



**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION 2014
PRIMARY FIVE
ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)
BOOKLET A**

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary Five _____

28 October 2014

28 Questions
(28 Marks)

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

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Answer all questions.

This booklet consists of 8 printed pages excluding the cover page.

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1. Either of the shirts _____ good on you.

- (1) look
- (2) looks
- (3) looked
- (4) are looking

2. The train departs _____ hourly intervals.

- (1) at
- (2) by
- (3) on
- (4) between

3. Mrs Leo wanted to see Mary and _____ after school yesterday.

- (1) I
- (2) me
- (3) my
- (4) mine

4. Gerard is _____ of the twins.

- (1) the clever
- (2) the cleverer
- (3) the cleverest
- (4) cleverer than

5. _____ being injured, Darren completed the inter-class race.

- (1) Apart
- (2) In spite
- (3) Despite
- (4) Even though

6. All the children but one _____ durians. Let's buy some durians later.
- (1) like
 - (2) likes
 - (3) liked
 - (4) has liked
7. There is only _____ rice left in the sack. Could you please go out and buy some?
- (1) any
 - (2) much
 - (3) a few
 - (4) a little
8. The suitcase with the contraband cigarettes, _____ seized by the police yesterday.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
9. Ravi said, "Either Rani or I _____ attending the function tonight."
- (1) is
 - (2) am
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
10. Miss Toh made John _____ up the mess before allowing him to go for his soccer game.
- (1) clean
 - (2) cleans
 - (3) cleaned
 - (4) cleaning

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). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

11. My little brother is _____. He refuses to change his opinion and no one can persuade him to do so
- (1) definite
 - (2) insolent
 - (3) obstinate
 - (4) immovable
12. The flood did not subside. Many shoppers were _____ in the shopping mall, unable to go home.
- (1) forsaken
 - (2) stranded
 - (3) deserted
 - (4) grounded
13. When Jane heard the good news, she could not _____ her excitement. She started jumping for joy.
- (1) seize
 - (2) check
 - (3) contain
 - (4) regulate
14. The police received a/an _____ call informing them of a possible bomb attack. The caller did not identify himself.
- (1) vague
 - (2) unnamed
 - (3) anonymous
 - (4) unexplained
15. The press and media were present in great numbers to provide live _____ of the historic event at the Istana.
- (1) view
 - (2) coverage
 - (3) exposure
 - (4) demonstration

For each question from 16 to 20, 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)

The pupils poured over their test papers in the stuffy classroom, with the stench of perspiration lingering in the air. The heat was overbearing. Consecutive days of drought were (16) particularly common in the month of July. The teacher, Ms Najat, tried desperately to cool herself by fanning herself with a flimsy piece of paper but (17) to no avail. Getting her restless pupils to concentrate in this heat was going to be (18) an uphill task. To think that she had even organised a class outing after the test in the scorching month of July! Suddenly, a clap of thunder was heard. Everyone (19) instinctively stopped what he or she was doing. The falling of the first few rain drops on the dusty ground was one of the most (20) significant moments for the village. It marked the start of the monsoon season.

16. (1) unusually
(2) extremely
(3) exclusively
(4) surprisingly
17. (1) futile
(2) disastrous
(3) unfavourable
(4) inappropriate
18. (1) rigid
(2) complex
(3) hopeless
(4) demanding
19. (1) hastily
(2) naturally
(3) earnestly
(4) unanimously
20. (1) important
(2) influential
(3) esteemed
(4) perceptible

Study the following flyer and then answer questions 21 to 28.



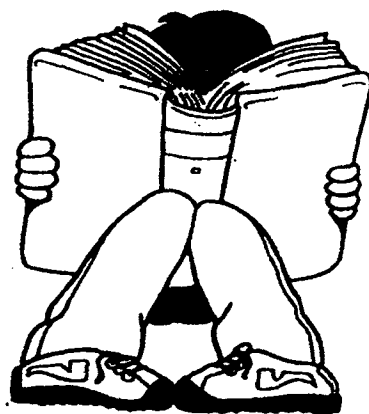
In conjunction with International Reading Week,
the Singapore Reading Society presents...

