



**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL  
SECOND SEMESTRAL EXAMINATION 2013  
PRIMARY 5**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**PAPER 2: BOOKLET A**

**TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 min**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Pr 5 ( )

There are a total of 80 questions – 30 MCQ and 50 open-ended questions.

**Instructions to pupils:**

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- 3. Answer all the questions**
- 4. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.**

Section A: Graphic Stimulus (5 x 1m = 5m)  
Study the poster below and answer questions 1 to 5.

*River Valley Community Club presents...*

# Mid-Autumn Celebration!

Come along and learn more about this ancient Chinese festival!

**Date:** Saturday, 26 September 2013

**Time:** 3 pm to 6 pm, 7 pm to 10 pm

**Admission:** \$5 for adults, free for children under the age of 12



Outdoor event\* at  
Friendship Gate, 10  
Areh Street

To register, simply visit  
River Valley CC's website  
and fill in a registration  
form ([rivervalleycc.com](http://rivervalleycc.com))

FREE Angry  
Birds lanterns  
for the **first 20**  
who sign up  
for the event!



## Events

### **3 pm – 6 pm**

- Lion dance competition
- Story-telling
- Chinese martial arts performances
- Lantern-making workshop

### **7 pm – 10 pm**

- Lantern procession through Chinatown
- Mooncake-eating competition
- Talk by famed historian Dr Lee Song Wah on origins of Chinese festivals

\*In the case of wet weather, we will hold the event at Cultural School, 12 Areh Street

For enquiries, please call Suzy  
at 68712834.

**Proud Sponsor:**  
**Ami Cake Shop**

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.

1. Casey is intending to attend the event. If it rains on the day of the event, she should \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) not attend it since it will be cancelled
- (2) go to River Valley Community Club
- (3) go to Friendship Gate at 10 Areh Street
- (4) go to Cultural School at 12 Areh Street

2. Mr and Mrs Lim wish to bring their six-year-old child along for the event. They will have to pay \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the event.

- (1) \$0
- (2) \$5
- (3) \$10
- (4) \$15

3. To register for the event, one has to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) call Suzy at 68712834
- (2) drop by River Valley Community Club
- (3) fill in a registration form at [rivervalleycc.com](http://rivervalleycc.com)
- (4) go to Friendship Gate on 26 September

4. Which statement is true?

- (1) Admission is free for the event.
- (2) Participants get to eat mooncakes for free.
- (3) Everyone will receive a free lantern at the end of the event
- (4) Participants can walk in Chinatown at night with their lanterns.

5. The main aim of the event is to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) promote the Angry Birds lanterns
- (2) allow people to learn to make lanterns
- (3) introduce a famous historian to the people
- (4) help people understand more about Mid-Autumn festival

**Section B: Grammar Discrete (7 x 1m = 7m)** 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.

6. He has two daughters, one of \_\_\_\_\_ is a police officer.

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

7. The two sisters resemble each other, \_\_\_\_\_ they?

- (1) do
- (2) will
- (3) don't
- (4) won't

8. As students, it is our responsibility to abide \_\_\_\_\_ the rules.

- (1) by
- (2) to
- (3) on
- (4) with

9. The carton of oranges \_\_\_\_\_ left on the table since last Saturday.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) has been
- (4) have been

10. All of us \_\_\_\_\_ that Adam can cook very well.

- (1) agree
- (2) agrees
- (3) agreed
- (4) is agreed

11. Neither Jane nor her classmates \_\_\_\_\_ in school yesterday.

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

12. He has \_\_\_\_\_ as well as painted this portrait.

- (1) draw
- (2) drew
- (3) draws
- (4) drawn

**Section C: Punctuation (3 x 1m = 3m)**

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.

As I was pouring myself some orange juice, I heard something break. I turned around and realised my brother had broken my mother's favourite vase!

"What did you do (13) I gasped.

"It was an accident!" my brother answered (14) "I didn't mean it!"

