

TAO NAN SCHOOL

PRIMARY 5 ENGLISH LANGUAGE MID-YEAR EXAMINATION

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

Name: _____ ()

Date: 10 May 2011

Class: Primary 5 _____

Duration: 1 hour 50 minutes

Time: 8.00 a.m. to 9.50 a.m.

Total Time For Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

BOOKLET A

	SCORE	MARKS
BOOKLET A		30
BOOKLET B		65
TOTAL		95

Parent's Signature: _____

Section A (5 x 1 mark)

Graphic Stimulus

Study the following advertisement and then answer questions 1 to 5.

Enjoy these sizzling deals with your UWZ Credit Card!
Promotion valid till 30 June 2011

50% off special set menu
Complimentary tea / coffee

1-for-1 dinner buffet
Available from Monday to Friday

30% off ala carte food bill

1-for-1 set lunch
Limited to 2 complimentary set lunches per card
Prior reservation is required for this promotion

Complimentary bottle of wine with every four set meals purchased
Applicable daily for the first 30 redemptions until 15 June 2011

Lunch buffet – 25% off bill
Dinner buffet - 1 dines free with 2 paying adults

1-for-1 Italian pizza
Applicable for dinner from 6.00 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.
Applicable from Sunday to Thursday

Spend at least \$80 on your UWZ credit card when you dine at the above outlets and get a free Joy Shopping Centre umbrella! Offer valid till 25 June 2011.

For each question from 1 to 5, 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 OAS.

1. There are _____ restaurants that serve buffets on weekends.
 - (1) 5
 - (2) 2
 - (3) 3
 - (4) 4

2. Carol and Melissa were bored one afternoon and casually walked into Joy Shopping Centre at 1 p.m. They probably enjoyed the UWZ credit card lunch promotion at _____.
 - (1) Lin's
 - (2) Crispy Joe's
 - (3) The Roof Restaurant
 - (4) Sharky's Bar and Grill

3. Mr Han took his parents, grandfather and twin aunts for dinner at Fountain Café. He used his UWZ credit card to pay the bill. Which of the following privileges did Mr Han and his family enjoy if they all had buffet dinners?
 - (1) Two of them dined for free.
 - (2) Three of them dined for free.
 - (3) A complimentary bottle of wine
 - (4) A 25% discount on their dining bill

4. Ravi charged \$150 to his UWZ credit card when he had dinner at Kimchi Korean Restaurant. He received _____.
 - (1) a free umbrella
 - (2) an \$80 voucher
 - (3) a free cup of tea
 - (4) a free glass of juice

5. Which of the following statements is true?
 - (1) All dining privileges at the restaurants will end on 25 June 2011.
 - (2) UWZ credit card members enjoy discounts at all the shops in Joy Shopping Centre.
 - (3) The UWZ Credit Card dining promotion is organised by Joy Shopping Centre.
 - (4) Everybody who orders four set meals at Sharky's Bar and Grill will receive a complimentary bottle of wine.

Section B (7 x 1 mark)

Grammar

For each question from 6 to 12, 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 OAS.

6. Yesterday, Mrs Wong had just _____ home from work when she saw a dead rat in her kitchen.

- (1) ~~(B)~~ come
- (2) ~~(B)~~ came
- (3) ~~(A)~~ comes
- (4) ~~(B)~~ coming

7. Some people are allergic _____ nuts.

- (1) to
- (2) for
- (3) with
- (4) against

8. _____ of the balloons was given to the children.

- (1) All
- (2) One
- (3) Most
- (4) Many

9. They have not heard from Yati since she _____ home three hours ago.

- (1) left
- (2) has left
- (3) had left
- (4) was leaving

10. Peter's uncle, _____ cousin has died, will be flying to China for the funeral next week.

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

11. "Both of you will be punished because neither of you _____ your spelling books with you now!" scolded the teacher.

- (1) has
- (2) had
- (3) have
- (4) having

12. If I _____ you, I would not play in the rain.

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

Section C (3 x 1 mark)

Punctuation

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

Mr Lok owned two pairs of shoes. One had thick soles, while the other had thin soles.

