

**SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2**

**PRIMARY 5  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2  
(BOOKLET A)**

**24 OCTOBER 2016**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Form Class / Register No.** : 5L \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

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**For each question from 1 to 10, 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.**

**(10 marks)**

1. Julia, as well as her siblings, \_\_\_\_\_ been invited to a dinner tonight.  
(1) has (2) have  
(3) had (4) having
2. The scientists did not give up working \_\_\_\_\_ they were determined to find a cure for the terrible disease.  
(1) if (2) so  
(3) as (4) yet
3. Either Eunice or her parents \_\_\_\_\_ delivering the cake now.  
(1) is (2) was  
(3) are (4) were
4. The patient waited for \_\_\_\_\_ time before the nurse called him into the consultation room.  
(1) some (2) much  
(3) little (4) many
5. The cupcakes Tony ate yesterday at the party \_\_\_\_\_ from his classmates.  
(1) is (2) are  
(3) was (4) were
6. It suddenly dawned \_\_\_\_\_ us that examinations were finally over.  
(1) in (2) on  
(3) over (4) after
7. Jon made his little sister \_\_\_\_\_ up all the toys he had played with an hour ago.  
(1) pick (2) picked  
(3) picks (4) picking
8. My parents always tell me that I am answerable \_\_\_\_\_ them if I misbehave.  
(1) at (2) with  
(3) for (4) to

9. Joanna knows that her examinations start tomorrow, \_\_\_\_\_ ?

(1) doesn't she

(2) mustn't she

(3) can't she

(4) isn't she

10. Clare told her mother that she \_\_\_\_\_ since this morning.

(1) studied

(2) has been studying

(3) was studying

(4) would have studied

**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. "No words can fully \_\_\_\_\_ my gratitude." the old beggar told the prince.

(1) explain

(2) express

(3) indicate

(4) say

12. The exhausted man \_\_\_\_\_ towards the exit with his arms full of big and heavy boxes.

(1) bolted

(2) stumbled

(3) staggered

(4) tiptoed

13. If we do not try to \_\_\_\_\_ electricity, the world will run out of oil soon.

(1) conserve

(2) keep

(3) protect

(4) preserve

14. Paul \_\_\_\_\_ his fists tightly and tried to control himself when he was angry.

(1) clenched

(2) clinched

(3) clung

(4) covered

15. The bus driver \_\_\_\_\_ at the rude boy angrily as he was making a lot of noise.

(1) peered

(2) glared

(3) ogled

(4) peeped

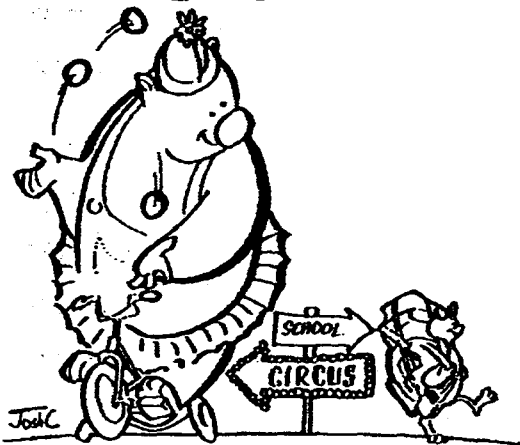
For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

A farmer who was standing on his hilltop farm noticed the ocean swiftly withdrew. He knew that it would come back in a tidal wave and cause death and (16) destruction. As he looked down, he saw his neighbours working in the low-lying fields, (17) oblivious to the danger. He (18) foresaw that if they did not come up to the top of the hill, they would be swept away in the rush of the tidal wave that was soon to follow.

Swiftly, he walked up to his rice-racks and set fire to his most valuable possession. Then he rang the temple bell (19) furiously, as if calling for help. His neighbours, thinking that his farm was on fire, rushed to his aid. When they met him smiling at the gate, they were surprised. Then he pointed below. They gasped in (20) despair as the swirling waters swept over the lower fields they had just left. Only then did they realise the sacrifice the farmer had made to save their lives.

