

**SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL
SECOND SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2013
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY FIVE**

Name: _____ () Date: _____

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PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET A

30 questions

30 marks

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

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Answer all questions.

Study the following advertisement and answer questions 1 to 5.

FROM THE FAMOUS INTERNATIONAL CHAIN

Chocolate Inc

~~International~~ **FIRST** outlet in Singapore



Finally, it's here!
Singapore's very own
CHOCOLATE INC outlet!

Come join us at Mall Singa during our Grand Opening on 1 December 2013
enjoy a host of special offers and promotions!

Special early-bird offers (limited to first 20 customers on our opening day ONLY)

- 50% off all Galivo Chocolates from Italy
- 30% off all Milk Choco Gems
- 20% off all Chocolate Truffles and Australian Nougatines

To celebrate the opening of our very first Singapore outlet, we will be offering our Choco High Tea Deluxe Set at the special promotional price of \$24.90 for the whole month of December 2013 (Normal Price: \$30.90)

Choco High Tea Deluxe Set

4 sachets of Chocolate Inc's Special Hot Chocolate Mix

4 Fine Choco-Chip Muffins

4 Australian Nougatines

4 Crème Caramel Milk Choco Gems



Premium Choco Inc Pralines, Luxurious Dark Chocolate
Truffles, Tropical Fruit Rust Choco Gems,
Natty Range Flavours

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 This poster is for a shop named _____

- (1) Mall Singa
- (2) Chocolate Inc
- (3) Milk Choco Gems
- (4) Australian Nougatines

2 Chocolate Inc is a group that _____

- (1) is based in Singapore
- (2) specialises in making muffins
- (3) has many different outlets in Singapore
- (4) has outlets in many different countries

3 Janet wants to buy some Australian Nougatines at 20% off the normal retail price. What must she do?

- (1) Buy the Choco High Tea Deluxe Set.
- (2) Buy Galivo Chocolates and Milk Choco Gems as well.
- (3) Go to the Chocolate Inc outlet during its Grand Opening.
- (4) Be one of the first 20 customers at Chocolate Inc at Mall Singa on 1 December 2013.

4 To buy the Choco High Tea Deluxe Set for \$24.90, Irene has to go to Chocolate Inc _____

- (1) any time in December 2013 only
- (2) during their Grand Opening only
- (3) any time after December 2013 only
- (4) during the first two weeks of December 2013 only

5 New products available at Chocolate Inc do not include _____

- (1) Nutty Range Flavours
- (2) Premium Choco Inc Pralines
- (3) Tropical Fruit Burst Choco Gems
- (4) Crème Caramel Milk Choco Gems

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 By the time lunch is ready, the children _____ home from school.

- (1) returned
- (2) had returned
- (3) are returning
- (4) will have returned

7 Statistics show that one person _____ ten now attends a university in this country.

- (1) of
- (2) in
- (3) from
- (4) over

8 The fans could barely hold back their excitement when they saw their idol, Taylor Swift, _____ at them.

- (1) wave
- (2) waves
- (3) waved
- (4) was waving

9 _____ there is a thunderstorm, the football match will still be played.

- (1) As
- (2) After
- (3) Since
- (4) Unless

10 When John's millionaire father died, he came _____ a fortune.

- (1) at
- (2) to
- (3) into
- (4) through

11 The Lim Family moved into their new house a few days ago. All the furniture in their house _____ new.

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

12 "Don't stand on ceremony," Mrs Low said to us, "do make _____ comfortable."

- (1) yourself
- (2) ourselves
- (3) yourselves
- (4) themselves

For each question from 13 to 15, 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. (3 marks)

Sun Pei Lan and her grandmother were making dumplings filled with meat, onions, ginger and garlic. Guo Shuang, Sun Pei Lan's niece, loved dumplings so Sun Pei Lan was making them as a surprise for her.

"Where is that girl (13) She'll be late for supper," grumbled Sun Pei Lan.

"Don't worry (14) her grandmother replied. "Guo Shuang will be here soon."

At that moment, her grandmother accidentally knocked over the mixing bowl.

