fix the radio first. She finally found the missing parts and put the radio together. She took a deep breath in an effort to maintain her **(20)** **collectedness**. She then tuned the radio to her grandfather's favourite channel and smiled as the radio came to life.

16. (1) tainted
(2) littered
(3) adorned
(4) displayed

17. (1) radiantly
(2) discreetly
(3) reservedly
(4) indifferently

18. (1) proving
(2) justifying
(3) recording
(4) demonstrating

19. (1) pleasing
(2) surprising
(3) captivating
(4) invigorating

20. (1) tolerance
(2) assurance
(3) confidence
(4) composure

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Study the poster (Text 1) and the extract from an article (Text 2) and answer questions 21 to 25.

Text 1

The text below shows a poster for a skincare set.

CONFIDENCE

Look Good, Feel Good

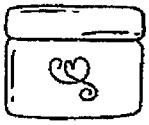
Introducing SkinDoc's bestselling skincare set for adolescents



Cleanser



Toner



Moisturiser



Sunscreen

Created by our founder, Janice Gan, to help her adolescent children clear up their acne problem. This can be your solution, too!







Hurry! First 100 customers to purchase at the Bishan outlet get 20% off!
To view our full range of products, visit www.confidence.com.
Get free delivery for all online orders above $100!

Better skin in 30 days or get your money back!

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Text 2

The extract below is taken from an article about skincare advertisements.

Advertisements tend to make bold claims which are misleading. For instance, skincare advertisements promise good skin is just one purchase away, leaving out information about possible side effects. Furthermore, the promises are rarely supported by scientific evidence.

Many consumers are unaware that skincare advertisements generally use heavily edited images. The models appear to possess flawless skin, which is, in fact, impossible to achieve naturally. This creates unrealistic expectations, causing people to keep spending on skincare products in their pursuit of perfection. Consumers must learn to see beyond what skincare advertisements show. Although some products are genuinely effective, most advertisements merely play on consumers' insecurities and desires, convincing them that they need the products to feel good about themselves.

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For each question from 21 to 25, 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.

(5 marks)

21. What special offer is given to the first 100 customers who purchase at the physical store?

(1) free delivery
(2) 20% discount
(3) complete skincare set
(4) 20% discount and free delivery

22. The main message of Text 1 is that _____.

(1) acne can be cured in 30 days
(2) acne is common for adolescent children
(3) SkinDoc's skincare set helps adolescents feel confident
(4) Janice Gan first created SkinDoc to help her children with acne

23. How do we know that Janice Gan is confident of her product?

(1) She gives a 20% discount.
(2) She offers a money-back guarantee.
(3) She claims it helped her two children.
(4) She says it will make you look and feel good.

24. Based on Text 1, which of the following statements is true?

(1) SkinDoc's products are only for girls.
(2) SkinDoc only sells one type of skincare set.
(3) SkinDoc provides free delivery for all online orders.
(4) SkinDoc's skincare set for adolescents includes sun protection.

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25. Based on Text 2, we should not trust the advertisement in Text 1 because _____.

(1) The product is only available online.
(2) The founder of the product is not a skincare professional.
(3) The advertisement may create false hopes using edited images.
(4) The advertisement only offers a discount for the first 100 customers.

END OF BOOKLET A

Please note that the passage for Comprehension questions 66 to 75 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 66 to 75 in Booklet B. (20 marks)

I peered through my bedroom window at the gloomy sky, my heart **heavy with disappointment**. The annual neighbourhood carnival, which I had eagerly anticipated for weeks, would likely be cancelled due to the impending storm. Dark clouds loomed ominously overhead, and the wind had already begun to howl through the trees.

Noticing my dejected expression, my mother approached me with a smile and gently placed her arms on my shoulders. She knew how much my younger brother, Joe, and I had wanted to go to the carnival. "Jane, why don't we create our own indoor carnival?" she suggested, smiling gently. A spark of hope flickered in my chest, and I felt a sudden rush of warmth and excitement. Joe, who had been sulking on the sofa, immediately perked up at the idea.

