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Class : Primary 5 SY / C / G / SE / P



SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL
END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION 2025

PRIMARY 5
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 1 (WRITING)

Total Time for Part 1 and Part 2: 1 h 10 min

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- 1 Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
- 2 Answer all questions.

	Highest Possible Marks	Marks Obtained	Parent's Signature
Part 1	14		
Part 2	36		
Sub-total	50		

This booklet consists of 4 printed pages.

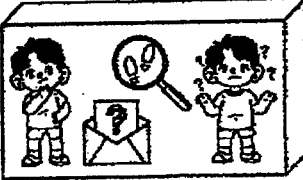
Part 1: Situational Writing (14 marks)

*The picture below shows two friends, Gina and Mary, discussing an online post. The discussion took place on 18 August 2025. Study the picture carefully.

Best Games Store's 10th Anniversary Celebration

20 August 2025
10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

To thank our customers for supporting us all these years,
we are offering massive discounts on our special day!

Fairy Battles	Curious Minds	Pets World
		
Special Price: \$25 (Usual Price: \$60)	Special Price: \$22 (Usual Price: \$45)	Special Price: \$17 (Usual Price: \$35)

Only 100 boxes per board game are available!



Gina, this store is selling a few popular board games at very good prices.

Great idea! Do you think Karen will be keen to share the cost with us?

I recognise the one in the middle. Helen has been talking excitedly about it since she played it at her cousin's place. Since her birthday's just around the corner, shall we buy it and give it to her as a present?

I think so! I'll email her now to ask her before it sells out.

Your Task

Imagine you are Gina.

Write an email to Karen to encourage her to share the cost of a board game.

You are to refer to the picture and information on page 2 for your email. The bullet point underlined below requires you to come up with your own information.

In your writing, include the following key information:

- why you want to buy a board game
- what board game you will buy and why
- how much the board game will cost
- why you think she will be keen to share the cost of the board game
- why she needs to get back to you soon

You may reorder the points. Remember to write in complete sentences.

Part 2: Continuous Writing (36 marks)

- 2** Write a composition of at least 150 words about a new responsibility.

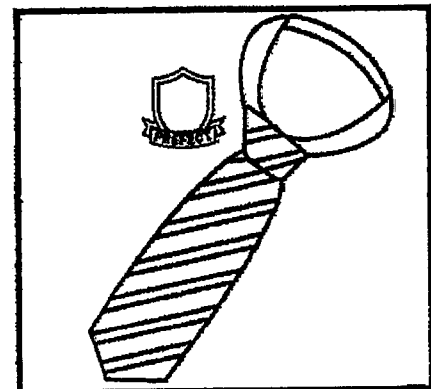
The pictures are provided to help you think about this topic.

Your composition should be based on one or more of these pictures.

Consider the following points when you plan your composition:

- What was the new responsibility?
- How was it carried out?

You may use the points in any order and include other relevant points as well.



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PRIMARY 5**ENGLISH LANGUAGE****PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)****BOOKLET A****Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1h 50min****INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- 1 Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
- 2 Follow all instructions carefully.
- 3 Answer all questions.
- 4 Use a 2B pencil to shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

This booklet has **9** printed pages

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) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

- 1 The construction workers _____ on this project for three years, yet the buildings remain incomplete.
- (1) work
 - (2) worked
 - (3) had been working
 - (4) have been working
- 2 Despite their initial reservations _____ participating in the debate competition, Lauren and her team went ahead with it and emerged victorious.
- (1) at
 - (2) for
 - (3) upon
 - (4) about
- 3 The teacher recommended that the class _____ a new recycling initiative to reduce waste.
- (1) start
 - (2) starts
 - (3) started
 - (4) will start
- 4 The learning journey to the zoo will be cancelled _____ the weather improves by tomorrow morning.
- (1) if
 - (2) since
 - (3) unless
 - (4) although
- 5 The box of toys _____ to the donation drive yesterday morning.
- (1) is delivered
 - (2) are delivered
 - (3) was delivered
 - (4) were delivered

- 6 There is _____ hope of finding the missing hikers as darkness falls and the snowstorm intensifies.
- (1) few
 - (2) little
 - (3) many
 - (4) much
- 7 The young girl barely managed to finish her dinner, _____?
- (1) did she
 - (2) didn't she
 - (3) had she
 - (4) hadn't she
- 8 Either of the twins _____ capable of winning the tennis tournament as they have both been training very hard.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
- 9 The noise from the children playing in the playground _____ so loud that the teacher had to close the classroom windows.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
- 10 Adam's group has won the most innovative award at the science fair. The project work displayed in the school hall is _____, so they must take good care of it during the showcase.
- (1) ours
 - (2) their
 - (3) them
 - (4) theirs

