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Class : Primary 5 \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary 5**  
**Semestral Assessment 2**  
**24 October 2016**

**English Language**  
**Paper 2 Booklet A**

Duration of Paper (Booklets A & B): 1 h 50 min

28 questions

28 marks

**Instructions to Candidates:**

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***This booklet consists of 10 printed pages and 1 blank page.***

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

1 Mother loves that boy as if he were \_\_\_\_\_ own son.

- (1) my
- (2) her
- (3) his
- (4) your

2 Mrs Lee will be on leave \_\_\_\_\_ a few days next month.

- (1) of
- (2) on
- (3) for
- (4) from

3 Kimme went to the zoo yesterday with her parents yesterday, \_\_\_\_\_?

- (1) did she
- (2) did they
- (3) didn't she
- (4) didn't they

4 I have no desire to \_\_\_\_\_ in America

- (1) live
- (2) lived
- (3) living
- (4) have lived

5 My sister \_\_\_\_\_ the bus to school this morning. She will be doing so from now on.

- (1) took
- (2) takes
- (3) has taken
- (4) would take

6 The lady, \_\_\_\_\_ father is a lawyer, is coming for dinner later.

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

7 Mary, together with her siblings, \_\_\_\_\_ the plants in the garden daily.

- (1) water
- (2) waters
- (3) watered
- (4) watering

8 If you \_\_\_\_\_ harder, you would have completed the dance routine perfectly.

- (1) practise
- (2) practised
- (3) had practised
- (4) had been practising

9 The law \_\_\_\_\_ that drivers are not allowed to use their mobile phones while driving.

- (1) state
- (2) states
- (3) stated
- (4) will state

10 \_\_\_\_\_ his injury, James was unable to complete the race.

- (1) Since
- (2) Despite
- (3) Owing to
- (4) Regardless of

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

- 11 Speaking to her is really \_\_\_\_\_ ! I always need to repeat myself many times:
- (1) rousing
  - (2) stimulating
  - (3) exhausting
  - (4) breath-taking
- 12 Sam needs to \_\_\_\_\_ distractions to focus on his upcoming examinations.
- (1) shut down
  - (2) shut out
  - (3) shut off
  - (4) shut up
- 13 Everyone in the hall ~~chatted~~ \_\_\_\_\_ before the results of competition were announced. ~~No one could keep their excitement in!~~
- (1) exaggeratedly
  - (2) incessantly
  - (3) severely
  - (4) gently
- 14 Her eyes flashed with \_\_\_\_\_ when she refused to obey her mother's instructions.
- (1) defiance
  - (2) alarm
  - (3) terror
  - (4) fear
- 15 The comedian \_\_\_\_\_ with his hilarious jokes and witty humour – everyone was laughing.
- (1) won the day
  - (2) kept the ball rolling
  - (3) blew his own trumpet
  - (4) brought down the house

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

(5 marks)

When Town Convent first opened its doors in 1854, founder Mother Mathilde set up an orphanage alongside the school. Word travelled that the sisters were caring for orphans. Soon, babies wrapped in rags started appearing at the convent gates. Left by their parents, these babies were frail, sometimes disabled and most were girls.

To support the abandoned children they had taken in, the sisters began sewing for rich clients. They made clothes for the European ladies and were able to earn a steady income that way. The sisters also received donations from the public.

The number of children grew drastically after the Japanese Occupation and the sisters found it difficult to take care of so many children at once. Despite the sisters' best efforts, some babies did not survive. Those who did, however, entered the convent school and received free education.

*Adapted from 'The Orphanage', CHIJ – 150 Years in Singapore*

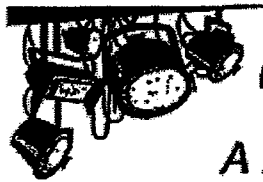
- 16 (1) got away  
(2) got about  
(3) got ahead  
(4) got around
- 17 (1) pale  
(2) poor  
(3) weak  
(4) small
- 18 (1) had accepted  
(2) had collected  
(3) had obtained  
(4) had included

- 19 (1) decent  
(2) regular  
(3) meagre  
(4) sufficient

- 20 (1) quickly  
(2) gradually  
(3) unusually  
(4) dreadfully

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

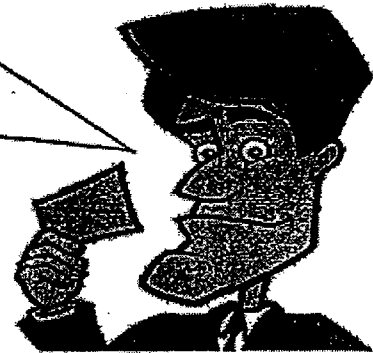


# **'What's the Story?'**



*A BRAND-NEW game show on Channel 21*

*I'm looking forward to hosting this game show in January 2017! It's definitely going to be fun and thrilling with fabulous prizes to be won! I'm Nelson Ong, and I'll see you at the auditions!*



