



PRIMARY 5 MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2014

Name: _____ ()

Date: 12 May 2014

Class: Primary 5 ()

Time: 10.30 a.m. – 12.20 p.m.

Duration: 1 hour 50 minutes

Parent's signature: _____

Marks: _____ / 95

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2 (BOOKLET A)

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Write your name, class and register number.
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5. Shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

Section A (10 x 1 mark)

Grammar

For each question from 1 to 10, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. Bonnie, together with her parents, _____ to the food centre when they were suddenly stopped by a policeman.
- (1) is walking
 - (2) are walking
 - (3) was walking
 - (4) were walking
2. Mr and Mrs Lee's fear of animals _____ them from keeping a pet dog.
- (1) has prevented
 - (2) are preventing
 - (3) have prevented
 - (4) were preventing
3. _____ we hurry to the airport, we will miss our flight to London.
- (1) If
 - (2) Until
 - (3) Unless
 - (4) In order to
4. If the fire alarm had not gone off in time, many people _____ trapped in the building.
- (1) will be
 - (2) would be
 - (3) must have been
 - (4) would have been
5. The soldier leaned _____ the fence for support as his leg was badly injured.
- (1) over
 - (2) along
 - (3) around
 - (4) against

6. That tourist looks lost. I am sure that he _____ appreciate some help.

- (1) must
- (2) could
- (3) would
- (4) should

7. It started to rain heavily when Taufik got off the bus _____ he had to dash towards the nearest building for shelter.

- (1) as
- (2) so
- (3) for
- (4) but

8. Do you know that mosquitoes _____ very quickly in hot and wet weather?

- (1) bred
- (2) breed
- (3) breeds
- (4) breeding

9. The pupil _____ was praised by the teacher is my sister, Janet.

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

10. Mr Ravi _____ on his report since 9 a.m. this morning.

- (1) worked
- (2) was working
- (3) will be working
- (4) has been working

Section B (5 x 1 mark)

Vocabulary

For each question from 11 to 15, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

11. The trainee nurse does not have any _____ working in a hospital.

- (1) testimonial
- (2) experience
- (3) qualification
- (4) recommendation

12. At the clinic, the doctor _____ Hassan's illness and gave him some medication.

- (1) checked
- (2) discussed
- (3) prescribed
- (4) diagnosed

13. Wei Ming's driving licence was _____ because he had committed too many traffic offences.

- (1) rejected
- (2) revoked
- (3) declined
- (4) withdrawn

14. Every morning, Leela's mother reminds her to _____ the safety rules when crossing the road to get to school.

- (1) notice
- (2) survey
- (3) monitor
- (4) observe

15. The unhappy customer returned the stale bread to the bakery and asked for a _____.

- (1) fee
- (2) refund
- (3) repayment
- (4) compensation

19. (1) faintly
(2) tiredly
(3) drowsily
(4) hesitantly

20. (1) ongoing
(2) intimidating
(3) approaching
(4) unfavourable

BE A BIG WALKER! SIGN UP NOW!

Time: 7.30 a.m.

Venue: East Coast Park

Fun Walkers

Distance: 5 km

Race Fees: \$4

Starting point: Car Park A

Competitive Walkers

Distance: 10 km

Race Fees: \$7

Starting point: Car Park B

REGISTRATION BOOTHS:

(Open from 16 March to 12 May)

- Causeway Point Shopping Centre
- Marina Square
- Ngee Ann City
- Tampines Mall
- Singapore Athletic Association
(closed on Sundays and Public Holidays)

REGISTRATION after 12 May:

12 noon to 8 p.m.

- Singapore Athletic Association
(open on Sundays and Public Holidays)

THE BIG WALK / SINGTEL MOBILE SMS CONTEST

3 lucky winners will each win \$1000 CASH

When is Big Walk 2014 happening?

Option 1: 25 April

Option 2: 25 May

Simply send an SMS with your name, IC number and the correct option to 9123 4567 by **24 May!**

This contest is open to the public (including existing SingTel Mobile customers) except employees of SingTel group of companies.