The Inaugural Children's Book Review Competition

Book reviews allow readers to tell others about the books that they have read as well as share their personal opinions on them. Through this competition, the Singapore Reading Society aims to get children to read more widely. The society hopes that the book reviews written will introduce children to a wide variety of books and encourage them to be more adventurous in their choice of books.

Competition Details

1. The book review submitted must
 - ☐ be on a fiction book
 - ☐ include title of the book & author's name
 - ☐ be between 250 and 300 words
2. Submission by email to: reviews@srs.org
3. Deadline: 10 December 2014
4. Top 10 entries will win \$100 book vouchers from *The Book People*
5. More information on the participation rules and judging criteria can be found at www.srs.org/reviews



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The following book review was one of the winning entries
in a similar competition held in Australia last year:



Title: The Way to Live a Million Years

Author: Jean Duncan

This is a story about a ten-year-old boy named Luke. He was untidy, playful, cheeky, a little lazy and very greedy - just like most boys I know. However, Luke had cancer - a disease which made him very sick and might end his life in a few months, if what the doctors said really came true.

For some reason which even Luke's parents could not understand, Luke did not spend his time feeling miserable, whining about the torturous treatment or throwing tantrums about not being able to go outdoors to play with his friends. He told them that he did not want to waste time being unhappy. Instead, he embarked on a project to do something different every day, write about his experience, and post his thoughts on his blog to share with whoever was interested enough to read.

Trying to do something different every day sounded easier than it really was. Some days, Luke stared into space for hours, racking his brain for an idea. Thankfully, many people visited Luke and started to suggest all sorts of things he could do after they heard about his project. Even strangers who stumbled upon his blog while aimlessly browsing the Internet left comments to help him along in his project.

I was deeply saddened when Luke eventually succumbed to the disease. His optimism and zest for life moved me. Nothing seemed to be capable of bringing him down. Because he was such an inspiration to so many people, he will indeed live for a million years when his story gets passed on from generation to generation.

More about this book...

It is based on the life story of Max Li, a thirteen-year-old boy who passed away last year after a courageous three-year battle with cancer.

For each question from 21 to 28, 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. (8 marks)

21. Based on the flyer, which one of the following is true of the book review competition?

- (1) The book review competition is being held in Australia.
- (2) Entries can be submitted online at www.srs.org/reviews.
- (3) The Book People will form the panel of judges for the competition.
- (4) The Singapore Reading Society will accept entries received on 10 December 2014.

22. According to the Singapore Reading Society, book reviews_____.

- (1) must be below 300 words
- (2) will encourage children to read more adventure books
- (3) may motivate children to try reading different kinds of books
- (4) will improve children's abilities to share their personal opinions

23. The **most** likely reason for the competition details to be given in the form of a list is to present the information _____ to the intended audience.

- (1) clearly
- (2) positively
- (3) accurately
- (4) ambiguously

24. In the first paragraph of the winning book review, "what the doctors said" refers to _____.

- (1) cancer making Luke very sick
- (2) Luke having only a few months to live
- (3) cancer being a life-threatening disease
- (4) Luke having been diagnosed with cancer

25. According to the winning book review, Luke did not throw tantrums because _____.

- (1) many people visited him
- (2) his parents were very strict with him
- (3) he was too engrossed in his new project
- (4) he felt that being unhappy was a waste of time

26. The writer of the winning book review was _____.

- (1) one of Luke's friends
- (2) touched by Luke's positive attitude
- (3) a playful and cheeky boy just like Luke
- (4) inspired by Luke to write a story about him

27. Which of the following information from the flyer was made up?

- (1) Max Li did not recover from cancer.
- (2) Jean Duncan wrote the story about Luke.
- (3) Luke was a ten-year-old boy who had cancer.
- (4) "The Way to Live a Million Years" is about a boy's battle with cancer.