16. (1) debris  
(2) damage  
(3) extinction  
(4) elimination
17. (1) unheard of  
(2) careless towards  
(3) unaware of  
(4) inattentive to
18. (1) predicted  
(2) neglected  
(3) assumed  
(4) suspected
19. (1) angrily  
(2) frantically  
(3) restlessly  
(4) continuously
20. (1) remorse  
(2) anxiety  
(3) frustration  
(4) anguish

# Bear and Chicken get ready for SCHOOL



A new tale, Bear and Chicken get ready for School, is presented by SRC's The Little Group

**The Little  
company**  
Group

Cast: Hatta Said and Amanda Tee

Suitable for children age 7 – 12 years old.

## **Latest News**

Internet Booking starts on 5 November 2016, 9am.

Other sales channel starts on 5 November 2016, 10am.

Purchase a ticket from 5 November to 5 December 2016. and redeem 1 free adult dance class or Kids Performing training class.

## **Admission Rules**

No admission for infant in arms.  
All patrons must purchase tickets for admission.

## **Date**

20 November – 31 December 2016 (except Sundays)

Mon – Fri, 10 am

Sat 11am & 2pm

## **Duration**

Approximately 50 mins

## **Venue**

DBB Arts Centre – Home of SRC

## **Ticket Price (Excludes Booking Fee)**

Standard

Weekdays - \$18

Weekends - \$22

Please add to above price a \$3 booking fee per ticket. Charges include GST where applicable.

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## **Discount and Concessions**

- 20% discount for Friends of SRC
- 10% discount for students
- \$15 per ticket (including booking fee) with a minimum purchase of 4 tickets

## **Synopsis**

Bear and Chicken are back! They are getting ready to go to a new school. But moving from their familiar school to a new one is tough. So, Bear and Chicken decide to join the Circus together instead. Wouldn't it be fun to be the circus clown, acrobat or even the lion tamer?

What follows is a charming discovery that not all lessons in life are learnt in a classroom and perhaps the circus isn't all fun and games after all.

This play illustrates how sometimes our fears can be blown out of proportion. However with a good friend at your side, you can overcome a potentially daunting situation like the first day of school. Perhaps school can even be fun!

Bear and Chicken Get Ready for School is the third episode of a highly successful original series that began with When I Grow Up and Bear and Chicken Go Camping. You'll get to meet the lovable bear in his circus costume, and Chicken who is all set for school!

Singapore Repertory Company (SRC) is a non-profit organisation. We need your help to mount our shows for every season. Since 1983, SRC has been committed to producing world-class theatre that will be exciting, inspiring and entertaining.

At SRC, we offer many sponsorship opportunities for corporations.

To find out how your company can benefit from a sponsorship with SRC, please contact SRC via email at [office@src.com.sg](mailto:office@src.com.sg) or call us at 6733 8166.

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Academy

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MAO

OFFICIAL CARDS



OCCC ARTS  
PLATINUM CARD

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 advertisement, Mr Tan, Mrs Tan and their three friends, who are not members of SRC, will be purchasing their weekday tickets \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) with a 10% discount
- (2) with a 20% discount
- (3) at a price of \$18 per ticket
- (4) at a price of \$15 per ticket

22. Which word in the advertisement has the same meaning as 'challenging'?

- (1) fun
- (2) daunting
- (3) inspiring
- (4) charming

23. Which one of these following statements is **not** true?

- (1) All ticket prices are inclusive of GST.
- (2) No infant in arms are allowed at the venue.
- (3) The play will be showcased at DBB Arts Centre.
- (4) The show is showed daily from 20 November to 31 December.