One morning, he made the mistake of putting on one side of each pair of shoes on each foot. As he walked, he frowned. (13) How strange! Why is it that my legs aren't the same length today?" he thought out loud.

"Hey, Lok," a friend passing by said (14) your shoes aren't a pair!"

Hearing this, Mr Lok hurried home to change his shoes. However, when he got home and saw the shoes in his cabinet, he muttered to himself, "There's no need to change my shoes. These other two are not a pair either (15) One has thick soles and the other has thin soles."

Adapted from: http://www.guy-sports.com/funny/chinese_jokes.htm

13. (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(4) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
14. (1) [-] dash
(2) [,] comma
(3) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(4) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
15. (1) [-] dash
(2) [,] comma
(3) [.] full stop
(4) [?] question mark

Section D (5 x 1 mark)

Vocabulary

For each question from 16 to 20, 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 OAS.

16. Police have _____ the case involving the dead property agent as murder.
- (1) specified
 - (2) assigned
 - (3) classified
 - (4) categorised
17. When Mr Ngee checked into his hotel, he was given a basket of fruit with a note which read, "Enjoy these fruits with our _____."
- (1) compliance
 - (2) compliments
 - (3) condolences
 - (4) congratulations
18. Many fans _____ to see their idol, Bo Jackson, when he came to Singapore to promote his new movie.
- (1) turned in
 - (2) turned up
 - (3) turned on
 - (4) turned down
19. During the flu epidemic, hospitals had to constantly _____ their stock of medical supplies in order to treat the hundreds of people who had fallen ill.
- (1) restore
 - (2) recover
 - (3) recharge
 - (4) replenish
20. John admitted that it was his _____ that all the fish in the tank had died.
- (1) fault
 - (2) error
 - (3) defect
 - (4) blunder

Section E (5 x 1 mark)

Vocabulary Cloze

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

Roald Dahl is easily one of the most popular children's authors in the world. His delightful stories are (21) enjoyed by millions of young readers every year. A recent bookshop survey had Dahl's books accounting for eight out of the ten best-selling titles for children's books.

Dahl also wrote for adults. His adult literature consisted largely of stories that were (22) adapted for a 1970s television series entitled 'Tales of the Unexpected'. However, his seventeen stories for children brought him far more fame.

One of his fans has labelled Dahl as (23) 'irresistible'. Another has devoted her life to running Dahl's fan club. Although his magical tales are full of shocking humour and (24) revolting detail, they are well-loved by his many young readers.

It is amazing that although he was so extraordinarily successful, the first editions of his books are still cheap and relatively easy to (25) acquire.

Undoubtedly, Roald Dahl will continue to delight his readers for years to come.

21. (1) blessed
(2) savoured
(3) treasured
(4) worshipped

22. (1) adjusted
(2) modified
(3) designed
(4) personalised

23. (1) fulfilling
(2) enjoyable
(3) appealing
(4) welcoming

24. (1) disgusting
(2) frightening
(3) bewitching
(4) threatening

25. (1) accept
(2) capture
(3) contain
(4) purchase

Section F (5 x 1 mark)

Comprehension

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30 based on the passage.

I was about to collapse as I trudged onward under the blinding, ferocious sun. It was the second day of our journey across China's vast Taklimakan Desert but my strength was already fading. I had heard stories of countless caravans of merchants, and soldiers, who entered this shimmering ocean of sand, lost their way and never returned. Undaunted, I led my team and set off to undertake the first crossing of the full 5 length of the desert.

It was a race against time to complete our journey before the start of the penetrating cold Central Asian winter. By the end of our first week, we had covered nearly 115 kilometres. Now we were faced with another test - massive sand mountains up to 300 metres high lay across our route. Mazar Tagh, an ancient city, now in ruins, 10 was 340 kilometres ahead. We were due to meet up there with the support party for our supplies. Fully aware that our party could not cross the desert entirely without help, I had arranged for a support party to travel along the Silk Road which was about 300 kilometres to our south. They had been tasked to monitor our progress and enter the desert to supply us with essentials at various points of our journey. 15

Our camels needed up to 35 litres of water every three days and there was no possibility of such a large quantity of water being carried. Our lives and the success of the mission rested upon a huge gamble – that we would be fortunate enough to find water.