"Watch out (15) yelled Sun Pei Lan.

Adapted from The Magic Lotus Lantern & Other Tales

- 13 (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [?] question mark
(4) [!] exclamation mark

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

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

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 'An Unexpected Journey', the first of three cinematic instalments from Oscar-winning director Peter Jackson of Tolkien's fantasy novel, 'The Hobbit', took more than a decade to bring to _____.

- (1) fruition
- (2) naught
- (3) succession
- (4) achievement

17 What I have just mentioned is true! Why are you looking at me so _____?

- (1) credulously
- (2) discredibly
- (3) incredulously
- (4) ignominiously

18 It seems that Martin becomes _____ to severe throat infections every winter so he is often absent from work.

- (1) fallible
- (2) invincible
- (3) irresistible
- (4) susceptible

19 The investment officer was forced to resign as he had made a / an _____ mistake that cost the company millions of dollars.

- (1) tragic
- (2) grievous
- (3) offensive
- (4) inappropriate

20 All the employees were _____ upon learning about the upcoming retrenchment exercise.

- (1) assured
- (2) delighted
- (3) dismayed
- (4) appeased

For each question 21 to 25, choose a suitable answer to replace the underlined words.
Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

Animation involves drawing a series of pictures which are shown quickly, one after the other, to create the illusion of movement. Animating a cartoon figure takes at least twelve pictures for every second of action. The artist draws the figures on sheets of transparent cellulose which can be laid over the painted background. Every movement is broken down into slightly different positions.

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In recent years, technology has advanced the production of animated films. In 1977, a method called 'motion control' was used in the making of the film, *The Empire Strikes Back*. This allowed the creatures' movements to be much more lifelike. Animated films are now made with the help of sophisticated computers which allow endless possibilities in cartoon design.

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|----|-----|-----------|
| 21 | (1) | artist |
| | (2) | scene |
| | (3) | comedy |
| | (4) | character |
| | | |
| 22 | (1) | points |
| | (2) | pieces |
| | (3) | places |
| | (4) | postures |
| | | |
| 23 | (1) | inspired |
| | (2) | involved |
| | (3) | indicated |
| | (4) | improved |
| | | |
| 24 | (1) | project |
| | (2) | drawing |
| | (3) | technique |
| | (4) | movement |
| | | |
| 25 | (1) | artistic |
| | (2) | durable |
| | (3) | complex |
| | (4) | expensive |

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

The wickedest elephant I ever knew was called Taw Sin Ma (Miss Wild Elephant). I never knew her when she was a calf but she could not have been greatly loved to have earned herself such a name like that. She was about twenty-five years old when I first knew her and there was nothing in her recorded history which gave any explanation of why she would hate every European she saw.

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She recognised a European by his appearance quite as much as by smell because she would attack a Burman if he were wearing a khaki shirt I had a nasty experience with her when she first attacked me on sight and then chased me following my trail by scent for four miles. It was terrifying.

I met her by chance when I was walking from one camp to another. We came on her suddenly and she went for us at once. The Burman I had with me stampeded in one direction and I in another and for two miles, I was not sure if I was on the right track back to the camp I had left. There would have been no hope for me if she had caught up with me unless I had found refuge up a tree. However, I knew well that if I had done that, I might have had to stay there for twenty-four hours or longer. As she was hunting by scent, my pace was a little faster than hers. She wore a brass danger bell around her neck, the docile elephants wore wooden bells. Often it sounded from the bell as though she were nearly up to me, at times, as though she had cut me off. Of course, I knew that sounds in the jungle were deceptive and played tricks but it was not pleasant. This experience gave me the first opportunity I had ever had of trying out a trick for delaying a pursuing elephant by dropping an article of clothing in the belief that the animal would halt and attack it and so gave one a chance of gaining ground.

