

CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)



Primary 5 Semestral Assessment 2 19 October 2012

English Language Paper 2 Booklet A

Duration of paper (Booklets A and B) : 1 hour 50 minutes

30 questions
30 marks

Instructions to Candidates :

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Answer all questions.

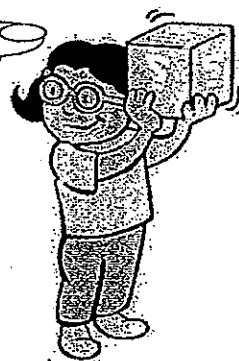
This booklet consists of 10 printed pages and 1 blank page.

Study the following advertisement and then answer questions 1 to 5.

Singapura Primary School presents

General Knowledge Quiz

Who wrote the play "Romeo and Juliet"?
Which language is the most widely spoken?
What are the countries in the EU?
Where will the next World Cup be held?
Who is Barack Obama?



***Do you read widely?
Do you know the answers to the questions above?
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Date of Quiz: 30 November 2012

Venue: School Hall, Singapura Primary School

This competition is open to all upper primary pupils nationwide.

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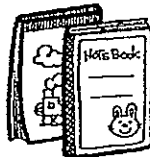
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- 2nd Prize - \$75 book voucher**
- 3rd Prize - \$40 book voucher**

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For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

- 1 The competition is open to all _____.
- (1) primary school pupils
 - (2) Singapura Primary School pupils
 - (3) Primary Four to Primary Six pupils in Singapore
 - (4) Primary Four to Primary Six pupils in Singapura Primary School
- 2 The prizes in the competition are courtesy of _____.
- (1) all teachers
 - (2) the General Office
 - (3) Singapura Primary School
 - (4) Universal Books and Stationery
- 3 To get a free copy of the October issue of "It's a BIG World!" magazine, you must _____.
- (1) register online before 28 November 2012
 - (2) visit the event website before 15 November 2012
 - (3) visit Universal Books and Stationery on 30 November 2012
 - (4) register at your school's general office before 15 November 2012
- 4 Pupils who want to win the competition must _____.
- (1) have the love for reading
 - (2) read a variety of materials
 - (3) first emerge as the champion in their school
 - (4) know the answers to the questions in the poster
- 5 The main objective of this poster is to encourage pupils to _____.
- (1) read widely
 - (2) win book vouchers
 - (3) participate in the competition
 - (4) read "It's a BIG World!" magazine

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For each question from 6 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (7 marks)

- 6 Hurricanes _____ cause massive destruction and devastation along coastlines.
- (1) will
 - (2) can
 - (3) shall
 - (4) must
- 7 "Don't worry. We'll figure something _____," Dennis assured his classmate, Linda.
- (1) up
 - (2) out
 - (3) over
 - (4) through
- 8 _____ the arrival of the giant pandas, the number of visitors to the zoo has increased.
- (1) Until
 - (2) From
 - (3) Since
 - (4) During
- 9 After uttering the wrong lines, the actor smiled _____ before running off the stage.
- (1) embarrass
 - (2) embarrassed
 - (3) embarrassedly
 - (4) embarrassment
- 10 _____ the pizza _____ the pasta tasted good. There was plenty of food left at the party.
- (1) Either... or
 - (2) Both... and
 - (3) Neither... nor
 - (4) Although... and

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11 Playing sports such as tennis and basketball _____ both mental ability and physical strength.

- (1) require
- (2) requires
- (3) required
- (4) requiring

12 We were elated to learn that our class _____ the Cleanest Class Award.

- (1) won
- (2) wins
- (3) has won
- (4) had won

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- For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (3 marks)

"The weather is good today," commented Blake Stanfield to his father. It was surprisingly warm for a June day in Alaska (13) Blake felt the sun on his back as he unpacked supplies on Gates Bar, near the north branch of the Koyukuk River. Hearing the purr of a plane engine (14) Blake looked up to see an aircraft swooping in to land nearby.

"You can't believe how many bear tracks are out here (15) Blake said in a raised voice as he crunched noisily across the gravel. That expedition was going to be a challenging one.