Centuries ago, rivers from the mountains flowed to the Taklimakan desert. 20 The people of the desert managed to make use of the water from these rivers to farm in the desert. Though the rivers had since dried up, some hidden water was still there. The only clues were patches of white salt crust on the sand. However, my map did not show them nor could the local tribesmen tell us where they might be. They were the desert's best-kept secret. Luckily, before sunset, we saw salt crust patches and 25 decided to camp there for the night. The tribesmen started digging and after a while, beckoned us over. At the bottom of the almost six-foot deep hole, a pool of water was gradually seeping through the dark, moist sand. Standing in the hole, a tribesman scooped some water into his hands and sipped it. That night, the camels drank.

Adapted from Reader's Digest

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26. _____ were the problems encountered by the writer at first.

- (1) Intense heat and thirst
- (2) Intense heat and fatigue
- (3) Fatigue and the Central Asian winter.
- (4) Thirst and the approaching cold weather

27. Merchants and soldiers have _____.

- (1) died in the Taklimakan Desert
- (2) set up businesses in the Taklimakan Desert
- (3) crossed the entire Taklimakan Desert many times
- (4) endured the cold weather in the Taklimakan Desert

28. Why did the writer and his team head towards Mazar Tagh?

- (1) The support team was supposed to ensure their safety.
- (2) The support team was supposed to monitor their weight.
- (3) The support team was supposed to protect them from the winter.
- (4) The support team was supposed to replenish their food and water.

29. The 'desert's best-kept secret' (line 25) refers to the location of the _____.

- (1) salt water
- (2) ancient city
- (3) rivers from the mountains
- (4) patches of white salt crust

30. Which of the following statements is true?

- (1) Food supplies were not available along the Silk Road.
- (2) Crops grew well in the Taklimakan Desert many centuries ago.
- (3) The tribesmen knew exactly where water could be found in the desert.
- (4) The writer was worried about crossing the Taklimakan Desert safely during winter.

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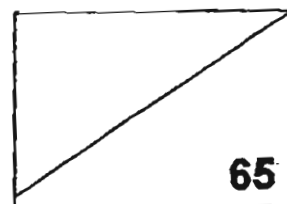
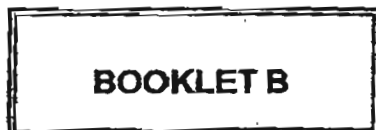
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Section G (10 x 1 mark)

Grammar Cloze

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, 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.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

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|--------------|----------|-------------|---------|------------|
| (A) who | (D) an | (G) for | (K) out | (N) which |
| (B) after | (E) as | (H) however | (L) but | (P) passed |
| (C) although | (F) down | (J) off | (M) the | (Q) past |
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After getting her hair cut, Mrs Grundy stepped out of the hairdressers. She was feeling pleased _____ the hairdresser had done a particularly good job this time.
(31)
Mrs Grundy felt extra pretty that day.

Mrs Grundy wondered whether it had rained while she was inside the hairdresser's salon for the _____ two hours or so. She stretched out her hand to feel if there were signs of an impending drizzle before starting _____ on the journey home.
(32)
(33)

It started to rain when Mrs Grundy was approaching the supermarket. Lifting up her umbrella, she tried to open it. _____ hard she tried, it would not open. While struggling with the umbrella, her hat fell _____. Mrs Grundy bent down to pick it up. _____ she did so, she slowly lay her umbrella down on the ground _____ would have almost flown away had a kind passer-by not stopped it in time.
(34)
(35)
(36)
(37)

_____ she had picked up her hat and placed it neatly on her head, Mrs Grundy went on her way again. Somehow, she did not bother to retrieve her umbrella _____ the rain was beating down. Perhaps, she had decided to abandon the umbrella since it had failed to rise to _____ occasion. She would get a new one soon.
(38)
(39)
(40)

Section H (10 x 1 mark)

Editing for Spelling and Grammar

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

As anyone who has tried using a pair of chopsticks for the first time knows, it takes

(41)

(42)

quite a lot of **praktis** before you feel confident eating with them. Chopsticks are supply

during every meal in Japan.

