



RED SWASTIKA SCHOOL
2014 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2
ENGLISH LANGUAGE – PAPER 2
LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION
PRIMARY 5

Name : _____ ()

Class : Primary 5 / _____

Date : 24 October 2014

BOOKLET A

28 Questions

28 Marks

Duration of Paper: 1 h 50 min

Note:

- 1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.**
- 2. Read carefully the instructions given at the beginning of each part of the booklet.**
- 3. Do not waste time. If a question is difficult for you, go on to the next one.**
- 4. Check your answers thoroughly and make sure you attempt every question.**
- 5. In this booklet, you should have the following:**
 - a. Page 1 to Page 9**
 - b. Questions 1 to 28**

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

- 1 The students hardly take afternoon naps, _____ they?
- (1) do
 - (2) don't
 - (3) did
 - (4) didn't
- 2 Patricia has to refrain _____ taking too much oily food if she wants to lose weight.
- (1) by
 - (2) with
 - (3) from
 - (4) against
- 3 We have to see that _____ of the girls has been put to bed before we go to sleep.
- (1) all
 - (2) both
 - (3) each
 - (4) some
- 4 Not only does she _____ knitting, she also loves doing craftwork.
- (1) enjoy
 - (2) enjoys
 - (3) enjoyed
 - (4) enjoying
- 5 All the students saw May _____ a handphone out of her school bag.
- (1) take
 - (2) takes
 - (3) took
 - (4) has taken

6 This magician is known _____ his disappearing act.

- (1) as
- (2) by
- (3) for
- (4) with

7 John is a friend _____ I have known since childhood.

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

8 Every morning, the band of singers _____ ^{our}~~their~~ favourite songs at the café downstairs.

- (1) play
- (2) plays
- (3) played
- (4) playing

9 Last night, the form teacher of each class had to _____ the students' attire to make sure everyone was appropriately dressed for the concert.

- (1) check
- (2) checks
- (3) checked
- (4) checking

10 The rearing of chinchillas _____ uncommon in places like America.

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

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

11 Mr Lim punished Tom for _____ an article taken from the Internet and passing it off as his own work.

- (1) imitating
- (2) replicating
- (3) duplicating
- (4) plagiarising

12 Connie has always been known to lead an _____ lifestyle : she buys whatever she likes without looking at the price.

- (1) extreme
- (2) excessive
- (3) extravagant
- (4) exaggerated

13 Scientists have _____ a new method of converting sunlight to electricity which is more cost-effective.

- (1) devised
- (2) conceived
- (3) fabricated
- (4) generated

14 As she did not come from a well-to-do family, Anne survived on a _____ diet of bread and beans every day.

- (1) limited
- (2) meagre
- (3) passable
- (4) substantial

15 You can always count on your parents for their _____ support in all that you want to achieve.

- (1) indelible
- (2) inevitable
- (3) unwavering
- (4) unforgettable

For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

Since I was young, I was fascinated by the world of medicine. I was particularly interested in how medicine can cure illnesses and alleviate pain. A weak student in primary school, I was promoted to the express stream in secondary school mainly through the efforts of my parents and teachers. Although I was under pressure to do well, I relentlessly pursued my passion whenever I could. I would visit my father's friend's clinic and ask all sorts of medical questions. I would read materials and research on the internet, and verify sources in the school library. My passion was not to earn big bucks as a doctor but to help the people who have no money, no food and no homes. In some places, children start working at as young as ten years old so that they can earn money to add on to their family income. These families cannot afford the village doctor when they fall ill; their diseases are often caused by a lack of sanitation and vaccination.

- 16 (1) ease
(2) treat
(3) weaken
(4) diminish
- 17 (1) adamantly
(2) obstinately
(3) persistently
(4) unyieldingly
- 18 (1) goal
(2) desire
(3) interest
(4) aspiration

- 19** (1) indigent
(2) destitute
(3) penniless
(4) impoverished

- 20** (1) boost
(2) enhance
(3) supplement
(4) complement

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

Resort Wonders Singapore presents...

THE **TRIC**Keyes MUSEUM

Are your eyes playing tricks on you?

A Museum Like No Other...