Adapted from 'Swept Away' by Andrea Cooper

- 13 (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [?] question mark
(4) [!] exclamation mark
- 14 (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [?] question mark
(4) [!] exclamation mark
- 15 (1) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(2) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
(3) [? "] question mark and inverted commas
(4) [! "] exclamation mark and inverted commas

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For each question from 16 to 20, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

- 16 _____ of laughter filled the air as the clown entertained the crowd.
- (1) Cries
 - (2) Yelps
 - (3) Howls
 - (4) Squeaks
- 17 The old man's dog continues to wait _____ at the gate every day, not knowing that its owner has passed away.
- (1) faithfully
 - (2) sincerely
 - (3) thoughtfully
 - (4) conscientiously
- 18 Exhausted from the overnight camp, I lugged my heavy bag while _____ along the long road that led to my home.
- (1) cruising
 - (2) trudging
 - (3) retreating
 - (4) sauntering
- 19 As a _____ to the rest, the principal decided to expel the school bully.
- (1) deterrent
 - (2) detention
 - (3) prevention
 - (4) punishment
- 20 After the fire, several corpses were _____ beyond recognition.
- (1) torched
 - (2) charred
 - (3) mutilated
 - (4) decomposed

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For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.
(5 marks)

Almost one person in five suffers from allergies. Most allergic reactions are quite mild.
(21)

and are limited to the part of the body that has come into contact with foreign substances. For example, someone who has accidentally brushed a patch of poison ivy with his or her hand may experience a painful rash and itching there.
(22)

Sometimes, a moderate reaction extends beyond the part of the body where the foreign substances are found. In the case of poison ivy allergy, this could include rashes on other parts of the body.
(23)

In a severe allergic reaction, there could be swelling in different parts of the body. If the throat swells, swallowing and breathing become difficult. In the most severe cases, death can result. More than 200 people die every year in the United States owing to food allergies.
(24)
(25)

Adapted from 'Allergies' by Terry Allan Hicks

- 21 (1) real
(2) little
(3) likely
(4) gentle
- 22 (1) feel
(2) face
(3) suffer
(4) undergo
- 23 (1) increases
(2) spreads
(3) widens
(4) grows
- 24 (1) impossible
(2) demanding
(3) problematic
(4) complicated
- 25 (1) come through
(2) come about
(3) come up
(4) come on

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Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

In the past, people camped out of need. Soldiers and travellers camped when there was no town nearby to spend the night. Over time, people began to camp for fun and to get away from their fast-paced lifestyles. Nature in its untouched beauty is stunning to observe. Many adventurers travel into the wilderness for days, or even weeks, at a time. Camping is also a great way to spend a family vacation.

5

Before a camping trip, you need to pack some essential items. A trail map and compass are useful tools for navigating. In addition, a lamp or flashlight helps you get around in the dark. A first aid kit is necessary in case of scrapes, insect bites or sunburns. You also need equipment for building a shelter, cooking and living outdoors. You may want to bring other items, such as a camera, a book and a pair of binoculars.

10

After a good night's sleep, waking up to a beautiful view is thrilling! Most people look for a good view when selecting their campsite. However, campers must also keep safety in mind. Tents should also be pitched away from tall trees because branches could fall and hurt someone. Once a spot has been selected, pitch the tent on high ground. If the campsite is sloped, pitch the tent uphill. If it rains, water will drain away from the tent.

15

A camping trip can be challenging depending on the factors involved. These include the length of the trip and the remoteness of the campsite. A long trip or a distant campsite requires campers to pack more equipment and food. Campers heading to remote sites will need to plan their route carefully. The hike to the campsite and difficulty of the hike also add challenges to the trip. The length of the hike, the amount of elevation, and the roughness of the ground are factors to consider. "A short, flat, smooth path is suited for beginners; a long, steep, rocky path is for experienced hikers," Greg Savos, an experienced camper, advises.

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There are also many **potential dangers outdoors**. Even seasoned campers should be prepared for unexpected weather changes and be wary of insects and wild animals. "Although it is rare for wild animals to approach or attack people, they are attracted to food. So, keep all camp food locked in a vehicle until they are needed. If I can't find a good place to store my supplies, I'll hang them up on a distant tree," Savos suggests.

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Camping is a wonderful opportunity to learn about our natural world. With an open trail at your feet and a fresh breeze at your back, what is better than exploring the great outdoors?

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Adapted from 'Camping' by Tatiana Tomljanovic and Adam G. Klein

For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

26 In the past, people camped because they _____.

- (1) loved nature
- (2) wanted a family vacation
- (3) needed a place to rest at night
- (4) enjoyed spending time outdoors

27 Which of the following is **not** required for a camping trip?

- (1) a trail map
- (2) a flashlight
- (3) a first aid kit
- (4) a pair of binoculars

28 A safe campsite is _____.

- (1) not remote
- (2) at the foot of a hill
- (3) one with a good view
- (4) far away from tall trees

29 One of the "potential dangers outdoors" referred to in line 24 includes _____.

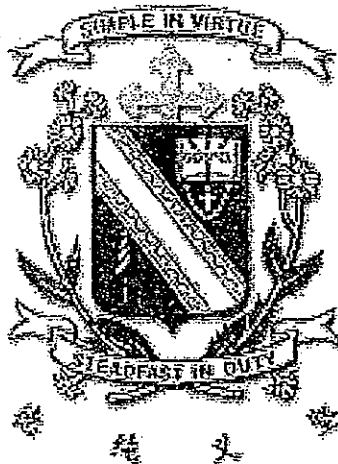
- (1) attacks by insects and wild animals
- (2) campsites pitched on low ground
- (3) steep and rocky paths
- (4) heavy downpours