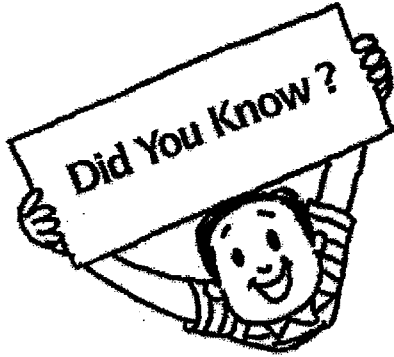
**How well do you know Pipi Island? Take part in 'What's the Story?' and find out! Participants stand to win prizes worth up to \$10 000!**

## **AUDITION DETAILS**

**Come to the audition!**

- Be at Channel 21's Main Studio on 30 November 2016 anytime between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.
- Have your identification card and a passport-sized photograph with you
- Selected participants will be notified by email before 12 December 2016
- For more information on the requirements for participation in the game show, visit [www.c21.com/storygame](http://www.c21.com/storygame)
- For other queries, call Gina at 6699 2121





Mention Pipi Island and the first thought that comes to everyone's minds will probably be Abi Hills. The distinctive restaurants and cosy cafes serving drinks and delicious food in this area is located on the eastern part of Pipi Island. However, few know of the story behind its name.

In the 1820s, Kendrick Mason's businesses in Europe had failed after a series of unfortunate incidents that were of no fault of his. He headed for Asia together with his wife, Abigail, to start life afresh. Having heard from a friend about a prospering island and the opportunities that it offered, the couple decided to settle down on the island.

While Kendrick worked hard to build a business, Abigail put her excellent cooking skills to good use, earning a reasonable income by preparing meals for factory workers. To Abigail's delight, the workers began to speak so highly of her delicious lunchboxes that even the factory owners and managers wanted to give them a try. Soon, Kendrick realised that Abigail had gradually built *a reputation* for herself and encouraged her to set up a small eatery. One thing led to another and after years of hard work, they were proud owners of several eateries in an area that came to be called Abi Hills.



**For more trivia about Pipi Island,  
register for 'What's The Story' now!**

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

21 Why are exclamation marks used in the game show host's speech?

- (1) to shock the readers
- (2) to show his excitement
- (3) to give his opinions firmly
- (4) to promise readers prizes

22 Based on the flyer, which of the following is true of the game show?

- (1) An audition will be conducted during the game show.
- (2) All participants will receive prizes worth up to \$10 000.
- (3) The game show will test participants' knowledge about Pipi Island.
- (4) Gina will inform participants about the requirements of participation.

23 Rachel wants to attend the audition. Which of the following is not compulsory for her to do?

- (1) ensure that she has set up an email account
- (2) contact Gina to ask questions about the game show
- (3) bring her identification card and a passport-sized photograph with her
- (4) go to Channel 21's Main Studio on 30 November 2016 anytime from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

24 According to the write-up on Abi Hills, it is now an area \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) few people know about
- (2) with only a small eatery
- (3) where Kendrick and Abigail live
- (4) known for its restaurants and cafes

25 Were Kendrick and Abigail people who gave up easily, and why?

- (1) Yes, because they came to Asia when their business failed in Europe.
- (2) Yes, because they aimed to earn just enough to survive.
- (3) No, because they put their past failures aside to start life afresh.
- (4) No, because they relied on their friends for help.

26 In the third paragraph of the write-up on Abi Hills, a *reputation* refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) the eateries in Abi Hills
- (2) Abigail's desire to set up a small eatery
- (3) the factory workers, managers and owners
- (4) Abigail's ability to prepare delicious lunchboxes

27 Based on the flyer, which of the following is not true?

- (1) Abi Hills is an area on the eastern side of Pipi Island.
- (2) 'What's the Story?' has never been broadcast before.
- (3) People associate Abi Hills with drinks and delicious food.
- (4) Kendrick discouraged Abigail from setting up a small eatery.

28 What is the main aim of the flyer?

- (1) to learn how Abi Hill got its name
- (2) to prepare selected participants for the game show
- (3) to encourage people to attend the game show audition
- (4) to learn how Kendrick and Abigail set up their eateries in Pipi Island

**END OF BOOKLET A**



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**Primary 5**  
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**24 October 2016**

**English Language**  
**Paper 2 Booklet B**

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52 questions  
67 marks

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Booklet A	28
Booklet B	67
Total	95

***This booklet consists of 10 printed pages and 1 blank 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**

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(A) a	(D) and	(G) for	(K) shall	(N) to
(B) also	(E) because	(H) from	(L) them	(P) will
(C) an	(F) but	(J) on	(M) these	(Q) with