24. If Mrs Lim purchases her ticket before 6 December, what would she be eligible for?

- (1) A free dance lesson
- (2) A meet-and-greet session with the cast
- (3) A chance to perform in the play
- (4) A free ticket to the kid's performance

25. The sponsors<sup>is</sup> of this festival ~~are~~ \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) Singapore Repertory Company
- (2) The Little Group
- (3) OCCC Arts Platinum Card
- (4) Flute Musical Academy

26. <sup>What</sup>~~Why~~ is the main motivation for Singapore Repertory Company to advertise for sponsors?

- (1) They want to promote their drama.
- (2) They want to offer sponsorship opportunities for corporations.
- (3) They are a non-profit organisation that need sponsors to mount their shows.
- (4) They are looking for sponsors to purchase their tickets to their shows.

27. Which of the following is the main purpose of this advertisement?

- (1) It is for Singapore Repertory Company to recruit sponsors.
- (2) It is for Singapore Repertory Company to promote their vision.
- (3) It is for The Little Group to promote their drama.
- (4) It is for The Little Group to thank their sponsors.

28. According to the synopsis, what is the likely moral of the story?

- (1) All children should go to school.
- (2) Joining the circus is the best way to learn.
- (3) Problems can be overcome with a good buddy by your side.
- (4) Everyone should do what they like so long a friend is by their side.



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Improving! 

Marks (Booklet A) :	28
Marks (Booklet B) :	67
Total Marks (Booklets A and B) :	95

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

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.

(A) as	(D) for	(G) with	(K) might	(N) through
(B) of	(E) too	(H) over	(L) every	(P) however
(C) the	(F) from	(J) would	(M) though	(Q) therefore

Children's Day is celebrated all around the world. In Singapore, it is celebrated in October every year. This occasion has always been regarded (29) \_\_\_\_\_ a time for children to enjoy themselves (30) \_\_\_\_\_ celebrations taking place in schools and a school holiday declared for all primary school children.

Unfortunately, there are millions of children in many parts of (31) \_\_\_\_\_ world who are suffering from poverty and malnutrition. They do not have the privilege (32) \_\_\_\_\_ celebrating Children's Day the way children who are better off are able to. Some of them (33) \_\_\_\_\_ not even know what Children's Day is. It is (34) \_\_\_\_\_ important that these less fortunate children are not forgotten on Children's Day. They (35) \_\_\_\_\_ have the right to enjoy their childhood and receive the things that (36) \_\_\_\_\_ child should have.

Many schools today are therefore organising charity events to encourage their students to donate to those who are not as fortunate as they are. Fund raising events take place in schools all (37) \_\_\_\_\_ Singapore. Parents and educators hope that (38) \_\_\_\_\_ these events, students realise how fortunate they are and learn to make sacrifices to help those who are not as fortunate as they are. With their help, hopefully, other children will be able to lead better lives.

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes numbered 39 to 50. (12 marks)

I am a sporty person who loves all kinds of adventure. Thus, my hobby is

(39)

hiking as it is an aventerous sport. Before you set out on a hike, you should always

(40)

(41)

ask to advice. That was what my friends and I do when we decided to go on a

(42)

hiking trip last August. Robert, one of my friends suggests Bukit Timah Hill as it is

(43)

(44)

not so stip to climb. However, as we were climbing for the first time, we finding

(45)

(46)

the climb very straynous. We started off in high speerets and were joking along the way.

(47)

When we reached the summit of the Hill, we were completely eshorsted

(48)

(49)

and terrible hungry. However our aching muscles, it was indeed a memorable

(50)

expirence and we loved the breath-taking view from the top. We look forward to

our next hike up a hill.

**Fill in each blank, numbered 51 to 65, with a suitable word.**

**(15 marks)**

Most people feel anxious when their pet bird escapes. There is a high possibility that lost pet birds will not survive when (51) \_\_\_\_\_ on their own. Many of these birds are tame and therefore will not know how to search for (52) \_\_\_\_\_ and fend for themselves.

