

**RIVER VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT 2 / 2017
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
PRIMARY 5**

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Class: P5 _____

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Date: 11 August 2017

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BOOKLET A

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

Instructions to candidates

1. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
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4. Shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

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

1. Mrs Tay told her son to trim the hedges and _____ the plants in the garden.

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

2. "It is _____ honour to represent my country," said the athlete.

- (1) a
- (2) an
- (3) the
- (4) some

3. Seth and Saul were _____ tired _____ they fell asleep straight away.

- (1) such ... that
- (2) as..... as
- (3) so.....that
- (4) very....as

4. Zoe and Tim are absent today. _____ of them is present.

- (1) All
- (2) Both
- (3) Either
- (4) Neither

5. _____ should I talk to about labelling food in the refrigerator?

- (1) Who
- (2) Whom
- (3) Which
- (4) Whose

6. Father would have the small bedroom _____ into a luxurious bathroom.

- (1) convert
- (2) converts
- (3) converted
- (4) converting

7. As soon as David put away the book, the telephone _____.

- (1) ring
- (2) rung
- (3) rang
- (4) rings

8. You do not want to be by yourself, _____ you ?

- (1) do
- (2) don't
- (3) did
- (4) didn't

9. The topics of my assignment are similar _____ yours. Let's work on our assignments together.

- (1) to
- (2) as
- (3) with
- (4) from

10. The couple treated him as if he was _____ own son.

- (1) its
- (2) his
- (3) her
- (4) their

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

11. Ling's extreme anxiety _____ her ability to present in front of her classmates.

- (1) ceased
- (2) impeded
- (3) prevented
- (4) dampened

12. As the hostage was dragged across the cold, hard floor, the heavy metallic chains on his feet _____ loudly.

- (1) pealed
- (2) jingled
- (3) clanked
- (4) rumbled

13. As the conman was not _____ in telling the story, she was not tricked by it.

- (1) effective
- (2) powerful
- (3) satisfying
- (4) convincing

14. Normala's parents _____ on seeing the Principal regarding their child being bullied in school.

- (1) insisted
- (2) resisted
- (3) assisted
- (4) persisted

15. My classmates are _____. They always want to know what I bring for snacks in my lunchbox.

- (1) choosy
- (2) sensitive
- (3) stubborn
- (4) inquisitive

For each question from 16 to 20, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

The chef said frostily, "I'll have to report this egg hunt of yours !"

Big Brother and I mused ourselves using rubber-band slings to catapult the scribbled notes across. The day before, an (16) errant missile which had moved in an aimless manner had unfortunately landed on the bald head of our neighbours' chef, who then rushed over to our house to (17) complain loudly to his counterpart. Chagrined but defiant, Big Brother (18) stomped into the kitchen with a scowl. Seeing the watery porridge that had just been prepared by our chef on the stove, a thought entered his head. With a smile, Big Brother (19) blithely whipped up all the eggs and made himself a sixteen-egg omelette.

"You can report on me all you want! As for your buddy, the thump to his head will probably stimulate a full head of hair again! He should thank me for doing him the favour!"

With that, Big Brother sailed into the dining room with his omelette and emptied his plate with (20) relish. He soon wore a smile on his face.

Adapted from Chapter "Shanghai School Days" in Chinese Cinderella

16. (1) unsure
(2) uncontrollable
(3) unpredictable
(4) underestimated

17. (1) rant
(2) defy
(3) enrage
(4) enthuse

18. (1) charged
(2) waddled
(3) squelched
(4) scrambled

19. (1) angrily
(2) cheerfully
(3) nervously
(4) impatiently

20. (1) focus
(2) dignity
(3) anxiety
(4) pleasure

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



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Pony Rides

*You must be at
least 5 years
old and between
80cm and
120cm tall.*



Awesome Wheel



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Want some free popcorn and balloons?