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) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

- 11 The _____ silence in the examination hall was broken only by the occasional faint rustle of turning pages and the soft scratch of pencils on paper.
- (1) deafening
 - (2) boisterous
 - (3) resounding
 - (4) thunderous
- 12 The firefighters' quick _____ during the emergency saved the family trapped in their flat.
- (1) reaction
 - (2) decision
 - (3) response
 - (4) judgement
- 13 The persistent drought _____ the farmer's hopes for a bountiful harvest, leaving his fields parched and barren.
- (1) dissolved
 - (2) dismissed
 - (3) distressed
 - (4) diminished
- 14 Andrea, who is usually outspoken, responded _____ when asked about the missing homework, arousing the teacher's suspicion.
- (1) curtly
 - (2) evasively
 - (3) defensively
 - (4) dismissively
- 15 As sales fell sharply, the company decided to _____ its oldest model, gradually winding down its production.
- (1) phase in
 - (2) phase out
 - (3) phase down
 - (4) phase through

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

Several areas in Singapore experienced flash floods last December following heavy rainfall. The intense downpour triggered flooding in Bukit Timah and Dunearn Road, with water levels reaching ankle height. The torrent caused traffic to come to a standstill as vehicles moved at a crawling speed through the flood waters. PUB* officers were stationed at various locations to assist motorists and efficiently directed traffic away from flooded areas. The weather agency reported that the rain persisted for over three hours, with the highest rainfall recorded in the central region. Several trees were uprooted due to the strong winds that accompanied the heavy rain, causing additional traffic disruptions. Residents were advised to exercise caution and avoid flood-prone areas during heavy rain. Members of the public were urged to stay updated for weather conditions through the MyENV mobile application.

Adapted from : straitstimes.com

*PUB: Public Utilities Board (Singapore's National Water Agency)

- 16 (1) stop
(2) begin
(3) continue
(4) discontinue
- 17 (1) placed
(2) settled
(3) located
(4) positioned
- 18 (1) strictly
(2) carefully
(3) hurriedly
(4) effectively
- 19 (1) bent
(2) broken
(3) damaged
(4) dislodged
- 20 (1) safety
(2) vigilance
(3) prudence
(4) discretion

Study the texts and then answer questions 21 to 25.

(5 marks)

Text 1

The text below shows a poster for a skincare set.

Magic Skin

Look Good, Feel Good

Introducing SkinDoc's bestselling skincare set for adolescents



Cleanser

Toner

Moisturiser

Sunscreen

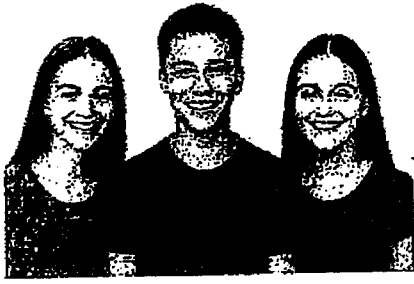
Created by our founder, Janice Gan, backed by Science facts, to help her adolescent children clear up their acne problem.

This can be your solution, too!

Before:



After:



Hurry! First 100 customers get 20% off!
Buy now at www.skindoc.com.

Better skin in 30 days or your money back!

Text 2

The extract below is taken from an article about skincare advertisements.

Advertisements tend to make bold claims, but how true are they? For instance, skincare advertisements promise good skin is just one purchase away, leaving out information about possible side effects. Furthermore, the promises are rarely supported by scientific evidence.

Many consumers are unaware that skincare advertisements generally use heavily edited images. The models appear to possess flawless skin, which is, in fact, impossible to achieve naturally. This creates unrealistic expectations, causing people to keep spending on skincare products in their pursuit of perfection. Consumers must learn to see beyond what skincare advertisements show. Although some products are genuinely effective, most advertisements merely play on consumers' insecurities and desires, convincing them that they need the products to feel good about themselves.