Not wanting him to get into trouble, I quickly ran and got some glue. I frantically gathered up all the broken pieces and glued them together.

"Oh no (15) I screamed.

I had fixed the vase, but I had accidentally glued my hair to it!

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

**Section D: Vocabulary (5 x 1m = 5m)**

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.

16. My grandmother was \_\_\_\_\_ as she had never been to school.

- (1) illegal
- (2) illegible
- (3) illiterate
- (4) illogical

17. Without a \_\_\_\_\_, he is going to be the next superstar!

- (1) hope
- (2) doubt
- (3) problem
- (4) hesitation

18. It is not known what \_\_\_\_\_ him to commit a crime.

- (1) made
- (2) drove
- (3) struck
- (4) required

19. Shannon has always been \_\_\_\_\_ about her appearance.

- (1) strict
- (2) accurate
- (3) focused
- (4) meticulous

20. Faith checks her work carefully to \_\_\_\_\_ errors.

- (1) omit
- (2) avoid
- (3) discard
- (4) extricate

**Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1m = 5m)**

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

One day as usual, a man set out fishing off the coast with his dog, Redsy, which loved these fishing trips. That day, Redsy refused to get in the boat, barking stubbornly in response to her owner's urging. The weather was (21) perfectly calm but the man had never seen Redsy so adamant before. Watching (22) regretfully as fifty other fishing boats set out, he cancelled the day's fishing trip as (23) he had great respect for Redsy's intuition. (24)

Within an hour, a powerful storm thrashed the coast. Waves crashed upon boats and smashed the coastal cottages. More than six hundred people died in (25) that hurricane but Redsy's warning had saved her fisherman friend.

21. (1) pleas  
(2) claims  
(3) bargains  
(4) demands
22. (1) unabated  
(2) unanimous  
(3) unrelenting  
(4) unacceptable
23. (1) angrily  
(2) woefully  
(3) carefully  
(4) worriedly

24. (1) instinct  
(2) inaction  
(3) intellect  
(4) inability
25. (1) restored  
(2) destroyed  
(3) scratched  
(4) exterminated



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**Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1m = 5m)**

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

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 Raised voices, running feet and violent thudding on his locked cabin door jerked Captain Samudy from sleep. His clock showed 4 am. **With a shiver,** Samudy realised someone was trying to force his door open. The cabin door soon gave way and three men burst in. Masked and clad in black, each clutched a metre-long parang, a sword-like weapon, ready to strike. One man hit Samudy's face, knocking him to the floor. As he lay on the floor, the captain felt the intruders bind his hands and feet.

10 Pirates roamed these waters, hijacking ships and selling off the cargo. The Indonesian skipper had sailed this route a hundred times and had never encountered trouble with them. Now, the brutes were in his cabin, threatening him and his crew. His luck had run out.

The insistent buzz of the intercom on his cabin wall woke Mohamed Hamid, the ship's officer. One of the crew told him that there was a speedboat next to their ship and they could be pirates.

15 He pulled on his orange overalls and edged into the corridor to investigate. As he mounted the stairs to the upper deck, he saw the leader of the pirates. He immediately crouched down. The pirate was big and powerful. The man's eyes were flat and merciless. I will be as good as dead if he sees me, Hamid thought. He decided to run.

20 Leaping down from deck to deck, Hamid darted into the deepest parts of the tanker, hunting for his shipmates. Several times he glimpsed pirates and was able to elude them in the maze of staircases and corridors that he knew so well. However, he could not find a single crewman.

25 Bewildered, he hid under the bed in a deserted cabin for a breather. No sooner had he settled than the door opened. Hamid realised that while he had been hunting for his shipmates, the pirates had also been hunting for him.

Source: Reader's Digest

26. The phrase "with a shiver" in line 2 shows that the captain was feeling \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) cold
- (2) sleepy
- (3) excited
- (4) frightened

27. What did the author mean by the captain's luck "had run out" (line 11)?

- (1) The brutes were in his cabin.
- (2) He was the only one caught by the pirates.
- (3) The captain never encountered trouble on that route.
- (4) The captain and his ship finally got hijacked by the pirates.