(43)

(44)

There are two strict **tabboes** relating to the use of chopsticks. Firstly, you shall

(45)

never stick them into the rice. Secondly, food must never be passed off one set of

(46)

chopsticks to another. Both of these actions are **asosiated** with funeral rituals. Making

(47)

these mistakes will cause great **ofense** to the Japanese. It is also impolite, even during

a lively discussion, to point at a person or object with your chopsticks.

(48)

If you wish to help yourself to rice or another food from a communal serving dish,

simply turn the chopsticks round and use the ends that have not been near your mouth.

(49)

It is **akseptable** to lift large chunks to your mouth and bite off smaller pieces.

(50)

Soup is always drink straight from the bowl, while the solid ingredients tackled with

chopsticks. An exception is made for fruit or jelly which can be eaten with a decorative

wooden toothpick or a fork, and ice cream, for which a spoon is used.

Section I (15 x 1 mark)

Comprehension Cloze

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

The train was late. Mikey stood away from the wind, watching the _____ traffic on the bridge. The vehicles were crawling bumper to bumper. At the _____ (51) far end of the platform, he noticed the dark figure of a youth, leaning _____ (52) the boundary fence. He turned and _____ Mikey's gaze. Just then, the _____ (53) drew in.

(54)
The carriage was half-full as Mikey found himself a seat. He took out a well-thumbed paperback from his bag and began _____. Three stations and two chapters later, a sudden premonition prickled the back of his _____ (55). Looking up from his page, he realised that the carriage was _____ (56). The other passengers must have alighted at their stops while he was _____ (57) in his book. (58)

"Never ride in a carriage _____ (59) Always choose one with other passengers in it!" his mother had often advised. Mikey decided to _____ (60) carriages at the next station.

Just then however, the connecting door from the next carriage opened. The youth from the platform stepped _____ (61) Mikey's carriage and sat down. He gave Mikey a cold humourless grin, a dull violence blazing in his eyes. Mikey immediately sat back down and forced himself to open his book. He secretly measured the distance to the _____ (62), in case he had to make a dash for it when the train pulled in.

The youth casually fingered his cigarette as its smouldering _____ (63) glowed brightly. His boots _____ (64) around his neck, their laces knotted together so that they dangled near his lap as he sat and stared at Mikey. Mikey looked at the boots as they swung to and _____ (65), rocking to the rhythm of the train. He counted the minutes till they would reach the next station.

Section J (5 x 2 marks)

Synthesis and Transformation

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

66. The postman has delivered the letters to my neighbour, Mr Lee.

The letters _____

67. "Bonnie ~~was~~ absent from the meeting yesterday," John said.

John said _____

68. Jane chose to wear a shocking red party dress. She was attending a funeral.

Although _____

69. Mrs Lee could have hung the clothes out to dry but she left them in the washing machine.

Instead of _____

70. Dr Mah and his colleagues underwent training. They became more skilled.

Having _____

Section K (10 x 2 marks)

Comprehension Open

Read the passage below and answer Questions 71 to 80 based on the passage.

One morning, wandering far down the beach, Noki leapt for joy. There, white and gleaming in the sun, was all that remained of the skeleton of a whale. It was an absolute treasure for it meant knives and hooks galore, darts and spears and even an axe. Noki would be able to sell these for a small fortune.

"Uri!" he shouted. "We're rich! Come! Help me drag these bones home!"

5

There were two bundles. Noki shouldered one while Uri dragged the other in his jaws, tail wagging in delight. They returned home weary, but Noki was filled with elation.