In no time, we sprang into action and started decorating our living room. Colourful bedsheets were draped from the ceiling to create a festive tent-like atmosphere. My family's fairy lights, which were only reserved for Christmas, twinkled merrily along the walls. Joe had arranged his stuffed animals in a circle to form a makeshift carousel, while I crafted paper flowers to decorate every available surface. **The once dull space** was now transformed into a vibrant carnival bustling with colours and warmth.

The kitchen became a carnival snack stand, with my father donning an apron and a chef's hat to serve as the chief popcorn maker. At the sight of **it**, I could not help but chuckle at how silly he looked. My mother, on the other hand, was spinning cotton candy skilfully using the machine she had bought last year. Joe's creativity amazed me. He had created a ring toss using paper plates and kitchen rolls, and a ball-throwing challenge using plastic cups as targets.

The house soon came alive with energy and laughter echoed through the living room. Holding the warm popcorn and fluffy cotton candy in our hands, we gathered around to play the games that Joe had created. In that moment, I found myself enveloped in the love, joy and warmth of my family as my heart brimmed with contentment.

Just then, our elderly neighbour, Uncle Ravi, knocked on our door. He had heard the laughter and music from next door and wondered what was happening. Uncle Ravi's **expression brightened with childlike wonder** as he took in the scene before him. "This reminds me of the carnivals I attended as a boy," he remarked nostalgically. "Come on in! The more the merrier!" my father rejoiced.

As the evening progressed, more neighbours joined in, each of **them** bringing something to add to the festivities. Aunt May arrived with her freshly baked chocolate chip

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cookies, while the Tan family brought their karaoke machine. What had started as a simple family activity had evolved into an impromptu community gathering.

Outside, the storm raged on, but inside, the warmth and happiness of our gathering created a different kind of magic. I watched as Uncle Ravi taught Joe how to juggle with soft balls, and Aunt May showed my mother a traditional dance move. This unexpected gathering had brought all of us closer together – an unforgettable evening of laughter, connection and community. Smiling to myself, I **realised the cancellation of the carnival had been a blessing in disguise.**

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PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET B

Name: _____ ( )

Class: Primary 5 _____

27 October 2025

50 Questions
(65 Marks)

Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

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There are 10 blanks, numbered 26 to 35, 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) at	(D) have	(G) of	(K) than	(N) to
(B) from	(E) if	(H) on	(L) the	(P) was
(C) has	(F) into	(J) once	(M) then	(Q) whether

I would usually seek out a plate of chicken rice whenever something happens, good or bad. Depending (26) _____ how I feel, light steps or leaden legs would take me to the nearest chicken rice stall. Growing up, chicken rice has always been a dish that speaks (27) _____ my heart.

Recently, after receiving some upsetting news, I decided to order chicken rice. I pried open the plastic box and "clack clack" they went, coming loose after a bit (28) _____ a struggle. Tucking (29) _____ the dish, a smile materialised on my face. If there (30) _____ to be a national dish, it just might be chicken rice.

(31) _____ dish was a part of happier occasions too. (32) _____, my family gathered for a meal after a long time apart. We had agreed to meet at a chicken rice restaurant. The steamed white chicken (33) _____ the star dish, helping to fill the quiet moments with shared enjoyment.

Perhaps chicken rice is considered a comfort food because it is widely available in coffee shops, hawker centres, and restaurants. (34) _____ served simply or in a more refined way, it always feels familiar and welcoming.

For many Singaporeans, chicken rice is more (35) _____ just a meal. It holds memories of family gatherings, childhood, and a sense of home.

Adapted from https://www.thinkchina.sg/culture/chicken-rice-singaporean-soul

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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. **(10 marks)**

I was taking a walk in the park with my daughter. Just then, she spotted an apple

36. [ ]
vendor nearby. She tugged **in** my sleeve and asked if I could buy her an apple. Smiling,

37. [ ]
I bought two apples and handed both to her with a sense of **ilashen**.

38. [ ]
With one apple in each of her hands, I asked her **gentle** if she could share one

39. [ ] 40. [ ]
with me. Without any **heziteshen**, she took a bite from one apple, then quickly **bitten**

41. [ ]
into the second one too. I could not believe what I had just **see**. Had I failed to teach

42. [ ]
her kindness and **generousiti**? Perhaps she was still too young to understand the value

43. [ ]
of sharing. **Overwelmd** with disappointment, I struggled to comprehend what had just

happened.