Besides, in a bustling city, there will be hardly any food available so these birds may (53) \_\_\_\_\_ to death. There is also the possibility of these birds being (54) \_\_\_\_\_ by traffic or pet dogs or cats. They may also sustain (55) \_\_\_\_\_ from smashing onto sides of buildings or houses.

One way that you can try to help get the lost bird (56) \_\_\_\_\_ is by using a trap cage. Fill up the trap cage with (57) \_\_\_\_\_ favourite food items. Some pieces of food may also be placed (58) \_\_\_\_\_ top of the trap cage. Use a long (59) \_\_\_\_\_ of string to lift the cage door so that it is left open. Place the cage at a convenient place where the (60) \_\_\_\_\_ bird can see it. It is also within easy (61) \_\_\_\_\_ in case you need to (62) \_\_\_\_\_ the food container.

As the hours and days pass by, your pet bird may (63) \_\_\_\_\_ hungry and fly into the cage to eat the food. Once the bird is inside the cage, you can (64) \_\_\_\_\_ the cage door by (65) \_\_\_\_\_ the end of the string. Your pet bird is now with you again!

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. Neither the skirt nor the pants have been washed.

Both \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

score

67. Esther prefers painting to dancing.

\_\_\_\_\_ would rather  
\_\_\_\_\_

score

68. Karen was playing hockey. She fell and sprained her ankle.

\_\_\_\_\_ while  
\_\_\_\_\_

score

69. "Today's weather is so scorching hot that I can feel my skin burning!" Geraldine  
exclaimed.

score

Geraldine exclaimed \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70. Jenny is constantly anxious. This makes her frown all the time.

Jenny's constant \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

score

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

We were ten teenagers on a month-long service mission to repair the homes of the underprivileged living in the Himalayan mountains. The area appeared to contradict itself, for it held so much magnificence yet housed so much poverty. We saw ourselves as being able to serve those in need but not benefiting from it.

We drove our green van through the mountainous landscape and pulled 5  
up alongside Raj's house. As the doors opened, we poured out with hammers in  
hand, and prepared to start our usual routine. We interchanged jobs as we basked in  
the sun. Some of us painted the windows while others stained the deck or mended  
the roof. We passed the time with private jokes and songs. Despite the monotony of  
painting window after window, we truly enjoyed ourselves. All the while, Raj, a 10  
retiree, sat in a lawn chair observing us with a cane in hand to support himself in  
case he needed to get up.

As the clock neared noon, we took our lunch break in the shelter of a  
small tree in Raj's front yard. Dave, our facilitator, planted Raj's chair beside us and  
announced that since he was to assist in any way possible, Raj would lead us in a 15  
before-meal prayer. He saw our weary faces and heard the growls from our  
stomachs. He kept it short and we soon began digging into our food.

"Let me tell you a story...", he then started. From the pit of his modest  
heart, he began to unravel his eighty-some-odd years for us. He was a school  
teacher who had a dog named Spikey. He told of old hunting expeditions in the 20  
mountains where his life was almost lost to a bear. He also shared about the killing  
of rattlesnakes.

Then his eyes just wandered off as if he was no longer talking for our  
benefit, but more for his own. He described that day his dog died, as heavy tears  
rolled down his weathered cheeks and he clasped the end of his cane. He recalled 25  
her faithfulness to the end as with one last thump of the tail, looking up at him,  
Spikey passed on. He remembered his wife gazing up at him much the same way  
seconds before her death.

He always tenderly called his wife 'Mama'. He told of how she had always  
stayed up until the wee hours of the morning to bake bread for him while he, often 30  
exhausted from a long day of teaching or hunting, would retire to bed. "Why hadn't I  
taken the extra time to stay up with her?" he said in a distant voice as his eyes gazed  
beyond us. "Why couldn't I do so? Why?"