For each question from 21 to 25, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

21. According to the poster in Text 1, which of the following is true of the skincare set?
- (1) It is available online.
 - (2) The items are sold separately.
 - (3) Magic Skin is the company.
 - (4) A 20% discount is offered for all purchases.
22. "Look Good, Feel Good" Why did the writer include this statement in Text 1? It is to _____.
- (1) spark adolescents' interest in skincare
 - (2) make adolescents think about ways to look good
 - (3) lead adolescents to believe they need the skincare set
 - (4) tell adolescents they should feel good about themselves
23. Based on the poster in Text 1, which of the following would be the most likely reason for wanting to purchase the skincare set?
- (1) It guarantees results.
 - (2) It is a new product.
 - (3) It includes many items.
 - (4) It is cheaper than usual.
24. "This can be your solution, too." The pictures support this by giving the impression that the skincare set _____.
- (1) is recommended by parents
 - (2) has helped other adolescents
 - (3) can be used by people of all ages
 - (4) was created to solve all skin problems
25. We cannot trust the way Text 1 promotes the skincare set because Text 2 says _____.
- (1) skincare advertisements promise good skin is just one purchase away
 - (2) people keep spending money on skincare products in their pursuit of perfection
 - (3) skincare advertisements use models who appear to possess flawless skin
 - (4) the promises of skincare advertisements are hardly backed by scientific evidence

Read this passage and answer questions 66 to 75 which are on pages 6 to 9 in Booklet B.

Ethan's fingers hovered over the dusty piano keys, a familiar nervousness creeping in. The community centre's music room was silent. He had not touched a piano in five years, not since that terrible day at the school concert where he had frozen on stage, forgotten his piece, and run off in tears.

Ethan took a deep breath and pressed down on them. The first few notes of a classical piece filled the room, hesitant and unsure. As he played, memories flooded back to his early days of learning piano. His grandmother had been his first teacher, her gentle hands guiding his tiny fingers across the keys. Suddenly, his fingers stumbled, hitting a jarring wrong note. Ethan pulled his hands away as if burned. "I can't do this," he groaned, frustration etched on his face. He stood up abruptly. "I'll just mess up again, like last time." 5 10

Gab caught his arm and squeezed his shoulder reassuringly. "Ethan, wait. Think about how far you'd come with your grandmother's teaching. She believed in you."

Ethan shook his head dejectedly, his shoulders slumped forward. Voice barely a whisper, he muttered, "You don't understand. Every time I touch these keys, memories of that day come flooding back. They are too painful to relive." 15

"But before that happened, you were amazing," Gab reminded him. "Remember those little concerts your grandmother used to arrange?"

Ethan paused, remembering. Before the school concert disaster, his grandmother had been methodical in her approach. Every morning before school, she would make him play just one small section of a piece, over and over. "Start small," she always said, "Like building a house brick by brick." Then, she would organise small performances in their living room. She invited a few family members, creating a warm, supportive atmosphere that had helped him grow comfortable performing for others. 20

With trembling hands, Ethan sat back down at the piano. This time, he played the first piece his grandmother had ever taught him – a simple melody that had become their special song. It was imperfect, but sincere. 25

As he played, Ethan felt something shift inside him. The fear that had held him back for five years began to fade.

When the last note faded away, the room fell silent. Then, Gab squeezed his shoulder, his eyes glistening. "That was beautiful, Ethan. You have a gift for playing the piano - your grandmother always knew that. She would be proud." 30

Ethan looked down at the keys, running his fingers over them gently. "I... I think I'd like to start playing again," he said softly. "Grandma taught me so much more than just playing the piano. She taught me to believe in myself. I forgot that for a while, but maybe it's time to remember." 35

As they left the community centre that day, Ethan felt lighter than he had in years. His grandmother's early lessons had given him a foundation not just in music, but in confidence. The memory of his past failure was still there, but it was accompanied by something else – hope. As the sun set behind them, Ethan found himself looking forward to tomorrow, ready to rediscover the joy in music. 40

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PRIMARY 5**ENGLISH LANGUAGE****PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)****BOOKLET B**

Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1h 50min

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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	Highest Possible Marks	Marks Obtained	Parent's Signature
Booklet A	25		
Booklet B	65		
Subtotal	90		

This booklet consists of 9 printed pages.

There are 10 blanks, numbered 26 to 35, 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) and	(D) has	(G) it	(K) or	(N) was
(B) as	(E) have	(H) nonetheless	(L) subsequently	(P) were
(C) from	(F) in	(J) of	(M) they	(Q) who

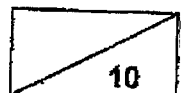
What is vanilla? Vanilla is a popular flavour that comes _____ an amazing plant. It
(26)
is part of the orchid family. The complex process of growing vanilla pods _____ always
(27)
made it one of the most expensive spices in the world.