TrickEyes Museum is finally here in Singapore! Get ready to let your imagination march into a miraculous dimension of original 3D artworks. With that, 2D paintings on the museum walls, floors and ceilings appear to pop out of the surface and come to life. Visitors are more than welcome to explore the various

Come join us
now!!



themed galleries with their eyes, hands and even cameras. Step inside the paintings to complete a visual narrative with your creative poses, and watch a 'tricky' story unfold before your camera. At TrickEyes Museum, you will be creating unforgettable memories with friends and family amid fun and laughter, with a dash of educational and cultural enrichment.

About Trick Eyes

The name Trick Eyes is short for 'Trick of the Eyes' which refers to an art technique that turns two-dimensional paintings into three-dimensional images through the use of optical illusions. Although its history dates back to ancient Greece and Rome, the arty term *Trompe-l'oeil* (French for deceive the eye) only came into use during the Baroque period.

Ticket Charges

Ticket Type	Child (Ages 4 - 12)	Adult (Ages 13 - 59)	Senior Citizen (Ages 60 and above)
One-Day Pass	\$15	\$25	\$12.50
Two-Day Pass	\$25	\$40	\$20
Family Pass	* \$75 (one-day pass for 2 adults and 2 children)		

* Family Pass available on weekends only.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.trickeyesmuseum.com
or at the entrance of the TrickEyes Museum

Visitors Information

Opening Hours:

Mondays to Fridays	10am - 9pm
Saturdays and Sundays	10am - 10pm
Closed on alternate Sundays and public holidays	

Contact us

For enquiries regarding general information on the TrickEyes Museum and museum exhibits, please contact Guest Services at 63928564.

Please email Wendy Tan at feedback@trickeye.com for any feedback.

Pay using OFBC credit card and get 20% off the two-day pass!



Explore the TrickEyes Museum...

Go on an imaginative and artistic exploration in the 5 family-based exhibitions: *World of Art Pieces*, *Safari Adventure*, *Stars of the Circus*, *Dreams of Fairy Tales* and *Adventures of the Mummy's Tomb*.

World of Art Pieces



Be part of renowned Western masterpieces from German impressionist Lindsay Loewe's 'Cordelia' to contemporary Dutch artist Matthew Luwinsky's 'Lost in Space'. Touch these amazing creations, 'interact' with the characters and become the subject of the paintings.

Safari Adventure



Nowhere is safe in this virtual safari! Run away from a giant panda and escape from the claws of a dangerous hawk. Be as adventurous as you wish and be creative with your poses.

Stars of the Circus



Here's your chance to be a star of the circus! Fly on a trapeze or zoom out of the human cannonball in a puff of smoke! This is your stage and you are the shining star.

Exhibition opens from Mondays to Thursdays only.

Dreams of Fairy Tales



Fairy tales are not only meant for the young but also the young at heart. Come meet familiar characters such as The Little Mermaid and Puss in Boots. Enter the fairy tale world and unleash the child in you.

Adventures of the Mummy's Tomb



Experience first-hand the opening of a tomb and come face-to-face with one of the largest mummies in it! Touch the jewels left in the tomb and unravel the mysteries and secrets of the mummy's tomb.

Exhibition opens on weekends only.

**Buy your tickets
now and get *a free
pair of 3D glasses!**

***For the first 200
customers only**

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

21 The term 'Trick Eyes' refers to _____.

- (1) a 2D painting
- (2) a 3D artwork
- (3) an art technique
- (4) a museum exhibit

22 Based on the flyer, which of the following statements is **true**?

- (1) The museum has four exhibitions.
- (2) The museum is open to the public daily.
- (3) The 'Stars of the Circus' exhibition does not open on Fridays.
- (4) One can get a discount if one pays for a one-day pass using the OFBC credit card.