I remembered how intensely those words rang inside me. Here was a  
man brimming with wisdom and reflections on his life, telling me to make the most of, 35  
mine, to take the extra time with those I love. I was motivated. I was mesmerised by  
this amazing old man whom I had thought I was helping. Raj's house was not a  
workplace at all. It was a classroom.

71. What does the word 'it' refer to? (line 4) [2m]

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score

72. Which two-word phrase in paragraph two tells us that it was not the first time the writer and his friends were helping the underprivileged? [1m]

score

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Raj shared his life experiences.

\_\_\_\_\_ The teenagers had their lunch.

\_\_\_\_\_ The writer and his friends started work at Raj's house.

score

74. Which word in paragraph three has the same meaning as tired? [1m]

score

75. List the three tasks that the writer and his friends had to do at Raj's house. [3m]

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

score

76. Explain why Raj was unable to work ~~along side~~ with the writer and his friends.  
[2m] *alongside*

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

score

77. State two observations of the writer and his friends that Raj had during the before-meal prayer. How did Raj show consideration for them? [3m]

Observations of the writer and his friends	
Gesture by Raj which showed consideration for them	



78. 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]

Statement	True / False	Reason
The writer and his friends were bored of painting window after window.		
Raj was a man of few words.		
Raj had some regrets in his life.		

score

79. Explain why the writer regarded Raj's house as a classroom. [2m]

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score

80. State two lessons that the writer <sup>learnt</sup> ~~learn~~ from Raj. [2m]

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score



# ANSWER KEY

YEAR : 2016  
 LEVEL : PRIMARY 5  
 SCHOOL : PEI HWA PRESBYTERIAN PRIMARY  
 SUBJECT : ENGLISH  
 TERM : SA2

## Booklet A

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

## Booklet B

Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
A	G	C	B	K	Q	E	L	H	N

Q39	adventurous	Q48	terribly	Q57	its
Q40	for	Q49	Despite	Q58	on
Q41	did	Q50	experience	Q59	piece
Q42	suggested	Q51	left	Q60	lost
Q43	steep	Q52	food	Q61	reach
Q44	found	Q53	starve	Q62	refill
Q45	strenuous	Q54	killed	Q63	feel
Q46	spirits	Q55	injuries	Q64	close
Q47	exhausted	Q56	back	Q65	pulling

Q66 Both the skirt and the pants have not been washed.

Q67 Esther would rather paint than dance.

Q68 Karen fell and sprained her ankle while playing hockey.

Q69 Geraldine exclaimed that that day's weather was so scorching hot that she could feel her skin burning.

Q70 Jenny's constant anxiety makes her frown all the time.

Q71 It refers to the month-long service mission to refurbish the homes of the unprivileged living in the Himalayan mountains.

Q72 Usual routine

- Q73**    3    **Raj shared his life experiences.**  
              2    **The teenagers had their lunch.**  
              1    **The writer and his friends started work at Raj's house.**

**Q74**    **Weary**

- Q75**    1.    **Paint the windows.**  
              2.    **They had to stain the deck.**  
              3.    **They had to mend the roof.**

**Q76**    **Raj needed a cane to support himself in case he needed to get up.**

**Q77**

<b>Observations of the writer and his friends</b>	<b>They were tired as their faces were weary.</b>
	<b>They heard growls from their stomachs.</b>
<b>Gesture by Raj which showed consideration for them</b>	<b>He kept the before-meal prayer short.</b>

**Q78**

<b>Statement</b>	<b>True / False</b>	<b>Reason</b>
<b>The writer and his friends were bored of painting window after window.</b>	<b>False</b>	<b>They passed the time with private jokes and songs.</b>
<b>Raj was a man of few words.</b>	<b>False</b>	<b>He shared a lot of his life experiences.</b>
<b>Raj had some regrets in his life.</b>	<b>True</b>	<b>He regretted not spending more time with his wife.</b>

**Q79**    **He learnt life lessons.**

**Q80**    **The writer learnt about the importance of taking extra time with those he loved and to make the most of his time.**

**End**