28. The main purpose of the flyer is to _____.

- (1) share the goals of The Book People
- (2) promote a meaningful book about a boy who was struck by disease
- (3) interest children in a competition that is being held for the first time in Singapore
- (4) showcase an excellent book review that had won another competition



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PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)
BOOKLET B

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary Five _____

28 October 2014

52 Questions
(67 Marks)

Components	Marks
Booklet A	28
Booklet B	67
TOTAL	95

Parent's
Signature: _____

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

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There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) although	(D) by	(G) into	(K) nonetheless	(N) which
(B) around	(E) had	(H) it's	(L) the	(P) while
(C) as	(F) has	(J) its	(M) where	(Q) with

New York City is nothing like Paris or London. It is the grandest of cities. Known (29) _____ the cultural and financial epicentre of the United States, New York City (30) _____ risen to become a crossroads of the world. It is a place where the air tingles (31) _____ the promise that everything is possible.

The city is divided (32) _____ five districts. The one which is most popular is Manhattan for this is (33) _____ most tourist attractions are located. Despite being the smallest district, it is the most densely populated part of the city. It is estimated that it takes an average of seven hours to swim (34) _____ the perimeter of Manhattan though such a quest is not recommended.

Manhattan is fairly easy to navigate since (35) _____ organised on a straightforward grid plan – the streets are numbered from north to south (36) _____ the avenues run east-west. In addition, the city's excellent subway system, (37) _____ is like Singapore's Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) system, connects 468 stations, covering 373 kilometres of tracks. The subway is usually the quickest way of getting around (38) _____ walking may be quicker if you are merely travelling a few blocks. Just remember to walk purposefully and you will fit right in.

Adapted from: Insight Guides New York

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error.
Write the correct word in the relevant box. (12 marks)

Have you ever wondered if you could be doing something other than sleeping at
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midnight? Perhaps you could be engaging in activities such as kayaking, fishing or
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golfing? This may not be possible, at leest here in Singapore. It would be too dark, or
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worse, dangerous. On the other hand, if you were around Norway or Sweden in
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summer, such activities might just be a possibility irregardless of the time. This may be
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attributed to the midnight sun, which is a natural finomenon that happens in the
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summer months in places north of the Arctic Circle, where the sun remains visible at
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midnight. It is caused by the tilt in the Earth's axis – an imagination line through the
planet between the North and South Poles around which it rotates. As the Earth orbits
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the sun, the tilt makes the North Pole face towards the sun in summer, keeps it in
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sunlight even as the Earth spins. Consekwently, the sunlight received is continuous,
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given fair whether. At the two poles, the sun only sets and rises one day annually. Your
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laiklyhood of experiencing the midnight sun depends on how close you are to the
Arctic Circle. June and July are peak periods, but if you voyage further north, you can
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experience this unique okurrence from May to August.

Fill in the blanks with the most suitable answer. (15 marks)

This year's National Stop Smoking Campaign takes aim at young adults. The campaign that is organised by the Health Promotion Board (HPB), kicked (51) _____ on 2 May and will last until March next year. This was the result of latest HPB survey findings which threw up some startling figures on (52) _____ rates in young adults.

In the Ministry of Health's most recent National Health Surveillance Survey, more young adults (53) _____ 18 and 29 years old were found to be lighting up. The number of daily smokers in this age group (54) _____ by 4.9%, from 2004 to 17.2% this year. The jump in the (55) _____ of young women who smoke daily was particularly significant – roughly a 50 per cent increase from 2004.

Dr Chan, a consultant at a local hospital was not surprised by these findings. The youth are subject to peer (56) _____ and are into pop culture, where smoking is (57) _____ to be cool," said Dr Chan, who also heads the smoking cessation clinic at SGH. "They also tend to be more curious and will experiment with smoking."

That was the case with Ms Riduan, 28, who tried her first cigarette at the (58) _____ of 15. "I had a history exam and my friends said smoking would help me to (59) _____ the stress, so I just tried it out," she said. However, the long-time (60) _____ had the jolt of her life when she was hospitalised in SGH for severe bronchitis last November. She added, "I never thought such a thing would happen to me but it did and it was really serious."

Ms Riduan, who used to smoke two packs of (61) _____ a day, was surprised that she had not touched a single stick since she was (62) _____ from hospital. Instead, she now distracts herself from the nicotine cravings by eating chocolate.