Now began the long process of grinding the knife and the axe. The knife emerged first and it was splendid. It would be a fine weapon as well, Noki thought grimly, as he ground it down to a sharp point. Some sea robber had been breaking his bamboo trap and he was sure the culprit was the Great White Shark, known to the locals as the Mao. Everybody in his village knew that the Mao was the only fish that was always seen cruising around as if it owned the lagoon. He also recalled his father telling him, "Son, the Mao is the mightiest fish of all. It is so strong that it can snap the tough bamboo traps."

10

As soon as the knife was finished, Noki was ready for the Mao. As he and Uri set out on their raft, Uri sniffed in the wind and let out a bark of pleasure. Noki never left Uri behind when he went out to sea. He relied on Uri for companionship and both of them were very close.

15

This morning, as Noki waited for more fish to swim into his bamboo trap, both he and Uri caught a glimpse of the sea robber's menacing dorsal fin. Uri's hair stood on end. The monstrous Mao, unperturbed, moved away. It returned with a strong whip of its mighty tail that smashed Noki's fish trap apart.

20

The fish were now free. Noki stared at his shattered trap with helpless rage. The Mao had not had its fill. Once more its tail whipped at the water, but this time, it tilted the raft and threw Uri overboard.

Uri was swimming frantically in the water. His puzzled brown eyes, so faithful and true were focussed on Noki pleadingly. The killer moved in slowly. A mighty rage overcame the boy. He gripped his knife. Then he was over the side in a clean-cutting dive.

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Noki swam under his enemy. It spun around and in that instant, Noki stabbed deep into the white belly. There was a terrific impact. Stunned, gasping, the boy fought for life and air.

His head finally broke through the water. Uri – where was he? Noki saw him trying to pull himself up on the raft. Noki seized him by the scruff and dragged him up to safety. Then, heart as light as a feather, Noki began to babble uncontrollably to Uri.

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It was not until he reached the shore that Noki realised what he had done. He had killed the Mao with his own hand, with nothing but a knife. "Thank God you're alright, Uri! If it had not been for you, I would never have had the courage to tackle it myself!" Noki cried with tears of relief.

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Adapted from "Call It Courage" by Armstrong Sperry

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Which two kinds of weapons could Noki make using the whale skeleton he had found?

72. What type of an animal was Uri?

73. Why did Noki think that the Mao was responsible for breaking his bamboo traps?

74. Which sentence in the passage suggests that Noki and Uri were inseparable?

75. What made Uri's hair stand on end? (line 19)

76. Explain clearly why Noki stared at the trap with **'helpless rage'** (line 22).

77. Explain clearly why the Mao tilted Noki's raft.

78. Why was Noki's heart **'as light as a feather'**? (line 32)

79. Explain clearly how Noki killed the Mao.

80. If Uri had not fallen into the water, would Noki have killed the Mao? How do you know?

END OF PAPER



ANSWER SHEET

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

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

Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
J	E	N	B	C	M

- 41)practice 42)supplied 43)taboos 44)should 45)from
46)associated 47)offence 48)other 49)acceptable 50)drunk
51)slow 52)against 53)caught 54)train 55)reading
56)neck 57)empty 58)absorbed 59)alone 60)change
61)into 62)door 63)end 64)hung 65)fro

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69)Instead of the clothes out to dry, Mrs Lee left them in the washing machine.

70)Having undergone training, Dr Mah and his colleagues became more skilled.

71)He could make knives and darts.

72)Uri was a dog.

73)His father told him that the Mao was the mightiest fish of all and could snap bamboo traps.

74)It 'Noki' never left Uri behind when he went out to sea.

75)The sight of the Mao's menacing dorsal fin made Uri's hair stand on end.

76)Noki angry that the Mao has destroyed his fish trap and there was nothing he could do about it.

77)The Mao had not had its fill and wanted to eat Uri. —

78)He was relieved that Uri was safe.

79)Noki gripped his knife dive into the water, swam under his emery and stabbed deep into the white belly.

80)No, he said that if it had not been for Uri, he would never have had the courage to kill the Mao himself.