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I first dropped a haversack but I heard no check in the sound of the clanking bell on the elephant hurrying after me. When I had climbed to the top of the ridge, I halted for a few moments to locate her whereabouts. Then after going as fast as I could along the ridge, I chose the steepest place for my descent, hoping she would hesitate to follow and there I dropped my khaki shirt for her to savage or to chew to her heart's content. I had no sooner reached the small spur leading to the drainage area below than I heard an avalanche of crashing trees and bamboos and it needed very little imagination to visualise Taw Sin Ma sitting on her haunches and sliding down the sharp incline much faster than I had done. My shirt had not delayed her for a moment. Perhaps, she was holding it in her mouth to chew after she had first caught me. On I plunged, trying to remember to act on the law of the jungle that one must never hurry and always keep cool. Once one breaks that rule, every thorny bush that grows reaches out to impede, to tear and scratch or even trip one up. I thought of discarding my once white and very wet vest but I thought that if I was eventually forced up a tree, I might need something on. My relief was great when I met two men, busy with a crosscut saw on a fallen teak tree. I had only to shout out the words, 'Taw Sin Ma' and they joined me in my flight without asking questions. They soon took the lead and as I followed, I at least had the satisfaction of knowing I was on the right track to camp and to safety.

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*Burman — A native or inhabitant of Myanmar; a Burmese

Adapted from Elephant Bill by J.H. Williams

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	Marks Obtained	Highest Possible Marks
Booklet A		30
Booklet B		65
Sub-total		95

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET B

50 questions

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Write your answers in this booklet.

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- 26 According to the passage, the elephant attacked people who _____
- (1) ran away
 - (2) smelt Burmese
 - (3) looked Burmese
 - (4) wore khaki shirts
- 27 The author was worried when the elephant was chasing him _____
- (1) in case he lost his way
 - (2) because time was getting short
 - (3) because he could not climb trees
 - (4) in case he could not find the Burman
- 28 The author believed that dropping an article of clothing would _____
- (1) cause an elephant to attack you
 - (2) encourage an elephant to pursue you
 - (3) hinder an elephant from attacking you
 - (4) prohibit an elephant from attacking you
- 29 The author stopped at the ridge as he wanted to _____
- (1) get his breath back
 - (2) place his own position
 - (3) place the elephant's position
 - (4) see the best place to descend
- 30 The author was pleased to come across the men in the jungle as they _____
- (1) ran away from him
 - (2) knew which way to go
 - (3) distracted the elephant
 - (4) told him which way to go

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 in order to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) a	(D) in	(G) along	(K) of	(N) the
(B) between	(E) and	(H) but	(L) that	(P) at
(C) with	(F) became	(J) on	(M) to	(Q) for

His very amiable visage disarms you when you walk into the store.

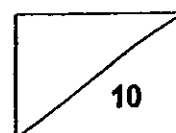
_____ his bushy moustache, thick eyebrows, chef's hat _____ round figure, he
 (31) (32)
 resembles Colonel Sanders or those cheerful bakers in old European tales. Shuffling
 _____ unhurriedly in his self-managed shop, he checks _____ the goods he is
 (33) (34)
 baking - their delicious smells wafting through the air while he cheerfully talks about his
 chocolates and offers us some.

His retail store-cum-workshop may be a humble, industrial-looking space,
 _____ do not let it fool you into passing it by. Reto Marzari sells some of the best
 (35)
 chocolates and nibbles. Just a mouthful _____ his Cocoa Nibs (cocoa dusted
 (36)
 almonds) and you see immediately why they are his bestsellers.

The Swiss citizen started learning his trade almost fifty years ago _____
 (37)
 Switzerland. Confessing to an early addiction to sweets when he was younger, "I used
 to go to the kitchen cabinet and steal the chocolate cubes _____ my mother would
 (38)
 keep." It was just a natural progression for him _____ work in the trade.
 (39)

Not contented being only _____ chocolatier, the chef also makes other
 (40)
 pastries like cakes, cookies, breads and biscuits.

Adapted from Wine and Dine magazine, Nov. 2012



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

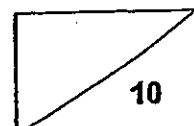
Before the international ivory trade ban in 1989, poaching took a steep toll on many
(41) (42)
elephant population and in some instances, siknifikanly altered their social structure
because poachers tended to target older elephants.