28. Hamid decided to run (line 19) because \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) he could see the pirate's eyes
- (2) the pirate was big and powerful
- (3) he knew the pirate would kill him
- (4) he wanted to look for his shipmates

29. Which statement is true?

- (1) Hamid found a pirate in the cabin.
- (2) The pirates were caught in a maze.
- (3) Several times, the pirates caught sight of Hamid.
- (4) Hamid managed to avoid the pirates as he was familiar with the ship.

30. Why was Hamid "bewildered" in line 24?

- (1) He had to hide under the bed.
- (2) He could not find any of the crewmen.
- (3) He realised that the pirates had been hunting him.
- (4) He was able to prevent the pirates from spotting him.



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**PAPER 2: BOOKLET B**

**TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 min**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

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Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Booklet A</b>	<b>/30</b>
<b>Booklet B</b>	<b>/65</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>/95</b>

Any query on marks awarded should be raised by 5 November 2013. We seek your understanding in this matter as any delay in the confirmation of marks will lead to delays in the generation of results.

<b>PAPER 1 - Writing</b>	<b>/55</b>
<b>PAPER 2 - Language Use &amp; Comprehension</b>	<b>/95</b>
<b>PAPER 3 - Listening Comprehension</b>	<b>/20</b>
<b>PAPER 4 - Oral Communication</b>	<b>/30</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>/200</b>

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**Section G: Grammar Cloze (10 X 1m = 10m)**

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40. 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 in order to avoid confusion during marking.

Use each WORD once ONLY

A) about	D) in	G) over	K) to	N) where
B) by	E) of	H) that	L) under	P) who
C) for	F) out	J) through	M) unless	Q) with

Singaporeans really enjoy eating. In particular, we are known \_\_\_\_\_ loving  
(31)  
to eat Singaporean-style hawker food. I have not met anyone \_\_\_\_\_ has grown up  
(32)  
in this country that does not have an intimate relationship \_\_\_\_\_ the dishes that  
(33)  
define our culture.

In Singapore, the term "hawker" no longer describes the reality. \_\_\_\_\_ the  
(34)  
early days, the early migrants plied the streets of Singapore, selling food that fed a  
developing nation. Today, our hawkers are all located in "hawker centres" \_\_\_\_\_  
(35)  
each stallholder has a little shop space to sell food.

There are hundreds of such hawker centres all \_\_\_\_\_ the island with  
(36)  
thousands \_\_\_\_\_ stalls selling an array of different dishes. Finding the gems  
(37)  
amongst these stalls has been my personal mission in the last few years.

The truth of the matter is \_\_\_\_\_ there really is no one stall that stands  
(38)  
\_\_\_\_\_ amongst the crowd so just go with your instinct. There is so much to eat in  
(39)  
Singapore. But beware, not every stall is going to serve you a dish you will enjoy. Therefore,  
it pays to do some research \_\_\_\_\_ make sure you select a great stall. One should  
(40)  
make sure that every morsel is worth the calories!

Marks

**Section H: Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1m = 10m)**

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

Breakfast is a nutritious way to start your day. Eating breakfast refuels your body,

(41)

improves your concentration and helps you maintains a healthy weight. Typically, there is a

(42)

period of 8 to 12 hours between dinner to your morning meal. Therefore, when you eat

(43)

breakfast, you are break a fast from the night before. Eating breakfast will provide your body

(44)

with the glucose it needs to function properly and fight fuhteeg

(45)

A well-balanced breakfast keeps you alert and productive throughout a morning.