Vanilla plants _____ originally found in South and Central America. The Aztecs
(28)
were one of the first people _____ used vanilla, adding it to their chocolate drinks.
(29)
Europeans learnt about vanilla when the Spanish explorers brought it back from America.
_____, vanilla became popular in Europe.
(30)

At first, vanilla was used only with chocolate. Then, in the 1600s, Hugh Morgan invented
sweets that tasted only _____ vanilla. It was not until the 1800s that vanilla was used
(31)
_____ ice cream, and even soft drinks like Coca-Cola!
(32)

Growing vanilla is very difficult as the flowers only open for one day. _____ must
(33)
be pollinated within twelve hours of blooming. _____ real vanilla is so expensive, most
(34)
vanilla-flavoured foods today use artificial _____ synthetic vanilla, which is much cheaper
(35)
to produce. However, many people still prefer the complex taste of real vanilla beans.

Adapted from <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/culture/article/plain-vanilla>



Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (10 marks)

Did you know that your brain is always working, even when you are asleep? It is a

(36)

fascinating acurrance that happens every night. While you rest, your brain stays active,

(37)

processing information and kept your body healthy.

(38)

One of the most incredible things about the human brain is concioussness. It is like an inner voice that guides your thoughts and feelings. Your brain can also recall experiences

(39)

long forgotten. For instance, you might suddenly remember details of a trip you had took years ago.

(40)

(41)

As you grow, your brain both develops yet changes. You have the power over keep it

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healthy by making smart choices. Eating a balanced diet gives your brain the nutreinces it

needs. Getting enough sleep is crucial too, as it allows your brain to rest and maintain your

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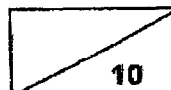
body's natural rythem. Learning new things, whether it is a new language, a musical

(44)

instrument, or a challenging puzzle, helping to build new connections in your brain.

(45)

Remember, having a healthy brain is a great privellege. So, take good care of your amazing brain - it is the only one you have!



Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Do-It-Yourself (DIY) activities are hands-on projects that people work on themselves. In recent years, more Singaporeans have (46)_____ in DIY activities in their free time. This (47)_____ is driven by more people wanting to save money and live more sustainably.

Today, DIY enthusiasts (48)_____ on various projects, from home repairs to creating unique items. Ms Sabine Chen learnt how to sew, choosing to repair her clothes instead (49)_____ throwing them away. Mr Dylan Chan decided to clean his own air-conditioner, thus, saving his family money on cleaning (50)_____. Some people involve their children in DIY projects to teach them about sustainability. This helps children understand that resources are (51)_____ and should not be wasted.

Hardware stores have (52)_____ an increase in customers seeking advice on home repairs. With more content creators sharing their renovation journeys online, social media has (53)_____ the DIY movement. One Singaporean content creator got over 5 million views on TikTok for fixing up old furniture with stickers. This sparked interest (54)_____ fixing up homes, and many people began their own DIY projects.

(55)_____, the DIY culture in Singapore is not as strong as in some other countries. This is partly because of busy lifestyles and how easy it is to find professional help. Sometimes, it can even be cheaper to (56)_____ new things than to repair old items. Additionally, (57)_____ of space and difficulty in finding spare parts can make DIY projects challenging.

To encourage more people to try DIY, community spaces are being created. (58)_____ provide tools that people might not have at home. By learning DIY skills, Singaporeans can save money and reduce (59)_____. When they complete a project, they can also gain a sense of (60)_____. These newfound abilities often inspire them to tackle even bigger DIY projects.

Adapted from <https://www.channelnewsasia.com/today/big-read/diy-culture-slowly-surely-gaining-ground-singaporeans-go-green-tighten-purse-strings-4524386>

For each of the following questions, 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 one(s). (10 marks)

- 61 Mrs Khoo spoke very fast. Her children could not follow her instructions.

Mrs Khoo spoke too _____
_____ her children to follow her instructions.

- 62 The student wrote a brilliant composition. The teacher was amazed.

Much to _____

- 63 Mary asked her brother, "Where have you kept your homework?"

Mary asked her brother _____

- 64 Maya drank a large glass of milk. She could not eat anything else.