Jointly organised by:



Official Sponsors:

Official T-shirt:



Official Camera:



Official Car:



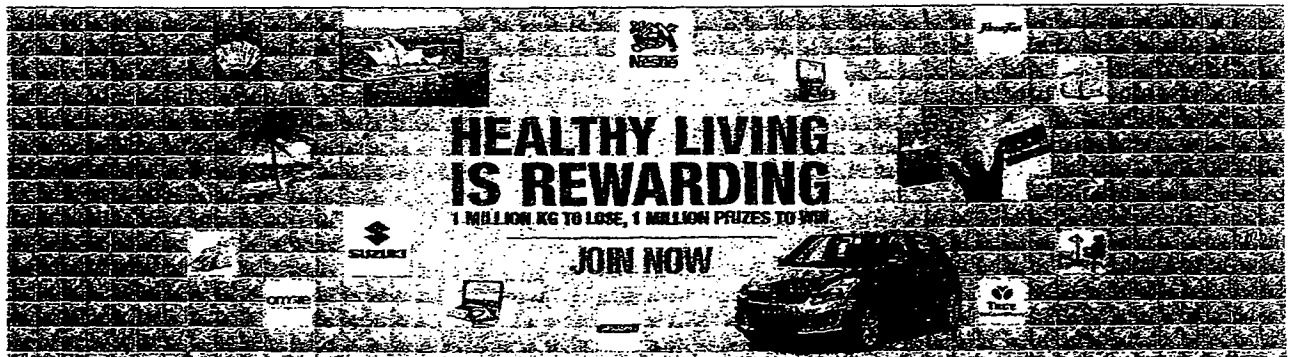
Official Mobile Service Provider:



Section D (8 x 1 mark)

Visual Text Comprehension

Study this flyer carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28.



Organised by the Health Promotion Board, the 1 Million Kg Challenge is a nation-wide weight management programme designed to address the rising occurrence of obesity in Singapore. Obesity increases the likelihood of weight-related illnesses and healthcare expenses, as well as decreases the quality of life of the affected individual. Our aim is to help Singaporeans collectively lose 1 million kilograms over three years in the fight against obesity. Join us and let's lose 1 million kilograms together!

**Let's kick off healthy living
with a Big Walk!**

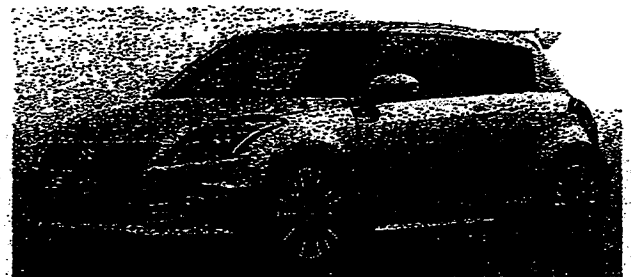
**GRAND LUCKY DRAW
FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS**

1st Prize: A 4-seater car

2nd Prize: A digital camera

3rd Prize: A mobile phone

**BIG WALK 2014
SUNDAY, 25 MAY**



For each question from 21 to 28, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

21. The rising occurrence of obesity in Singapore _____.

- (1) reduces healthcare expenses
- (2) improves the quality of life of individuals
- (3) decreases the likelihood of weight-related illnesses
- (4) has given rise to a nation-wide weight management programme

22. Big Walk 2014 will take place at _____.

- (1) Car Park A
- (2) Car Park B
- (3) East Coast Park
- (4) Singapore Athletic Association

23. The grand lucky draw prizes are sponsored by _____.

- (1) Canon, SingTel and Suzuki
- (2) Canon, SingTel and StarHub
- (3) Canon, Suzuki and Health Promotion Board
- (4) SingTel, StarHub and Health Promotion Board

24. The 1 Million Kg Challenge has been planned and carried out by _____ organiser(s).

- (1) 1
- (2) 2
- (3) 4
- (4) 6

25. Aidan would like to sign up for Big Walk 2014. If he decides to register for the walk on Sunday, 18 May, he should register at _____.

- (1) Tampines Mall
- (2) Marina Square
- (3) East Coast Park
- (4) Singapore Athletic Association

26. _____ is not allowed to take part in the SingTel Mobile SMS contest.

- (1) Raj, a participant in Big Walk 2014
- (2) Liming, a 9-year-old primary school pupil
- (3) Paul, an existing SingTel mobile subscriber
- (4) Susan, a customer service officer at SingTel

27. Which of the following statements is true?

- ✓(1) Three participants in the SMS contest will each win \$1000 cash.
- ✗(2) The minimum distance one can walk in Big Walk 2014 is 10 km.
- ✗(3) The first day of registration for the Big Walk 2014 is 24 April 2014.
- ✗(4) The first person to complete Big Walk 2014 will win a 4-seater car.