44. [ ]
Just then, she looked up with sparkling eyes and said **sinsearly**, "Papa, have this

45. [ ]
one. It's juicier and sweeter!" A wave of guilt washed **into** me. I chuckled softly and

hugged her. My daughter had taught me a lesson about patience and love.

[ ]

Adapted from https://www.moralstories.org/lesson-hastening-

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

Pickleball stands out for its simplicity and widespread appeal. Do you know it was invented in 1965 by three American fathers (46) _____ wanted to create a game that would (47) _____ their children entertained during the summer? Since then, this quirky sport, often described as a blend of tennis, badminton, and table tennis, (48) _____ gained immense popularity around the world. From (49) _____ humble origins to its current status as a playground sensation, pickleball continues to attract fitness enthusiasts everywhere.

(50)_____ some sports that require extensive training or specialised skills, pickleball is easy to (51)_____ up. The basic rules are simple and you only need a paddle, a plastic ball and a net. However, for players who want to push their limits, pickleball also involves strategic thinking, (52)_____ it a challenge for them.

Pickleball is (53)_____ as a fast-paced sport which keeps players on their toes and their adrenaline pumping. The quick reactions and constant movement create an exciting environment that not only makes pickleball enjoyable but (54)_____ enhances players' agility, reflexes, and coordination.

What makes pickleball truly special is that it is a game for everyone. As the game does not (55)_____ on size or strength, there is less risk of injury, so people (56)_____ varying ages, abilities and fitness levels can enjoy the game together. Whether you are playing in school or in your neighbourhood, pickleball brings people together.

Besides the enjoyment and social interactions, pickleball provides significant health benefits. It helps improve balance, coordination, and movement. As it is a low-impact sport, it is gentler on the joints (57)_____ to sports like basketball or running. Playing pickleball regularly helps one to build strength, stay fit, and reduce stress. Whether you are young or (58)_____, playing pickleball is a great way to stay healthy and happy.

Pickleball is more than just a game – it offers something for everyone, from staying active to building friendships. With its growing popularity, it is easy to see (59)_____ so many schools and communities are picking up the sport. So why not give it a (60)_____ ? You might just find your new favourite sport.

Adapted from https://www.mastereign.com/post/pickleball-why-students-love-this-game

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For each of the questions from 61 to 65, 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)

61. "Why were you late for school this morning?" the teacher asked Ryan.

The teacher asked Ryan _____

_____.

62. She prefers walking to school to taking the crowded bus.

_____ would rather _____

_____.

63. A famous author wrote this novel last year.

This novel _____

_____.

64. The woman is my aunt. We saw her at the exhibition.

_____ whom

_____.

65. The principal declared that the school playground was closed.

The principal declared the _____

_____

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Read the passage on pages 11 and 12 of Booklet A and answer questions 66 to 75.
(20 marks)

66. Why was the writer's heart "heavy with disappointment" (line 1 – 2)? [2m]

_____

_____

67. From the first paragraph, pick out a five-word phrase that tells us that the storm was approaching in a threatening way. [1m]

68. Which two of the following words best describe the writer's mother in the second paragraph? Put a tick ✓ in the box beside each of your answers. [2m]

DO NOT TICK MORE THAN TWO BOXES.