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Honey bears are the smallest bears that live in the tropical forests of America. These bears are called honey bears \_\_\_\_\_ they are often seen raiding the beehives in the forest.  
(29)

Besides honey, honey bears \_\_\_\_\_ like to eat nectar and fruit. They use their long, skinny tongues to lick nectar \_\_\_\_\_ deep within a flower. In doing so, they might pick up pollen grains \_\_\_\_\_ carry them to the next flower. As such, they act as pollinators.  
(30)  
(31)  
(32)

Honey bears particularly enjoy eating figs. \_\_\_\_\_ 40cm-tall creatures hold onto the figs with their forepaws before licking the juicy flesh \_\_\_\_\_ their tongues. Hence, they also play \_\_\_\_\_ important role in seed dispersal.  
(33)  
(34)  
(35)

Honey bears are agile creatures. When they have to run along branches, they \_\_\_\_\_ turn their feet backwards. They have a gripping tail which helps \_\_\_\_\_ to balance as they climb up and down trunks.  
(36)  
(37)

Honey bears and the forests depend on one another \_\_\_\_\_ survival. Through the conservation of the animal, we are preserving and protecting the forests too.  
(38)

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

Dear Kok Meng,

How are you? I am writing to share with you about my latest toy, the BB-8 robot.

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Knowing that you were also a robot enthusiast, I beteave you are going to love this toy as much as

I do.

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The BB-8 is a smartphone-controlled robot that has several intresting

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functions including message recording or voice control. It is quite advanced and has spechial

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sensors to help its body roll indepandantly from its head. The body himself has a waterproof

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shell where protects it from damage.

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(47)

I use the BB-8 iPhone app\* to controlled the robot. While the app is intreecate, I have a lot

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(49)

of fun figuring along all the commands and settings. Although BB-8 is an inkredible toy, I feel that

(50)

the voice control has some flaws, force me to speak very slowly and loudly.

Well, do let me know if you will be getting one too. I look forward to playing with it together

with you. Goodbye!

Warm wishes,

Jon

\*app: short form for 'application'



Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Yee Hong is a certified scuba diver. He recalled being a little apprehensive when he first decided to take up the sport seven years \_\_\_\_\_  
(51)

"I was excited though a \_\_\_\_\_ scared as it was something new to me and I  
(52)  
wasn't sure what the experience would be like," Yee Hong recalled. Still, Yee Hong  
\_\_\_\_\_ up his courage and signed up for a \_\_\_\_\_ at Tioman Island to  
(53) (54)  
learn how to dive.

Before his first dive, Yee Hong \_\_\_\_\_ to be fully geared up in his scuba suit  
(55)  
and be ready with his \_\_\_\_\_ equipment such as oxygen tank, flippers and face mask.  
(56)  
\_\_\_\_\_ he was at the course, he learnt some basic diving \_\_\_\_\_ to help  
(57) (58)

him survive during an emergency. Finally, when Yee Hong took his first plunge, he was  
mesmerized \_\_\_\_\_ the beautiful sight. There were little bubbles of air trapped  
(59)  
\_\_\_\_\_ the water surface and they sparkled in the light. From then on, he was 'hooked'  
(60)  
and in the years that followed, he spent \_\_\_\_\_ much time as he could diving.  
(61)

To Yee Hong, the most exciting aspect about diving is that each and every dive experience  
is \_\_\_\_\_. The world under water is very dynamic - no two dives are ever the same.  
(62)



"On one dive, I may \_\_\_\_\_ an octopus when I look into a cave. On my next dive,  
(63)

a cuttlefish may glide smoothly \_\_\_\_\_ me and an eel may waft out of the same cave,"  
(64)

Yee Hong smiled broadly.

Diving allows one to appreciate the beauty \_\_\_\_\_ nature as one can see a  
(65)  
variety of marine plants and animals in the sea. Through his dives, Yee Hong realises that nature  
is, indeed, beautiful.

*Adapted from an article from My Alvernia, Issue 22*

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 Mrs Lee adopted the old dog from the animal shelter.

The old dog \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

67 Ali and Mary were not wearing the school tie today.

Neither \_\_\_\_\_ nor \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68 Ryan does not like broccoli so we bought him some spinach.

Since \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69 Susan topped the class in the Science test as she was determined.

Due to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70 The trekkers were not able to see in the fog. They continued with their expedition.

Despite \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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Read this passage and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

Peering out from the leafy shelter of the path, Dawan watched the villagers gather outside her home. They had come to bid Dawan farewell. Dawan was finally leaving the village to go to a better school in the city. In the dim light of the house sat her grandmother.

"Don't be afraid, child. Calm down," her grandmother said gently. "I have put your new uniform and shoes on the mat there. Are the villagers all waiting for you outside? Never mind, child, take your time."