(63) _____ in cigarettes is highly addictive. These nicotine cravings give smokers a rush and giving up smoking produces withdrawal symptoms. Smoking also (64) _____ one's image as it can cause bad breath, poor complexion and yellow teeth and nails. (65) _____ the negative effects, some young people are not dropping the habit and the feel-good effects of nicotine could well be the reason. "Nicotine's lure is so powerful it is estimated that about three-quarters of those who quit eventually return to the habit," Dr See said.

For each of the questions from 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. We cannot watch the magic show. We do not have tickets.

_____ unless

67. I am going fishing with Kenny tomorrow. He is my childhood friend.

_____ whom

68. "Could you please pass me that bottle of water?" Nancy said to Eva.

Nancy requested Eva _____

69. Ravi is not interested in swimming. Michael is not interested in swimming.

Neither _____

70. The pies were burnt. Mother forgot about them baking in the oven.

_____ therefore

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

Mum has swiped a huge paper calendar from work and taped the month of April to the kitchen wall. She used a fat green marker, also swiped from work, to draw a pyramid on 27 April with dollar signs and exclamation marks all around it. She made a quick run to the supermarket to buy a fancy egg timer that can accurately measure half a minute. I suppose there are no fancy egg timers in the supply cupboard at her office.

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27 April is also Rachel's birthday. Naturally, Mum wonders if this is a good omen, having her best friend's special day fall on such a **potentially life-changing date**. Rachel and I are going to help Mum practise every single night, which explains why I am sitting at my desk instead of watching after-school television shows – a birthright of every latchkey child. "Latchkey child" is a term for a kid with house keys who spends time alone after school until a grown-up gets home to make dinner. Mum hates that expression. She said it reminds her of dungeons and she assumed it must have been coined by someone strict and awful with unlimited childcare budget. "Probably someone German," she remarked, grinning at Rachel, who is German but uncharacteristically so.

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"You're lucky," Rachel tells me. "Keys are power. Some of us have to knock," I suppose she was referring to the two occasions where the sound of the doorbell had been masked by the loud television.

Rachel is tall, blonde and very polished. Her legs go on for miles so they do not really fit under our kitchen table. She looks especially big next to Mum, who is vertically-challenged and so petite that she has to buy her belts in the kids' department and make an extra hole in her watchband to prevent it from slipping off her wrist

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Mum calls Rachel "Miss Perfect" because of how she looks and how knowledgeable she is. Yet, every time she does that, Rachel taps her right knee. The instinctive reaction is due to her right leg being shorter than her left. All her right-foot shoes have two-inch platforms nailed to the bottom so that her legs are of the same level. When barefooted, she limps a little.

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Rachel aside, we have exactly twenty-one days to get Mum ready for the game show. Instead of watching television, I am copying words for her practice session tonight. I write each word on one of the index cards Mum swiped from work. When I

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have seven words, I bind the cards together with a rubber band. Hearing Mum's key in the door, I flip over my word piles to prevent her from peeking.

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"Miranda?" She clomps down the hall – she is on a clog kick lately – and sticks her head into my room. "Are you starving? I thought we'd hold dinner for Rachel." I think it is a good sign that Mum is hosting dinner. There have been times where we had to survive on just bread. Going to bed hungry is normal for me.

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"I can wait." The truth is that I have just munched my way through a whole bag of potato chips. After-school junk food is another fundamental right of the latchkey child.

"Great!" She smiles and reaches into her coat pocket. "Catch." She lobes something towards me, and I grab a bundle of brand-new markers in rainbow colours.

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Rachel and I figure that the number of items Mum swipes from the office reflects the amount of stress she faces at work. I look at the markers for a second before getting back to my word piles.

Mum has to win this money.