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be among the first 100 to enter Merry World on weekdays!*

Crazy Octopus

*You must be at
least 120cm tall.*



Rocking Boat

*You must be at
least 80cm tall.*



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

21. Why are many exclamation marks used in "Visit Merry World"?

- (1) To alarm the readers
- (2) To enthuse the readers
- (3) To make an announcement
- (4) To show pride in Merry World's achievement

22. In the second paragraph of "Visit Merry World", the "test" refers to whether _____.

- (1) the MW Roller Coaster is safe
- (2) the MW Roller Coaster is the best in Asia
- (3) one dares to take the MW Roller Coaster
- (4) one is tall enough to take the MW Roller Coaster

23. Merry World staff conscientiously carry out maintenance checks because they _____.

- (1) are professionals
- (2) are working towards breaking a record
- (3) do not know whether the rides can operate
- (4) do not want guests to worry about whether it is safe to take the rides

24. Is Merry World a popular attraction among travellers, and why?

- (1) No, because only the bravest will enjoy the rides.
- (2) Yes, because it has the fastest and tallest roller coaster.
- (3) No, because travellers do not know it was a destination of choice.
- (4) Yes, because it is the winner of the Travellers' Choice 2017 award.

25. Gary wants to get free popcorn and balloons. Which of the following is not compulsory for Gary to do?
- (1) Purchase an admission ticket
 - (2) Visit merryworld.sg for more details
 - (3) Go to Merry World on a weekday in December
 - (4) Be one of the first hundred people to enter Merry World
26. Becky is 6 years old and 110cm tall. Which two rides is she allowed to take?
- (1) Pony Rides and Rocking Boat
 - (2) Crazy Octopus and Pony Rides
 - (3) Rocking Boat and MW Roller Coaster
 - (4) MW Roller Coaster and Crazy Octopus
27. Based on the flyer, which of the following is not true?
- (1) Family packages are valid throughout the year.
 - (2) Admission tickets purchased online are cheaper.
 - (3) Guests must be of a certain height in order to take some rides.
 - (4) Guests may choose to take a shuttle bus to get to Merry World.
28. What is the main aim of the flyer?
- (1) To advertise Travelpal.com
 - (2) To persuade the public to visit Merry World
 - (3) To get guests ready for a day at Merry World
 - (4) To encourage the public to buy their admission tickets online

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Booklet B

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	Mark Obtained	Maximum Mark
Booklet A		28
Booklet B		67
Total		95

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. (10 marks)
EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) and	(D) it	(G) much	(K) than	(N) when
(B) but	(E) its	(H) of	(L) this	(P) who
(C) for	(F) many	(J) so	(M) through	(Q) with

Yo- Yo Ma gave his first concert when he was five years old. He played both the cello and the piano. Ma's education had started young. When he was only four, his cello instructor was astonished _____ Ma started playing a Bach suite.
 (29)

Ma's father had assigned two measures a day of the suite for Ma to memorise. Then the next day, Ma would have to memorise the next two measures. _____
 (30)

would continue until the entire suite was memorised. Ma said learning in this way enabled him to recognise patterns, their similarities _____ their
 (31)

differences. He soon developed a feeling _____ musical structure.
 (32)

Though Ma gave many concerts while he was young, he felt that it was a good thing that he did not perform too _____ as a child. Ma says, "It's risky to
 (33)

create careers for 'geniuses' _____ are only nine. The tendency is to make
 (34)

do with your technical limitations in order to get _____ your performances.
 (35)

The weaknesses then easily become ingrained."

When Ma travels around the world performing, he must take his cello with him. Ma's instruments are one of a kind, rare and expensive and he cannot risk having them out in the regular baggage hold. Ma always pays full price for an extra seat

_____ that his cello can have _____ own seat. Once, a plane was
(36) (37)

completely booked, and even though Ma had paid for two seats, the airline could not find the reservation for the second seat. Ma was told that his cello would have to go in the baggage hold. Ma insisted that the cello had to travel _____ him.

(38)

Finally, in desperation, Ma asked to see the flight list. After scrutinising it, he found his cello's reservation at last "Mr Cabinba", short for "cabin baggage."

Adapted from "Take Five Minutes- Yo-Yo Ma"

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

An anti-littering blitz yesterday nabbed 21 people in four areas across Woodlands and Yishun. The National Environment Agency (NEA) says that it will continue to conduct

(39)

such axercizes at 92 spots across the island.

Litterbugs now face a maximum fine of \$2000, \$4000 and \$10000

(40)

(41)

respective for the first, second as well as the third and subsequent court convisions under the Environmental Public Health Act.