23 The purpose of including the section 'About Trick Eyes' is to _____.

- (1) allow people to give feedback on 'Trick Eyes'
- (2) show visitors the difference between 2D and 3D paintings
- (3) help create unforgettable memories with family and friends
- (4) give readers a better understanding of what 'Trick Eyes' means

24 Mr Loh wants to learn more about the exhibits in the museum. He should _____.

- (1) call 63928564
- (2) email Wendy Tan
- (3) log on to www.trickeyesmuseum.com
- (4) find out more at the entrance of the museum

25 Bernard wants to take his wife and twin daughters for the exhibition. He can buy the family pass if _____.

- (1) his daughters are above twelve years old
- (2) his family wants to go to the museum for two days
- (3) his family wants to go to the museum on a Saturday
- (4) his family purchases the tickets from www.trickeyes.com

26 Germaine will be going to the museum next Wednesday. She will not be able to view the _____ exhibition.

- (1) Stars of the Circus
- (2) World of Art Pieces
- (3) Dreams of Fairy Tales
- (4) Adventures of the Mummy's Tomb

27 Why is there a colon (:) used when introducing the 5 family-based exhibitions?

- (1) to elaborate on the different exhibitions
- (2) to show emphasis on the five exhibitions
- (3) to list the different exhibitions to the readers
- (4) to connect the two different parts of the sentence

28 The meaning of the word 'contemporary' is _____.

- (1) chic
- (2) existing
- (3) modern
- (4) fashionable



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BOOKLET B

52 Questions

67 Marks

In this booklet, you should have the following:

- a. Page 10 to Page 17
- b. Questions 29 to 80

BOOKLET	OBTAINED	POSSIBLE
BOOKLET A		28
BOOKLET B		67
TOTAL		95

Parent's Signature : _____

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. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

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|---------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| (A) a | (D) how | (G) of | (K) than | (N) to |
| (B) and | (E) in | (H) on | (L) that | (P) which |
| (C) as | (F) into | (J) over | (M) the | (Q) with |

Journey through 600 million years in a never-before-seen exhibition!

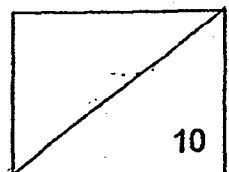
Get transported back _____ the Precambrian, Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous
(29)
prehistoric periods in the first exhibition _____ its kind, and relive the dinosaurs'
(30)
natural environment as you discover how the different species lived on earth. _____
(31)
hundreds of remarkable fossils and specimens; and original vivid illustrations reconstructing
appearances of the extinct species, gain deeper insight _____ the rich and fascinating
(32)
world of dinosaurs through the collaborative efforts of skilled artists and scientists.

This exhibit is _____ largest dinosaur exhibition in Southeast Asia with 3,700
(33)
square metres of floor space. *The Dinosaurs: Dawn to Extinction* features more _____
(34)
400 fossils and models, and _____ 50 original artworks.
(35)

The exhibition sheds light _____ how dinosaurs lived on earth and also serves
(36)
_____ a window into the past where visitors will have the opportunity to immerse
(37)
themselves _____ this prehistoric world.
(38)

Come and enjoy the exhibition today!

Adapted from <http://www.marinabaysands.com/museum/exhibition-archive/dinosaurs-dawn-to-extinction.html>



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

(39)

We saw the two bull elephants. They were greyzing in the grasslands over the

(40)

hills. However, fifty metres away from them, we saw an inkredibel sight. It

(41)

was a monster. It had a huge lizard's head and a long scale tail. The creature

(42)

(43)

was about fifteen metres long and his head moved from side by side, as if in

(44)

search to something. Suddenly the monster turned and ran; it had

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disapiered from our sight. It had run extraordinary fast for such a large

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creature. Furthermore, most raptyles are slow-moving. We gave chase. In front of

(48)

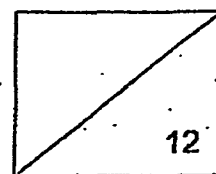
(49)

us lie a big swamp and we headed right in. It was wet and the vegityaysion was

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thick and difficult to pennertrayte. The creature had left a clear track for us to

follow – brushing aside branches and stirring up all the mud where it had run.



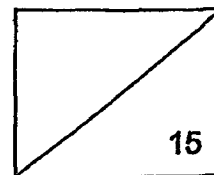
Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

I never planned to play netball. I ran for the school team and I won many medals because of my _____ to run fast. Then one day, the school decided to set up a netball team. (51)
Mr Toh, _____ was the netball coach, asked me to play in the team because I was (52)
tall enough. At first, I was _____ because I had never tried netball before, but Mr (53)
Toh persuaded me to give it a _____. Upon joining the newly-formed team, he taught (54)
me all I needed to know about _____ netball. (55)

I was able to work well with the rest of the members in the team _____ being the (56)
youngest. Mr Toh told me I had a natural _____ in the sport, but I realised I still had (57)
much to _____ from the older members. I knew I needed to do better in certain (58)
areas of the sport.