28. The main purpose of Big Walk 2014 is to _____.

- (1) promote a healthy lifestyle for all
- (2) reward all participants with lucky draw prizes
- (3) promote the sponsors' products and services
- (4) help Singaporeans to lose 1 million kilograms

Section E (10 x 1 mark)

Grammar Cloze

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 to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

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- | | | | | |
|------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| (A) after | (D) by | (G) from | (K) to | (N) which |
| (B) at | (E) down | (H) on | (L) when | (P) while |
| (C) before | (F) for | (J) out | (M) where | (Q) whose |
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Achilles was a legendary Greek hero. _____ he was a baby, his mother, (29)
Thetis, attempted to make him immortal. She plunged him into the River Styx,
_____ magical water was supposed to give protection from all harm.
(30)
Unfortunately, the left heel, _____ which Thetis held Achilles, did not get wet –
(31)
and this part of him remained mortal.

Years later, the Trojan War broke _____ between the Greeks and the
(32)
Trojans. Achilles fought _____ the Greek side and was highly respected
(33)
_____ his heroic feats. He was most famous for slaying the formidable Trojan
(34)
hero, Hector. Sadly, his own end came soon _____ that triumph.
(35)

One afternoon, in the midst of the war, as Achilles was climbing a Trojan wall,
Hector's brother, Paris, shot a poisoned arrow _____ him. The arrow pierced
(36)
Achilles in his left heel and he died _____ an infection of the wound.

(37)
Given that Achilles died from a small wound in his heel, the idiom 'Achilles heel'
has come to mean a person's point of weakness. _____ the mythological origin
(38)
of the phrase refers to a physical weakness, the idiom refers to a serious flaw in spite of
overall might, which can actually or potentially lead to eventual downfall.

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Section F (12 x 1 mark)

Editing

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes.

Dinosaurs, which are also known as 'giant lizards', roamed the earth over 200

(39)

million years ago. According to fossil finds, these giant reptiles became eksinkt about 65

(40)

million years ago. Scientists can only guess what they look like, what they ate, where they

(41)

lived and how they died. Therefore, what we do know for sure is that all dinosaurs walked

(42)

(43)

(44)

fully eerekt. Modern reptiles like lizards and krokodyles walk on legs splayed out from its

sides.

(45)

There are several theory surrounding how dinosaurs became non-existent: egg-

eating mammals ate all the dinosaurs' eggs; the weather changed, and shallow areas

(46)

(47)

(48)

which animals could graze and drink dissappeered; a large star close on earth exploded,

(49)

and devesteited the dinosaur population; a fire storm on earth caused huge clouds and

steam to block out the rays of the sun, causing an ice age, during which the warm-

(50)

blooded mammals that were pray for the dinosaurs perished.

Section G (15 x 1 mark)

Comprehension Cloze

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

It had been a tiring day for Mr Ng. He was plodding wearily _____ to his small but cosy terrace house _____ tree-lined Marine Road after a long day at work. His thoughts were on a relaxing bath, a simple dinner _____ a good rest after that. Unfortunately, it was not to be. His jaw dropped and his palms turned clammy at the shocking _____ that his front door was wide open! The blood _____ from his face and he looked as pale as a ghost as he wondered why that was. He distinctly remembered turning both _____ in their locks before leaving the house that morning.

_____ his courage, Mr Ng inched slowly and cautiously into the living room. He was horrified to see that all the adjoining room _____ were ajar. He clearly recalled shutting all these doors before going to work, as was his usual practice. _____ of helpless rage welled in his eyes.

With his _____ thumping wildly, he looked into the study room. He gasped in horror when he saw his beloved books strewn all over the _____ of the study room. Someone had obviously ransacked the entire room and left behind a complete mess!

It then _____ on him that burglars had made a forced _____ into his house during his absence. His first impulse was to go to all the rooms looking _____ the burglars. Then, he hesitated. He wisely decided that at his age, it might be safer to have someone with him. He immediately went to get _____ from his next door neighbour, Mr Chan. Mr Chan immediately called the police. Then, he proceeded to make his frightened neighbour a cup of strong tea to calm his frazzled nerves.

Section H (5 x 2 marks)

Synthesis and Transformation

For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answers must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

66. The delivery boy has delivered the pizzas to the customers.

The pizzas _____

67. "John, did you buy this book yesterday?" Mr Singh asked.

Mr Singh asked John _____

68. Mei Lee lost her wallet. She was careless.

_____ because of her

69. I visited Australia. My best friend was born there.

_____ where

70. Bob likes apples. He likes oranges even more.

_____ prefers

Section I (20 marks)

Comprehension Open

Read this passage and answer Questions 71 to 80.

I had a little puppy named Socks when I was about seven. Socks and I were inseparable for the half a year that he was with me. He slept at the foot of my bed and his warm, wriggly form was the first thing I felt in the morning and the last thing I felt at night.