During yesterday's exercise, The Sunday Times tailed six plainclothes NEA officers doing their rounds at the area next to Woodlands MRT station. At least five offenders

(42)

(43)

were caught litter and smoking in proheebited areas there.

(44)

(45)

Some were see pleading with NEA officers and trying to give excuses for our actions. One man caught smoking claimed that he was only puffing under a covered walkway "for a short while".

A fresh ITE graduate, who was caught dumping a cigarette butt on the floor, was

(46)

stoic even when he was issued a summon. Said the 19-year-old, who deklined to be named, "There weren't any dustbins with ashtrays nearby – if they don't want people to litter, they should have more bins."

(47)

When someone is caught throwing rubbish, officers aproch the litterbug, identify

(48)

themselves, and explain the offence before issue a ticket. They also ask to check the offender's identity card.

Those caught littering for the first time face a \$300 composition fine but will not be

(49)

charged in court. However, those caught littering for the second time are slap with a heftier fine and will be charged in court.

Since May last year, hours spent enforcing anti-littering and smoking laws have

(50)

gone out by about 50 per cent. The number of tickets issued to litterbugs has also risen.

Adapted from "The Straits Times April 13"

Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15 marks)

Four Singaporeans have set the bar high when it comes to celebrating Singapore's 50th birthday – more than 8800 m high in fact.

Three men and a woman, all outdoor enthusiasts, have set their sights on conquering Mount Everest, the world's _____ peak. They will set _____
(51) (52)
for Everest Base Camp tomorrow, and plan to _____ the summit between May
(53)
28 and 29.

They have been gearing _____ for their mission since 2010, when
(54)
four members of the original team – Ms Yusrin and three friends – hit on the
_____ of flying the Singapore flag on Mount Everest. The team took out
(55)
advertisements in newspapers and _____ 20 members in the same year.
(56)

But five years later, most of the members have _____ out, citing
(57)
financial difficulties and a _____ of time. Training took place thrice a week
(58)
and involved the _____ of stairs and gym training in a simulated
(59)
low-oxygen environment.

"We're ordinary Singaporeans trying to scale the world's highest mountain," said Ms Yusrina, who is co-leader and teaches at Temasek Primary School. "We're doing this to
_____ fellow Singaporeans, that if you set your _____ to it, you
(60) (61)
can do anything."

The team was self-funded _____ Aluminaid, a medical device company,
(62)
came on board last April. "Finding sponsors to support our cause was _____
(63)
scaling a mountain of its own," said Mr Yeo, 26, a recent Singapore Management University graduate.

If they _____, they will join at least two other Singapore groups that

(64)

have scaled Everest. The team's other co-leader, Mr Muhd Hilwan, 29, was supposed to go to Everest too, but the programmer _____ a minor stroke while scaling

(65)

Cho Oyu last year.

"I won't be with the team physically, but I will be rooting for them back home, and updating our Facebook page," he said.

Adapted from "The Straits Times Tuesday, March 24, 2015"

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Adapted from "The Straits Times Tuesday, March 24, 2015"

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. Sasikala cannot write in Tamil though she has studied the language for a year.

Despite _____

67. He did not hesitate. He called for the ambulance.

Without _____

68. Tommy asked Sue, "Can you meet me after you have collected the parcel?"

Tommy asked Sue if _____

69. Yang Ling enjoys reading thrillers. She enjoys watching horror movies even more.

Yang Ling would rather _____

70. Sue should be more careful. She would not break the pot.

Had Sue _____

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<p>A November study of traffic accidents in Southeast Asia by the Asian Development Bank found huge discrepancies between official reports and estimated mishaps. Road deaths estimates were as high as nine times the number reported and in one case, injuries were estimated to be 183 times more than the official count.</p> <p>Adapted from "Carnage on Asia's Bus Routes"</p>	30
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71. Where did the bus depart from ? [2m]

72. Why did the author lean forward to check the speedometer ? [2m]

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

The bus for Yichang pulled out of Beijing's Jinjiadun Station trailing a blue cloud of burning oil, and thirty minutes later we were speeding down an open highway. I was sitting near the driver, and I leaned forward to check the speedometer. It was not working – the needle sat limply at zero. It was clear that we were going very fast, in fact too fast, but the driver simply patted back a yawn.