Although it has only been a year _____ I became a member of the netball team, (59)
netball is now my main passion in life. I want to play netball professionally _____ (60)
grow up, because my _____ is to be one of the best _____ in the world. (61) (62)
I know if I work hard enough, I will be able to succeed. We have a good coach in Mr Toh. He is
always watching videos he made of our training sessions, so he can tell us _____ (63)
we can improve. On our part, we read _____ on netball techniques and (64)
_____ tips among ourselves. We also constantly encourage one another to give our (65)
best, be it in training or in a match.



For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided.
Your answer must be in **one** sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the
meaning of the given sentence(s). (10 marks)

- 66 He must pay attention in class or he will fail the examination.

Unless _____

- 67 Thomas is not going to the birthday party tonight. Tammy is also not going to the birthday party tonight.

Neither _____

- 68 "Can you pass me the salt?" Mother asked Henry.

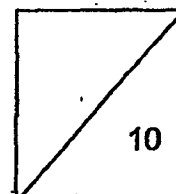
Mother asked _____

- 69 Tim has taken some apple pie. His brothers have taken some apple pie too.

_____ as well as

- 70 The police has confiscated all the drugs in the store.

All the drugs _____



It was the second day of a long-awaited winter holiday. My three sisters and I arrived at our motel in Queenstown, New Zealand, at about 10 pm, amidst rain, sleet and total darkness. Coming from warm, well-lit Singapore, it was unnerving. Fortunately, the firewood in the lobby and the warm, welcoming smile of our landlady eased my apprehension.

5

"You poor darlings! You are frozen!" she said as we checked in. "Don't worry, I have turned on the electric blankets in your rooms and your beds will be soft and warm." We settled in and after a wash-up, we crawled gratefully into our snug beds.

In the morning, I pulled back my curtains and for a split-second, I was breathless. A winter wonderland stretched out before me. A thick layer of fresh snow covered the ground. The clear, cobalt sky greeted the golden rays of the rising sun.

10

"Pretty, isn't it?" Lost in nature's beauty, I had not heard our landlady enter the room. "However, the weather is like quicksilver and turns nasty in a split second. Head back the minute you see snowfall."

I nodded. By the time we set out to explore Queenstown's well-stocked shops, the day was bright and sunny, and I started to wonder if the landlady was being unduly cautious.

15

When snow began to fall at about 4 pm, I was not worried. I started taking pictures of the fluffy snowflakes. People hurried by, heads bent, hands deep in tightly-buttoned coats. I began playfully pelting my sisters with snowballs; we were playing like six-year-olds. Later we decided to have an early dinner before heading back to the motel.

20

After dinner it was only 6 pm, so I thought we would have no trouble catching a taxi back. I was wrong. After we had waited in the queue for a while, a taxi pulled up and the driver asked where we were going. "Heritage Heights," I said.

The kind middle-aged man, looking genuinely worried, replied, "Sorry, ladies, no driver will take you. The snow is very thick and it is very dangerous to go up there."

25

He was right; every driver who pulled up shook his head when told of our destination. We were stranded.

Then the driver who first turned us down swung by again and thrust a card into my hands. "Call Julia at this number. I have spoken to her and she will send out a four-wheeler for you." Before I could thank him, he drove off.

30

I quickly ~~shepherded~~ my sisters into a nearby fast food place to make the call. A few minutes later, a taxi drew up and the four of us scrambled in.

The light streaming from the taxi's headlights showed very clearly why no one wanted to take us to our motel. The steep incline ahead was covered with snow.

35

Our four-wheeler taxi inched its way up the hill. Suddenly, we came to a dead stop, and the driver turned to us. "Look, ladies, it is perilous to drive any further. You have to get out and walk. It's not far to your motel, as you can see. But if I drive any further, the vehicle will slide back and . . ." His voice trailed off.