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In the decades since the ban, some populations have **stabelised**, though most
(44) (45)
elephants remain **threatened** by human encroachment. As poaching has flared of in the past
(46)
five years in the Congo Basin and in parts of central but eastern Africa, many elephant
(47)
families there have lost most of their adult females. Where such social upheaval existed,

calves are being raised by ever more inexperienced females. An increasing number of young
(48)
orphaned elephants, many by which have **witnessed** the death of a parent at the hands of
(49)
poachers, are coming of age in the **absance** of the traditional support system. According to

Bradshaw, a psychologist, the loss of older elephants and the trauma of witnessing the
(50)
massacres of their family members **inkterfear** with a young elephant's normal development.

Adapted from Orphans No More, National Geographic, Sept 2011



Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

If he had taken Maia as she had begged...

He was shivering so much that it was _____ to steer the Arabella to
(51)
the jetty and make her fast. There was no point in _____ for survivors; it was
(52)
so obvious that no one could escape such a blaze.

_____, there was one last hope. The huts of the Indians had been
(53)
spared. Perhaps they had got Maia out; perhaps he would find her sleeping there. He
pushed open the door of the first hut and went inside... then the second and the third.
They were completely _____. There was no doubt in Finn's mind. They had
(54)
let Maia burn and fled in terror and in shame.

_____ would it be like, Finn wondered, going on living and knowing
(55)
that he had _____ his friend? Finn went outside again and stood on the
(56)
square of raked gravel that had been the Carters' garden.

After a while, he found himself walking back along the river path to where he had
left the Arabella. As he came to the fork in the path which _____ back into
(57)
the forest, the dog put his head down excitedly into a patch of leaf mould. Finn pushed
him aside and saw a _____ of blood... and then a little way off, another...
(58)
and another. He almost fell over her. She lay so _____, hidden in the leaves
(59)
and creepers almost as if she had burrowed into the forest to die. She was motionless but
not dead. She was still in her nightdress, breathing lightly with closed eyes. The blood
came from a _____ in her leg. He could see no burns on her skin.
(60)

She must have fainted from the _____ of blood. Then when he said her
(61)
name, she opened her eyes. One hand went out to his sleeve.

"Can we go now?" she whispered.

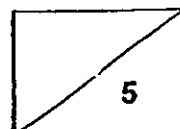
He answered, "Yes."

Maia opened her eyes and saw a canopy of trees and, shining _____
(62)
the topmost leaves, a high, white sun. She could smell the rich, heady smell of orchids and
hear a bird whose single piercing cry came clearly over the puttering sound of an engine.

Then the overhanging trees _____ from her sight. She was looking up
(63)
at a pale, clear sky; and the light was suddenly so dazzling that she had to close her eyes
_____ it was too much for her to bear.
(64)

She was lying on a groundsheet on the bottom of a boat. They were moving steadily
through the water, not fast, not _____, the perfect speed to lull her back to
(65)
sleep.

Adapted from Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson



For each of the items 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)

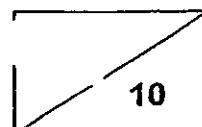
66 Hokkaido is a winter wonderland. Everything is covered in snow in December.
_____ where

67 Queenie heard the news that Grandmother had been involved in a car accident. She fainted.
Upon _____

68 Do not snack on the potato chips now. You may lose your appetite for dinner.
_____ in case

69 Sofia argued frequently with her brother. This upset their mother.
Sofia's frequent _____

70 "Stop running or I'll shoot!" the policeman ordered the armed suspect.
The policeman _____



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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

Detective Senior Constable Gavin Dengate and I were at the station completing some paperwork when, "beep...beep" – the clear tone heralding a **serious announcement** came on the police radio network.

"Any car in the vicinity of Marcia Street, a child is believed to have been swept down a stormwater drain. Gavin and I looked at each other, dropped what we were doing and took off. Apparently, three boys were playing in a flooded stream when eleven-year-old, Jai Wendall, was swept away.