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Dawan smiled gratefully at her grandmother and walked over to the mat where her things lay waiting. She bent down to put her shoes on and dressed hurriedly as she wondered, "Will I get used to studying in the city?" Her nervousness increased as she heard the sound of the heavy old bus rumbling in the distance. The last thing she wanted was to miss the only bus that could take her to the city.

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"Child, you come here."

Dawan obediently crawled to the corner where her grandmother sat, and knelt down in front of the old woman. As her grandmother was her only caregiver since birth, it made saying goodbye to her most painful.

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Her grandmother asked, "You have a long life ahead of you and this is just the first step. Gather yourself together and face the world out there boldly. You hear me?" Dawan nodded and calmed down after hearing her grandmother's soothing voice. Her grandmother gave her a gentle shove. "Well child, you must go now. You've packed everything you want to take with you, haven't you?"

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Dawan stared at her blankly, then shook her head. "No, no, I can't go yet!" she blurted out. Swallowing hard, she continued desperately, "Grandmother, please, I'm not ready. I haven't packed everything yet. How about you? I can't pack you in my luggage! And how about my friends? I'll miss them." She tried hard to fight a sob rising from her throat, but could not stop it.

25

Her grandmother smiled and answered firmly, "My child, you will have a better future by going to the city. Don't be sad. Be brave. Go now, child."

The bus driver honked sharply. Dawan saw him wave frantically for her to board. Dawan took a deep breath, held her head up and walked out. She was ready to face the world:

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*Adapted from 'Sing to the Dawn' by Ho Minfong*

**ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.**

**71** In paragraph 1, why was Dawan going to the city? [1m]

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**72** Which sentence from paragraph 1 tells us that Dawan was not alone in the house? [1m]

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**73** Choose words from paragraphs 1 to 3 which have **similar** meanings to the words below. [3m]

assemble	
appreciatively	
hastily	

**74** List **two** reasons why Dawan felt nervous in line 10. [2m]

(i) \_\_\_\_\_

(ii) \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Dawan's grandmother told Dawan where her new uniform was.

\_\_\_\_\_ Dawan's grandmother asked Dawan whether she had checked that she had packed everything.

\_\_\_\_\_ Dawan knelt in front of her grandmother.

- 76 Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. The first one has been done for you. [2m]

Word from the passage	What the word refers to
they (line 2)	<i>the villagers</i>
you (line 24)	
him (line 29)	

- 77 How did Dawan's feelings change before and after listening to her grandmother's advice? Tick the correct answer in each column. The first one has been done for you. [2m]

Before her grandmother's advice		After her grandmother's advice	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	fearful	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	courageous
<input type="checkbox"/>	shy	<input type="checkbox"/>	grateful
<input type="checkbox"/>	angry	<input type="checkbox"/>	confident
<input type="checkbox"/>	doubtful	<input type="checkbox"/>	relieved

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

	True/False	Reason
The crowd gathered outside Dawan's house to board the bus		
Dawan was taken care of by her parents since birth		
The bus driver was impatient		

79 Dawan "tried to fight a sob rising from her throat". Explain clearly what this means. [2m]

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80 Do you think Dawan made the right choice to leave the village? Support your answer with two reasons from the passage. [3m]

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# ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2016 (P5)

SCHOOL : CHIJ

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TERM : SA2

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
2	3	3	1	1	4	2	3	2	3
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
3	2	2	1	4	4	3	1	2	1
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
2	3	2	4	3	4	4	3	E	B
Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38		
H	D	M	Q	C	P	L	G		

39)are      40)believe      41)interesting      42)special      43)independently

44)itself      45)which      46)control      47)intricate      48)out

49)incredible      50)forcing      51)ago      52)little      53)mustered

54)course      55)had      56)diving      57)When      58)skills

59)by      60)under      61)as      62)different      63)see

64)past      65)of

66)The old dog from the animal shelter was adopted by Mrs Lee.

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69)Due to the fact that Susan was determined, she topped the class in the Science

70)Despite the fact that the trekkers were not able to see in the fog, they continued with their expedition.

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72)In the dim light of the house sat her grandmother.

73)gather

gratefully

hurriedly

74)i)Daeen was unsure if she would get used to studying in the city.

ii)She did not want to miss the only bus to the city.

75)1, 3, 2

76)you (line 24)-----Dawan's grandmother

him (line 29)-----the bus driver

77)doubtful

confident

78)False / The villagers had come to bid Dawan goodbye.

False / Her grandmother was her only care giver since birth.

True / He honked sharply and waved frantically for her to board the bus.

79)Dawan had not packed everything yet and she wanted her grandmother to leave with her. She also missed her friends and she wanted to cry but she tried her best not to.

80)Yes, She did. Firstly, she was going to a better school for better education in the city, Secondly, Dawan would have a better future by going to the city.