Breakfast improves concentration, problem-solving skills, hand-eye coordination,

(46)

creativity and **attanshen** span. Many people have the misconception that skipping breakfast

(47)

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will help them **luze** weight. However, doing this may actually cause you to snacks throughout

(49)

the day, eat more at your next meal and negatively impact your mood. Breakfast **kerbs** your

(50)

hunger, prevents binge eating later in the day, and **staybalyses** your blood sugar. As

breakfast is so important, you should always ensure you start the day with one!

Marks

**Section I: Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1m =15m)**

In the following passage, there are 15 blanks numbered 51 to 65. Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

When I was young, I learnt that tigers and sharks were dangerous animals.

\_\_\_\_\_ (51) as I got older, I learnt that sometimes the \_\_\_\_\_ (52) dangerous animals are also the smallest ones. In fact, the one that kills the most people every year is one you have probably killed many times – the mosquito.

While it may \_\_\_\_\_ (53) like all mosquitoes are biters, this is not actually the case.

Male mosquitoes eat plant nectar. On the other hand, female mosquitoes \_\_\_\_\_ (54) on animal blood. They need this blood to live and produce eggs. When a female mosquito bites a human being, it transmits a small \_\_\_\_\_ (55) of saliva into the blood. This saliva may or may not contain a deadly disease. The \_\_\_\_\_ (56) of the bite can be as minor as an itchy bump or as \_\_\_\_\_ (57) as death. More than 700 million people become sick from these diseases every year. At \_\_\_\_\_ (58) two million of them will \_\_\_\_\_ (59) from these diseases.

Many scientists are \_\_\_\_\_ on safer and better ways to kill mosquitoes.  
(60)

Mosquito nets can be placed over beds to protect people from being bitten. These nets help people stay safe at night, but they do not kill the mosquitoes. Mosquitoes have many natural enemies like bats, birds, dragonflies and certain \_\_\_\_\_ of fish. Bringing more of  
(61)  
these animals into places where mosquitoes live may help to cut \_\_\_\_\_ the number  
(62)  
of mosquitoes in that area. Mosquitoes can also be killed with poisons or sprays. However, these sprays may also \_\_\_\_\_ other plants or animals.  
(63)

Mosquitoes are far more dangerous to human beings \_\_\_\_\_ they may not  
(64)  
seem as scary as compared to larger, more powerful animals. However, things are changing. It is highly \_\_\_\_\_ that one-day scientists will find a way to keep everyone safe from  
(65,  
mosquitoes and the diseases they carry. Let us hope they succeed.

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**Section J: Synthesis/Transformation (5 x 2m = 10m)**

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).

66. The book belongs to John. The book was taken by the bully.

\_\_\_\_\_ which \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

67. "Will you be attending my birthday party today?" Jane asked Peter.

Jane asked \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68. In order to play computer games, you have to finish your homework.

Unless \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. Tom did not study for the test. Tom failed the test.

\_\_\_\_\_ since \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70. Ryan pinned up the posters on the drawing competition.

The posters \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**Section K: Comprehension Open-ended (10 x 2m = 20m)**

Read the passage below carefully and answer questions 71 to 80.

As I walked into the classroom for the first time, I came face to face with angry blue eyes. The student slouched at his desk, arms folded, and glared at me. No teacher would have misunderstood this silent challenge.

I introduced myself to the class and explained what they would be learning that year. I decided to get to know my students better by learning their names. As I called their names, most students told me they preferred a shortened version of their formal names such as 'Chris' instead of 'Christopher'. However, when I read the name of the student with the angry blue eyes, he insisted I call him by his full name – 'Kenneth'. He quickly added that only his friends were allowed to call him 'Ken'. Obviously, teachers did not fit in that category.

In the weeks that followed, the tension grew. Kenneth would meet even the simplest request with a penetrating stare and plain stubbornness. He would wait until the other students did as I asked before he would comply. Occasionally, he would nudge his textbook onto the floor when I was trying to make an important point. The noise he made and his sarcastic apology would disrupt the lesson and cause the other students to chuckle in amusement.