One dreadful afternoon, Socks went missing. One of my neighbours had seen an unfamiliar person coaxing him into a car. Sadly, neither the stranger nor Socks was ever seen again. I cried myself to sleep for many nights. Having tried everything to get me to brighten up but with no apparent luck, my parents were heartbroken too. Thankfully, maturity and the passing of time healed the wound so that it was no longer visible, but the pain of losing Socks never really left me. My love for him has not dimmed despite the passage of time.

Many years later, I moved out of my parents' house, got married and had a son, Chris. One day, we were visiting my parents together with our family dog, Buck, when Buck suddenly went missing. Old Buck, who resembled a big lovable bear cub more than he did a proper dog, was a good obedient hound. However, that day, he had decided to see what was on the other side of the town.

His disappearance hit my seven-year-old Chris especially hard. "Is Buck gone for ver, Dad? Please, please, please find him!" he implored, worry creasing his little brow. I could feel the years peel away. I saw myself and Socks all over again. The old pain came back.

I hoisted myself into my truck and began driving, stopping to call Buck with frenzy in my voice. Miles later, with my throat scraped raw from screaming, I still could not find Buck, I parked the truck back at my parents' house and headed towards a desolate part of town called Deadman's Swamp. As I walked into the woods, nightfall was setting in and Buck was still nowhere to be seen. I felt my vision blur. The old pain was gripping me in its clutches and I could not stop the tears from coming.

After five miles of walking, screaming, running and perspiring, I sat down on a slab of rock near an open meadow and tried to figure out how I was going to tell my little man that I could not find his dog. Suddenly, I heard a rustle from behind me. Whipping around, I saw Buck bounding up to me. I was elated.

We half stumbled and half ran back to my parents' house. When we emerged from the woods, Buck joyfully leapt into the open arms of my son and my father. That was when it hit me. I felt as if I had been transported back in time to witness a homecoming that I had secretly hoped for so long but never experienced. My father was there, looking thirty again. The little boy hugging the spotted hound was me – a quarter century ago. And old Buck? He was another much-loved pet who had finally found his way back.

Socks had come home.

71. Choose words from **paragraphs 1 and 2** which have similar meanings to the words below. (3m)

close	
persuading	
lessened	

72. Explain clearly how Socks went missing. (2m)

73. Did the writer's parents manage to heal the writer's 'wound' (line 8)? How do you know? (2m)

74. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage. (1m)

_____ Buck was found safe and sound.

_____ The writer's father, son and dog hugged each other.

_____ The writer went to Deadman's Swamp.

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. (3m)

	True / False	Reason
Chris loved Buck.		
Buck was a curious dog.		
The writer drove a car.		

76. Which four-word phrase from paragraph 5 tells you that Deadman's Swamp was not a crowded place? (1m)

77. What made the writer's vision blur (line 22)? (2m)

78. Who does 'little man' in line 25 refer to? (2m)

79. Was the writer determined to find Buck? How do you know? (2m)

80. What was the writer's secret wish throughout all these years? (2m)

END OF PAPER

Exam Paper 2014 Answer Sheet

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1) 3	6) 3	11) 2	16) 4	21) 4	26) 4
2) 1	7) 2	12) 4	17) 1	22) 3	27) 1
3) 3	8) 2	13) 2	18) 1	23) 1	28) 1
4) 4	9) 1	14) 4	19) 1	24) 1	
5) 4	10) 4	15) 2	20) 3	25) 4	

29) L	31) D	33) H	35) A	37) G
30) Q	32) J	34) F	36) B	38) P

39. extinct

40. looked

41. However

42. erect

43. crocodiles

44. their

45. theories

46. where

47. disappeared

48. to

49. devastated

50. prey

51. back

52. along

53. and

54. discovery

55. drained

56. keys

57. Mustering

58. doors

59. Tears

60. heart

61. floor

62. dawned

63. entry

64. for

65. help

66. The pizzas have been delivered to the customers by the delivery boy.

67. Mr Singh asked John if he had bought that book the previous day.

68. Mei Lee lost her wallet because of her carelessness.

69. I visited Australia where my best friend was born.

70. Bob prefers oranges to apples.

71. Inseparable; Coaxing; Dimmed

72. Socks was coaxed into a car and taken away.

73. No, they did not. They tried everything to get the writer to brighten up but with the apparent luck.

74. 2, 3, 1

75. Chris loved Buck. – T; Buck's disappearance hit Chris especially hard.

Buck was a curious dog. – T; He decided to see what was on the other side of town.

The writer drove a car. – F; He drove a truck.

76. Desolate part of town.

77. His tears were making his vision blur.

78. It refers to Chris.

79. Yes, he was. He screamed till his throat was raw.

80. It was to find Socks.