30 Which one of the following is the most appropriate title for the passage?

- (1) Why Camp?
- (2) Camping Basics
- (3) Staying Safe at Camp
- (4) Packing Smart for Camp

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CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)



Primary 5 Semestral Assessment 2 19 October 2012

English Language Paper 2 Booklet B

Duration of Paper (Booklets A & B) : 1 hour 50 minutes

50 questions
65 marks

Instructions to Candidates:

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
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Answer all questions.

Parent's Signature:

This booklet consists of 9 printed pages and 1 blank page.

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) also	(D) has	(G) into	(K) on	(N) to
(B) by	(E) have	(H) is	(L) that	(P) was
(C) can	(F) hence	(J) its	(M) this	(Q) with

A tendon is a tough band of connective tissue, with one end attached to a muscle and the other to a bone. The tendon that connects the heel _____ the muscles of the calf is called the Achilles tendon. (31)

The Achilles tendon is the largest tendon in the human body. It is _____ one of the strongest. The action of _____ tendon allows a person to stand on his toes, run, jump, walk normally, and go up and down stairs. Since this tendon bears the weight of the whole body, it _____ be injured easily. (32) (33) (34)

The tendon gets _____ name from Greek mythology. It was said that the Greek hero Achilles could not be harmed or wounded anywhere _____ his body, except on the heel of his foot. The legend of Achilles _____ it that he was dipped into the river Styx by his mother Thetis in order to protect him. However, she held him _____ his heel. His heel was not covered by the water, _____, he was later killed by an arrow wound to his heel. (35) (36) (37) (38) (39)

Although the legend _____ ancient, the phrase was not picked up in English until the 19th century. Today, the term "Achilles heel" is used as a metaphor for vulnerability. (40)

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box. (10 marks)

Instead of throwing away your waste, why not make your own compost corner at home? By doing this, you could turn waste into something useful for your plants and soil. Compost is a (41) mixture that consists largely of decayed organic matter and is recycled into fertilising and conditioning land.

(42) There could not be a more environmentally friendly way of **desposeing** your kitchen and (43) garden waste to by using it to make compost. It will better enable your soil to **reefane** nutrients, (44) moisture and air. When the waste has been break down by micro-organisms, it can be used to (45) (46) increase soil fertile and improve its texture.

To make your compost, use materials such as uncooked fruit and vegetable, kitchen waste (47) as well as shredded paper and cardboard. Keep your compost moist even not soaking wet. This (48) may mean watering it in dry weather. Covering it up will also help in the **mentainance** of the (49) moisture level and keep rain out. The heap of compost also requires air to circulate **adikuately**. Turn or fork your compost regularly to speed up decomposition.

Leave it for about three months and your compost will be brown and crumbly, filled with a (50) fresh earthy odour. This makes a great **supliment** to your garden. Better still, it costs next to nothing!

Adapted from "Make your Own Compost Corner", Homes & Gardens October 2011

A vintage World War II fighter plane crashed near the grandstand at a popular air racing show in Nevada, USA. The crash killed at least three people, _____ includes the elderly pilot, and injured more than 50 others, officials said.

The plane, dubbed the "Gallop ing Ghost", nose-dived into the crowd and _____ to pieces at the Nevada air race on Friday. Witnesses described horrific scenes of body parts scattered around _____ smoking debris.

Injuries _____ by the victims of the terrible accident included major head wounds, facial trauma and limb injuries. At least 15 people were in critical _____ after the crash and 54 people were transported _____ the scene with injuries.

The plane, a P-51 Mustang, was being _____ by Jimmy Leeward who was a renowned 74-year-old Hollywood stunt pilot. At about 4.20pm, he lost _____ and the plane smashed into a box seat area in front of the main grandstand. He was travelling at 500 miles per hour _____ he crashed, killing fans seated in the VIP seats on the tarmac.

Mrs Maureen Higgins, who has been coming _____ the show for 16 years,
(60)

said the pilot was on his final lap when he lost control. She _____ in horror as the
(61)

man in front of her started bleeding after a _____ of debris hit him in the head.
(62)

Mr Tim Linville was with his daughters when he saw the plane flying wildly and veering off

(63)

"The pilot pulled the plane straight up to try and _____ control. But he
(64)

couldn't do anything _____," he said.
(65)

The event has been cancelled and a memorial service will be held for the pilot on

Saturday afternoon, a spokesperson from the show said.

Adapted from "3 Die as Plane Crashes into Crowd at Air Race," The Straits Times, 17 September 2011

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 The children dashed down the stairs. They caught the bus.