I tried everything I could to get Kenneth to take an interest in the lessons but was not successful. Talking privately with him did him no good. He would simply shrug his shoulders and the same angry eyes would greet me during the next lesson. Finally, I decided I had to stop worrying about him.

One evening, I poured boiling water into a pitcher I had used hundreds of times. This time, the tempered glass shattered and scalding water was splashed on my arms. Even though I received immediate medical treatment, painful blisters formed on them. Little did I know, this accident would change everything.

When I walked into the classroom, I was greeted with cries of shock and expressions of concern. I briefly explained the accident to the class. As I did, I thought I saw a **flutter of compassion** in Kenneth's eyes. I dismissed the thought and began the day's lesson. As I gathered my books and papers at the end of the lesson, I realised Kenneth was standing by my desk. He offered to carry my briefcase for me back to the staff room. I gratefully handed it to him. Kenneth carried my briefcase for the rest of the week.

On Friday, Kenneth and I arrived at the classroom early. There was no one else in the room. Kenneth asked me what degree my burns were. I told him I was lucky to suffer only second degree burns. In a low voice, he told me his burns were third degree burns. He lifted his chin slightly and showed me his scar. He told me about his accident, the long weeks in the hospital and his numerous operations. He told me how no doctor could get the area under his chin to heal right and how much he hated how his scar looked. I realised that my accident was the reason he changed his attitude towards me. He felt that we had something in common.

With tenderness, I told Kenneth that I had never noticed his scar until he pointed it out. As he looked at me with disbelief, I told him it was his eyes that people noticed first. That was the first time I saw him smile. I went on to tell him that he had a wonderful smile, which he should show more often. His smile widened. Before he went back to his seat, Kenneth asked me to call him 'Ken'.

The following Monday, he greeted me with a smile. His eyes were no longer angry.

**Source: Chicken Soup for the Soul**

**ANSWER IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.**

71. What was the writer's first move in getting to know her students better ?

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72. Which word in paragraph 3 has the same meaning as 'to do as one says'?

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73. Kenneth would nudge his textbook on the floor when the writer was trying to make an important point. How else did he disrupt the writer's lessons?

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75. What does the word 'them' (line 22) refer to?

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76. What does the phrase 'flutter of compassion' (lines 25 – 26) tell us about what Kenneth felt?

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77. What did Kenneth do which showed he was a very thoughtful person?

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78. Describe clearly the injury that Kenneth suffered.

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79. According to the writer what would people first notice about Kenneth?

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80. Why did Kenneth ask the writer to call him 'Ken'?

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End Of Paper



# Answer Key

**EXAM PAPER 2013**

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Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
4	3	3	4	4	2	3	1	3	1	4	4	4	3	4	3	2

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
2	4	2	1	3	2	1	2	4	4	3	2	2	C	P	Q	D

Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
N	G	E	H	F	K

- 41)maintain      42)and      43)breaking      44)fatigue      45)the  
46)attention      47)lose      48)snack      49)curbs      50)stabilises  
51)However      52)most      53)seem/look      54)feed      55)amount  
56)result      57)serious      58)least      59)die      60)working  
61)species      62)down      63)kill      64)although      65)likely  
66)The book, which was taken by the bully, belongs to John.  
67)Jane asked Peter if he would be attending her birthday party that day.  
68)Unless you finish your home work, you cannot play computer games.  
69)Tom failed the test since he did not study for it.

- 70)The posters on the drawing competition were pinned up by Ryan.
- 71)The writer's first move was to learn their names.
- 72)The word is "comply".
- 73)He would apologise sarcastically, causing the other pupils to chuckle in amusement.
- 74)He would shrug his shoulders and stare angrily at the writer.
- 75)It refers to the writer's arms.
- 76)Kenneth felt sympathy for the writer.
- 77)It was offering to carry the writer's suitcase to the staff room.
- 78)He suffered a third degree burn under his chin.
- 79)They would first notice his blue eyes.
- 80)He considered the writer to be his friend.