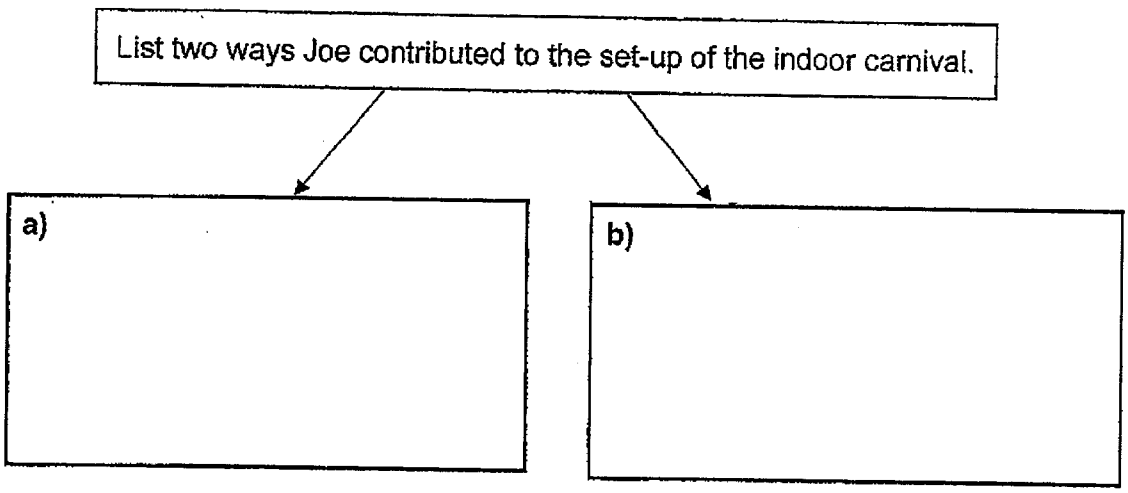
observant	☐	hopeful	☐
cheerful	☐	curious	☐
cooperative	☐	creative	☐

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69. Based on lines 5 – 22, 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) Joe showed interest in his mother's suggestion to create an indoor carnival.		
b) The family's fairy lights were used frequently throughout the year.		
c) The writer's mother struggled with the process of spinning cotton candy.		

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71. 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
a) The once dull space (line 15)	
b) it (line 18)	
c) them (line 32)	

72. From lines 23 – 31, pick out a phrase to show the writer's feelings and explain why she felt that way. [2m]

Five-word phrase that shows that the writer felt happy	Reason for the writer's feeling
a)	**b)**

73. Explain clearly why Uncle Ravi's "expression brightened with childlike wonder" (line 29). [2m]

_____

_____

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

_____ Joe learnt how to juggle soft balls.

_____ The writer's mother purchased a cotton candy machine.

_____ Aunt May baked chocolate chip cookies.

75. Explain clearly why the writer "realised the cancellation of the carnival had been a blessing in disguise" (lines 40 – 41). [2m]

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BOOKLET A

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

BOOKLET B

Q26	H	Q27	N	Q28	G	Q29	F	Q30	C
Q31	L	Q32	J	Q33	P	Q34	Q	Q35	K

Q36	At
Q37	Elation
Q38	Gently
Q39	Hesitation
Q40	Simple past
Q41	Seen
Q42	Generosity
Q43	Overwhelmed
Q44	Sincerely
Q45	Over
Q46	Who
Q47	Keep
Q48	Has
Q49	Its
Q50	Unlike
Q51	Pick
Q52	Making
Q53	Known
Q54	Also
Q55	Depend
Q56	Of
Q57	Compared
Q58	Old
Q59	Why
Q60	Try
Q61	The teacher asked Ryan why he had been late for school that morning.

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Q62	She would rather walk to school than take the crowded bus.
Q63	This novel was written by a famous author last year.
Q64	The woman whom we saw at the exhibition is my aunt.
Q65	The principal declared closure of the school playground.
Q66	The annual neighbourhood carnival which the writer had eagerly anticipated for weeks, would likely be cancelled due to the impending storm.
Q67	Dark clouds loomed ominously overhead
Q68	Observant , creative
Q69	a) true. Joe, who had been sulking on the sofa, immediately perked up at the idea. In no time, he sprang into action and started decorating the living room b) false. The family's fairy lights were only reserved for Christmas. c) false. The writer's mother was spinning cotton candy skilfully using the machine.
Q70	a) Joe created a ring toss using paper plates and kitchen rolls, and a ball-throwing challenge using plastic cups as targets. b) Joe arranged his stuffed animals in a circle to form a makeshift carousel.
Q71	a) the living room before it was decorated b) the writer's father donning an apron and a chef's hat c) the writer's neighbours.
Q72	a) my heart brimmed with contentment. b) the writer's was surrounded ny love, joy and warmth of her family.
Q73	Uncle Ravi was feeling nostalgic as it reminded him of the carnivals he attended when he was a boy.
Q74	3 , 1 , 2
Q75	The cancellation of the carnival caused disappointment but it led to an unexpected gathering that brought all of the neighbours closer together.

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