Having _____

- 65 The government plants new trees in Singapore every year.

New trees _____



Read the passage on page 9 of Booklet A and answer questions 66 to 75.

(20 marks)

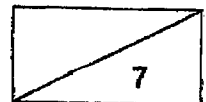
- 66 Based on paragraph 1, how do we know that Ethan was hesitant about playing the piano again? [1m]

- 67 Look at the table below. What do the word(s) in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. [3m]

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refers to
(a) them (line 5)	
(b) They (line 15)	
(c) that (line 30)	

- 68 Based on Gab's response to Ethan's frustration in line 11, what can we infer about their friendship? Support your answer with evidence from the text. [2m]

- 69 Which 4-word phrase from lines 11-15 shows that Ethan spoke with fear when talking about his past? [1m]



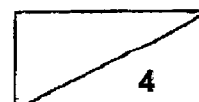
- 70 Based on lines 5 – 10, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	True / False	Reason
(a) Ethan had completely forgotten how to play the piano.		
(b) Ethan's grandmother taught him how to play the piano.		

- 71 Ethan pulled his hands away as if burned. "I can't do this," he groaned, frustration etched on his face. (lines 9-10)

a) Why did Ethan pull his hands away? [1m]

b) Explain clearly why Ethan felt frustrated. [1m]



- 72 From lines 5 – 26, complete the table below by comparing Ethan's two attempts at playing the piano. [4m]

	Ethan's first attempt	Ethan's second attempt
The music Ethan played	a)	b)
How it sounded	c)	d)

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How Ethan's grandmother helped him improve his piano playing

a)

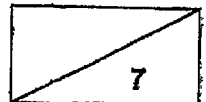
b)

[2m]

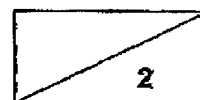
- 74 Tick **one** word that best describes how Gab felt "when the last note faded away" (line 29). DO NOT TICK MORE THAN ONE WORD. [1m]

☐	motivated
☐	nostalgic

☐	touched
☐	delighted



- 75** At the end of the story, "Ethan felt lighter than he had in years" (line 36). Explain clearly how Ethan's feelings about playing the piano changed and the reason for the change. [2m]



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

(BOOKLET B)

Q26	(C) from	Q27	(D) has	Q28	(P) were	Q29	(Q) who	Q30	(L) subsequently
Q31	(J) of	Q32	(F) in	Q33	(M) They	Q34	(B) As	Q35	(K) or

Q36	occurrence	Q37	keeping	Q38	consciousness	Q39	taken	Q40	and
Q41	to	Q42	nutrients	Q43	rhythm	Q44	helps	Q45	privilege

Q46	participated	Q47	trend	Q48	work	Q49	of	Q50	fees
Q51	limited	Q52	seen	Q53	helped	Q54	in	Q55	However
Q56	buy	Q57	lack	Q58	They	Q59	wastage	Q60	satisfaction

Q61	Mrs Khoo spoke too fast for her children to follow her instructions.
Q62	Much to the teacher's amazement, the students wrote a brilliant <i>composition</i> .
Q63	Mary asked her brother where he had kept his homework.
Q64	Having drunk a large glass of milk, Maya could not eat anything else.
Q65	New trees are planted in Singapore by the government every year.

Q66	Ethan's fingers hovered over the dusty piano keys, a familiar nervousness creeping in.
Q67	a) The dusty piano keys b) The memories of that day at the school concert. c) Ethan has a gift for playing the piano.
Q68	Ethan and Gab are close friends. Gab caught his arm and squeezed his shoulders reassuringly shows Gab's encouragement towards Ethan.
Q69	Voice barely a whisper

Q70	a) False	Ethan knew how to play the first few notes of a classical piece.
	b) True	Ethan's grandmother had been his first piano teacher.
Q71	a) Ethan had hit a jarring wrong note. b) Ethan was upset that he would mess up again.	
Q72	a) A classical piece	b) The first piece his grandmother ever taught him.
	c) Hesitant and unsure	d) Imperfect but sincere
Q73	a) Every morning before school, she would make him play just one small section of a piece, over and over.	She would organize small performance in their living room.
Q74	✓ delighted touched	
Q75	Ethan used to be nervous about playing the piano but at the end of the story, he felt hopeful about playing it again. He was reminded of his grandmother's lessons about believing in himself.	

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