Then a second call came over the police radio. The screams of a child could be heard under the road near the Pacific Highway, six hundred metres away. Could he really have been swept so far and still be alive? Gavin and I raced to the spot. Pandemonium had broken out and traffic was at a standstill. There was an ambulance there with its emergency lights flashing and dozens of onlookers pointing and talking excitedly. We got out of the car and, above all the noise of the traffic and crowds, I could hear the ear-piercing shrieks of a child.

I looked around for the source of the screams and saw a hole in the road where a manhole cover had been removed. Someone was lying down on the road, yelling into the manhole as Jai's screams came straight back. Gavin and I raced over and looked down into the hole. Filthy stormwater bubbled up and through this water came those high-pitched, terrifying screams.

"Help me, help me, please help me!" The screams went on relentlessly. As soon as a ladder was produced, Gavin climbed down the ladder. Determination was etched on his face as he disappeared under the water. I followed after him as soon as a rope was tied around my waist. I remember feeling submerged, trying to feel my way around. The only light was the beam of our torches moving back and forth to each of the six pipes that surrounded us. Water from some of the pipes was pouring in on top of us and I felt like I had been holding my breath for the past hour. Desperation, terror and panic zigzagged around in my skull like ball bearings in a pinball machine. Think straight, Al, work it out and hurry up. My next thought was that we needed some scuba gear so I went back to the manhole to yell out for someone to get it. During this time, Gavin started searching the pipes.

I rejoined the search and when I went up a particular pipe, I thought I could hear Jai's screams a little clearer. "Gav, Gav!" I shouted. "I think he's up this one." Jai's screams started to sound more desperate. Gavin then headed back to the surface to see if there was another way into where we thought Jai might be. With Gavin gone, an ambulance paramedic, Michael, came down with a large floodlight. I took the torch from Michael and told him I was going back up the pipe where I believed Jai was.

This pipe was narrower than the first one. I was forcing my way against the flow and it was difficult to get a grip to propel myself forward. The sides of the pipe were thick and slimy with a horrid goo that I had to dig into with my fingernails and toenails. Physically, it was draining. Jai's screams were getting a little louder the further I went but I could not see him. His screams and my efforts to claw my way up the pipe sucked every bit of energy out of me. 40

Just then, from my torchlight, I saw something – a little face, so white it was like the face of a tiny ghost. I was yelling to him, "Hang on, mate! I'm coming, I'm coming!" Jai was hanging on to a piece of timber that was wedged across the pipe. We were about three metres under the roadway. 45

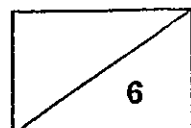
Adapted from an extract from the book "The Cost Of Bravery" by Allan Sparkes

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71 What was the writer's occupation?

72 What does the "serious announcement" line 3 refer to?

73 Which actions of Constable Gavin and the writer showed they were eager to respond to the call for help?



74 Which word in Paragraph Three has same meaning as "unrestrained disorder"?

75 Quote the seven-word phrase from Paragraph . Three which shows that there were many curious observers.

76 Where were the screams coming from?

77 Give two reasons to explain why it was difficult for Constable Gavin and the writer to locate and rescue Jai.

78 Which sentence in Paragraph Five shows that the writer was in an emotionally bad state

79 Give two reasons why climbing up the pipe to get to Jai was physically draining for the writer.

80 Why was Jai's face drained of colour?

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Booklet A

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
2	4	4	1	4	4	2	1	4	3	1	3	3	1	4
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Booklet B

- 31 (C) with 32 (E) and 33 (G) along 34 (J) on
 35 (H) but 36 (K) of 37 (D) in 38 (L) that
 39 (M) to 40 (A) a

- 41 populations 42 significantly 43 stabilised 44 threatened
 45 up 46 and 47 exists 48 of
 49 absence 50 interfere

- 51 hard 52 searching 53 However 54 empty
 55 How 56 abandoned 57 led 58 drop
 59 still 60 cut 61 loss 62 through
 63 disappeared 64 because 65 slowly

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 70 The policemen ordered the armed suspect to stop running or he would shoot.
 71 He was a policeman.
 72 It refers to the call to help a child who was believed to have been swept down a stormwater drain.
 73 They dropped what they were doing at the station and left immediately.
 74 The word is "Pandemonium".