Having _____

- 67 My parents made time to take me to Universal Studios. They were very busy with work.

_____ although

- 68 If you do not want your old toys, I will donate them to charity.

Unless _____

- 69 "Can you help me carry these heavy cartons?" Diana asked Harry.

Diana asked Harry _____

- 70 The reporter interviewed the chairman. The chairman was frank in his opinions.

_____ whom _____

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One afternoon, while Joseph was poking among the ruins of his old home, he found a tiny silver sword. About five inches long, it had a brass hilt engraved with a dragon breathing fire. It was a letter opener that he had once given to his wife for a birthday present.

While he was cleaning the blade on his jersey, he noticed that he was not alone. A small ragged boy sat watching him keenly. He had fair wispy hair and unnaturally bright eyes. Under one arm he had a wooden box, under the other a bony grey kitten. 5

For a moment Joseph thought it was his son, Edek. Then he realised that the boy was too small. Joseph walked over and stroked the kitten. "What's his name?" he asked.

"He hasn't got a name. He's just mine," said the boy.

"What's *your* name?" asked Joseph. 10

The boy pouted and hugged the wooden box under his arm. He watched Joseph warily from the corner of his eye. After a while, the boy said, "Give me that sword."

"But it's mine," said Joseph.

"You found it on my pitch. This is my place," the boy replied. Joseph then explained how his house had been set ablaze and how this rubble was all that was left of it. 15

"I'll give you food for it," said the boy, and he offered Joseph a cheese sandwich.

"I have plenty," said Joseph. He put his hand into his pocket, but it was empty. He looked at the boy's sandwich and saw it was exactly the one that Mrs Krause had given him that morning, only rather grubby now. "You little pickpocket!" he laughed. But before he could grab it back, the boy had swallowed most of it himself and given the rest to the cat, which was now purring contentedly. 20

After a while, Joseph said, "I'm looking for my family. Ruth is the eldest – she'd be fifteen now, and tall and fair. Then Edek, he'd be thirteen. Bronia is the youngest – she'd be five." He described them briefly, told him what he knew of their fate and asked if the boy had seen them. The boy shrugged his shoulders. 25

"Warsaw is full of lost children," he said. "They're dirty and starving and they all look alike." The boy's words made him sound indifferent. But Joseph noticed that he had listened intently and seemed to be storing up everything in the back of his mind.

"I'll give you this sword on one condition," said Joseph. "I'm not sure that my children are dead. If ever you see Ruth, Edek or Bronia, you must tell them about our meeting. Tell them I'm going to Switzerland to find their mother. To their grandparents' home. Tell them to follow as soon as they can." The boy grabbed the sword before Joseph had time to change his mind. He popped it into the little wooden box, picked up the cat and ran off. 30

Joseph called after him, "Meet you here in the morning – and don't let me down!"

Adapted from The Silver Sword by Ian Serraillier

All answers must be in complete sentences.

71 Where did Joseph find the silver sword?

72 Which word in paragraph 2 has the same meaning as "closely"?

73 How did Joseph know that the boy was not his son, Edek?

74 Which sentence from the passage tells you that the boy did not trust Joseph when they first met?

75 What does "it" in line 15 refer to?

76 How did the boy get the cheese sandwich?

77 What condition were the children in Warsaw in?

78 Did the boy take any interest in what Joseph was telling him about his children? Explain using your own words.

79 Explain clearly why Joseph was willing to give the boy the sword in the end.

80 Joseph told the boy to meet him at the same place the next day. Why did he say so?

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- 41)for 42)disposing 43)than 44)retain 45)broken
 46)fertility 47)but 48)maintenance 49)adequately
 50)supplement 51)which 52)smashed 53)the 54)suffered
 55)condition 56)from 57)flown/piloted 58)control
 59)when/before 60)for 61)gasped 62)piece 63)course
 64)regain 65)else
 66)Having dashed down the stairs, the children caught the bus.
 67)My parents made time to take me to Universal Studios although they were very busy at work.
 68)Unless you want your old toys, I will donate them to charity.
 69)Diana asked Harry if he could help her carry those heavy cartons.
 70)The chairman whom the reporter interviewed was frank in his opinions.
 71)Joseph found the silver sword among the ruins of his old home.
 72)The word is "keenly".
 73)The boy was too small to be his son, Edek.
 74)He watched Joseph warily from the corner of eye.
 75)It refers to Joseph's old home.
 76)He stole it from Joseph.
 77)They were dirty and starving.
 78)Yes, he did of cause Joseph saw that the boy had listened carefully and remembered everything Joseph said.
 79)Joseph wanted to bribe on the condition that the boy would tell his children about their meeting.
 80)Joseph hoped that the boy would return with some news.