Sitting in the front seat, I could see the dangers ahead. "Can you keep your headlights on and help my elder sister? The rest of us will follow you up." 40

The minute I opened the door and placed my foot outside, it sank into calf-deep snow. Meanwhile, the driver carefully assisted my elder sister to level ground, midway up the sloping road. When he returned, the three of us were still in the car.

"Please, can you help us too?" 45

The next moment, I felt the warmth of his firm clasp through my gloves. Soon all the four of us were on safe ground. This angel shrugged off our profuse thanks, and refused to accept any payment. Before I could find out his name or contact details, he was in his car and backing down the hill.

We made it safely back to our rooms. Even though it snowed for the rest of our time there, we had seen the silver lining in this cloud. We were blessed that night in Queenstown, to have met some extraordinary 'angels'. 50

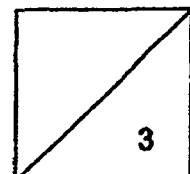
Adapted from <http://www.rdasia.com/snow-angels>

- 71 Which country was the author and her sisters holidaying in? [1m]

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- 72 List two things in paragraph 1 which made the writer and her sisters feel less nervous upon their arrival at the motel. [2m]

First thing	
Second thing	



- 73 What was the warning given to the writer by the landlady before the writer and her sisters had set off to explore Queenstown? [2m]

- 74 What evidence from the passage showed that many others were already feeling uneasy once there was snowfall? [2m]

- 75 Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story. [1m]

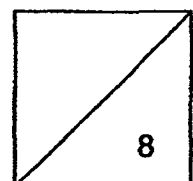
_____ The taxi driver did not want to take the writer and her sisters to their destination.

_____ The taxi driver passed the writer a card.

_____ The writer and her sisters hailed a taxi.

- 76 Choose words from paragraphs 11 to 13 (lines 32- 39) which have similar meanings to the words below . [3m]

ushered	
slope	
dangerous	



- 77 Based on the story, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

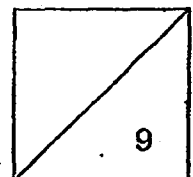
	True/False	Reason
The writer and her sisters were playing in the snow with six-year-olds		
The writer and her sisters managed to hail a taxi to take them back to their motel.		
It was difficult for the writer to walk once she got out of the taxi as the snow was too deep.		

- 78 Why did the driver of the four-wheeler taxi refuse to go further up the slope? [2m]

- 79 Which sentence in the last two paragraphs showed that the taxi driver genuinely wanted to help the writer and her sisters? [2m]

- 80 Explain clearly what the phrase 'we had seen the silver lining ^{in this} ~~to this~~ cloud' (line 51) means. [2m]

END OF PAPER



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EXAM PAPER 2014

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TERM : SA2

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

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
2	2	3	3	3	4	1	3	4	3	3	N	G	Q	F	M	K

Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
J	H	C	E

- 39)grazing 40)incredible 41)scaly 42)its 43)to
44)of 45)disappeared 46)extraordinarily 47)reptiles
48)lay 49)vegetation 50)penetrate 51)ability 52)who
53)reluctant 54)try 55)playing 56)despite 57)talent
58)learn 59)since 60)when 61)ambition 62)players
63)how 64)up 65)share
66)Unless he pays attention in class, he will fail the examination.

67)Neither Thomas nor Tammy is going to the birthday party tonight.

68)Mother asked Henry if he could pass her the salt.

69)Tim, as well as his brothers, has taken some apple pie.

70)All the drugs in the store have been confiscated by the police.

71)New Zealand.

72)First thing : The firewood in the lobby eased the writer's and her sister apprehension.

Second thing : The warm, welcoming smile of their of their landlady made the writer and her sisters felt less nervous.

73)It was to head back the minute they saw snowfall.

74)People hurried by, heads bent, hands deep in tightly-buttoned coats.

75)2, 3, 1

**76)shepherded
incline
perilous**

77)False : The writer and her sisters were playing in the snow like six-year olds.

False : The writer and her sisters did not manage to hail a taxi but instead called Julia for a four-wheeler.

True : The taxi driver assisted them to the ground.

78)The driver knew that it was perilous to drive any further up the slope and if he drove further up, the vehicle would slide back.

79)This angle shrugged off our profuse thanks, and refused to accept any payment.

80)It means that the writer and her sisters had seen something good in their bad situation.