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We were entering a town with a posted speed limit of 50 km/h. Rather than slowing down, the driver sounded the horn repeatedly to warn pedestrians, vehicles and animals to get out of his way. The horn button was broken. To use it, he held two exposed wires together – taking both hands off the wheel each time.

10

After two hours, we had braked twice abruptly enough to push my upper torso into the seat in front of me, swerved at the last second to avoid an oncoming truck, passed on a blind curve, forced an oncoming van off the road and skidded on a gravel shoulder, scraping the guard rail. I left the bus unscathed but newspaper headlines for the month of October showed that **passengers on other buses across Asia were not so fortunate.**

15

The details might vary but the stories behind these and the hundreds of other Asian bus accidents last year had certain common denominators: overworked, exhausted drivers racing each other to pick up passengers and revenue, twisting two-lane mountain roads with inadequate guard rails, incompetent drivers and unsafe vehicles placed on the road by corrupt officials.

20

It was a recipe for disaster especially so for the millions of us who depended on buses for transportation nearly every day of our lives. Yet one of the difficulties in coping with this deadly problem was that there was no solid information about exactly how serious it was. However, studies had shown that the driver was the single most lethal ingredient in this recipe for disaster. "Inadequate training or no training is a major problem," said an official. A study showed that driver error was the major cause of bus accidents.

25

73. 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
The driver swerved the vehicle to avoid the pedestrian.		
The blunders made by the pedestrians were the main reason for bus accidents.		
The official reports are accurate in showing the deaths and injuries caused by bus accidents.		

74. Choose a word from lines 12-22 which have similar meanings to the words/phrases below. (3 m)

all of a sudden	
unharmd	
incapable	

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

- _____ The bus skidded on a gravel shoulder.
- _____ The author was pushed forward into a seat when the bus braked abruptly.
- _____ The driver yawned and lit a cigarette.

76. What does the author mean by the phrase in line 17 'passengers on other buses across Asia were not so fortunate'? [2m]

77. Which word in paragraph 5 tells you that the driver error had caused road deaths ? [1m]

78. What does the word 'these' in line 18 refer to? [2m]

79. How are vehicles which are not in perfect condition allowed on the road? (2m)

80. What do you think the author meant by saying bus accidents last year had "certain common denominators" (line 19)? Support your answer by stating an example from the passage. (2m)

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Booklet A

Q 1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
1	2	3	4	1	3	3	1	1	4
Q 11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
2	3	4	1	4	2	1	1	2	4
Q 21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28		
2	3	4	4	2	1	1	2		

Booklet B

Q 29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
N	L	A	C	G	P	M	J	F	Q
Q39)	exercises	Q43)	prohibited	Q47)	approach				
Q40)	respectively	Q44)	seen	Q48)	issuing				
Q41)	convictions	Q45)	their	Q49)	slapped				
Q42)	littering	Q46)	declined	Q50)	up				

Q51)	tallest	Q56)	accepted	Q61)	mind
Q52)	out	Q57)	dropped	Q62)	until
Q53)	reach	Q58)	lack	Q63)	like
Q54)	up	Q59)	climbing	Q64)	want
Q55)	idea	Q60)	show	Q65)	Had
Q66)	Despite the fact that Sasikala has studied the language for a year, she cannot write in Tamil.				
Q67)	Without hesitation, he called for the ambulance.				
Q68)	Tommy asked Sue if she could meet him after she had collected the parcel.				

Q69)	Yang Ling would rather watch horror movies than read thrillers.
Q70)	Had Sue been more careful, she would not have broken the pot.
Q71)	The bus departed from Beijing's Jinjiadun Station.
Q72)	The author wanted to check how fast the bus was moving.
Q73)	False – The driver swerved the vehicle to avoid an oncoming truck False – The main reason for bus accidents was the driver error. False – There were huge discrepancies in official reports.
Q74)	abruptly unscathed incompetent
Q75)	3, 2, 1
Q76)	It mean that all bus accidents kept happening which kill people all over Asia.
Q77)	lethal
Q78)	It refers to the bus accidents.
Q79)	Corrupted officials allow them to be used.
Q80)	It meant the bus accidents that happened were due to the same problem. It could be due to the drivers who were overworked.