Adapted from: When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead

- 71 Which word in the first paragraph tells you that the author's mum was stealing items from her workplace? [1m]

72. Why does the author's mum refer to Rachel's birthday as "a potentially life-changing date" (lines 8-9)? [2m]

73. What does the phrase "uncharacteristically so" in line 16 tell you about Rachel? [2m]

74. Which four-word phrase in paragraph 4 suggests that Rachel is very tall? [1m]

75. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [5m]

	True/False	Reason
The game show is in April.		
The author's mum is short.		
Rachel has the key to the author's house.		
The author's mum has to make an extra hole in her watchband as she is too fat to squeeze into it.		
The author's mum has a sudden liking for clogs.		

76. What does the word 'that' in line 26 refer to? [1m]

77. State two things the author feels 'latchkey children' are entitled to. [2m]

1. _____

2. _____

78. Describe Rachel's physical impairment and what she does to overcome it. [2m]

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

_____ The author's mum threw a bundle of brand-new markers towards her.

_____ The author ate a bag of potato chips.

_____ The author came home after school.

80. Do you think the author is a helpful child?
Support your answer with 2 evidences from the passage. [3m]

END OF PAPER

EXAM PAPERS 2014

SCHOOL: CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
SUBJECT: ENGLISH
LEVEL: PRIMARY 5
TERM: SA 2

PAPER 2 BOOKLET A

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
2	1	2	2	3	1	4	3	2	1
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
3	2	3	3	2	3	1	4	2	1
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28		
4	3	1	2	4	2	3	3		

BOOKLET B

Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
C	F	Q31	G	M	B	H	P	N	A

Q39	engaged
Q40	least
Q41	in
Q42	regardless
Q43	phenomenon
Q44	when
Q45	imaginary
Q46	keeping
Q47	Consequently
Q48	weather
Q49	likelihood
Q50	occurrence
Q51	off
Q52	smoking
Q53	between
Q54	rose
Q55	number
Q56	influence
Q57	thought
Q58	age
Q59	relieve
Q60	smoker
Q61	cigarettes
Q62	discharged
Q63	Nicotine
Q64	spoils
Q65	Despite

- Q66 We cannot watch the magic show unless we have tickets.
- Q67 Kenny, whom I am going fishing with tomorrow, is my childhood friend.
- Q68 Nancy requested Eva to pass her that bottle of water.
- Q69 Neither Ravi nor Michael is interested in swimming.
- Q70 Mother forgot about the pies baking in the oven; therefore they were burnt.
- Q71 swiped
- Q72 It was Rachel's birthday and Mum is going for a game show and if Mum won, they will get the cash prize that will make them richer.
- Q73 Rachel is neither strict nor awful, which differs from the author's mother's assumption that all Germans are such.
- Q74 go on for miles
- Q75 True. Reason: It falls on the same day as Rachel's birthday which falls on 27 April.
True. Reason: The author's mum is vertically challenged.
False. Reason: She has to knock on the door to get into the house.
False. Reason: She has to make an extra hole in her watchband as to prevent it from slipping off her wrist.
True. Reason: She was on a clog kick lately.
- Q76 It refers to Mum calling Rachel "Miss Perfect".
- Q77 1. She feels that they are entitled to after-school junk food.
2. She also feels that they are entitled to watching after-school television shows.
- Q78 Rachel's right leg is shorter than her left leg so her right-foot shoe have two inches platforms nailed to the bottom so both her legs are on the same level.
- Q79 3, 2, 1
- Q80 Yes, I think she is a helpful child. The author stops watching her after-school shows and help her mother to prepare for her game by writing words on the index cards and she also helps her mother to practise for the game every single night.

EXAM PAPERS 2014

SCHOOL: CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
SUBJECT: ENGLISH
LEVEL: PRIMARY 5
TERM: SA 2

PAPER1 (WRITING)

20 October 2014

Dear Mr Tan,

I am writing this letter to explain why I was late for school today. This time I was late as on the way to school, the bus that I was taking broke down. The timing of the bus breakdown was 7.20am and the bus broke down along Goodwill Road. Today, to avoid being late, I had even skipped breakfast. Only after about 15 minutes, the next bus arrived to take me to school. I was very worried about being late for the third time. I hope you can accept my sincere apologies.

Yours sincerely,
Tom Chan
Pupil of 5Loyalty