

TAO NAN SCHOOL

PRIMARY 5 ENGLISH LANGUAGE MID-YEAR EXAMINATION – 2007

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

Date: 8 May 2007

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

Time: 7.45 a.m. - 9.35 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 ( 5x1 mark )

Graphic Stimulus

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

## Bangkok Garden Thai Restaurant

30%  
OFF

# Mother's Day

*12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> May 2007*

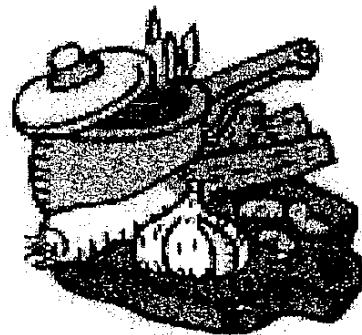
This Mother's Day, treat Mum to a great Thai feast right here at the Bangkok Thai Restaurant. The finest spread of mouth-watering Thai specialities, served just the way the Thais do, awaits you at the most incredible price in town. Come, ask for our specialities!

Live Band Entertainment  
Nightly from 6.00p.m. to 10.30p.m.

Visit our website at  
[www.bangkokgarden.com](http://www.bangkokgarden.com)  
or call us at 6279 2928

133, Cecil Street, #B1-01, Keck Seng Tower,  
Singapore 069535  
Opens daily: 11.30a.m. – 2.30p.m.  
6.00p.m. – 11.00p.m.

#01-58, Elias Road, Ocean Building,  
Singapore 188375  
Opens daily: 12 noon – 2.30p.m.  
7.30p.m. – 12a.m.



Reservation Hotline: 6442 2346  
Reservations will have to be  
made 1 week in advance

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 OMR.

1. You should call 6442 2346 if you \_\_\_\_\_
- (1) hope to get a 30% discount
  - (2) want to know more than what is stated
  - (3) want to ask questions about the promotion
  - (4) wish to treat your mother to a special meal
2. The phrase ' \_\_\_\_\_ ' in the advertisement tells you that the restaurant serves authentic Thai food.
- (1) finest spread
  - (2) our specialities
  - (3) served just the way the Thais do
  - (4) awaits you at the most incredible price
3. The main aim of this advertisement is to \_\_\_\_\_
- (1) pay tribute to all mothers
  - (2) promote the Mother's Day special
  - (3) advertise the premium spread of Thai cuisine
  - (4) reminds us that Mother's Day falls in the month of May
4. The promotion will last \_\_\_\_\_
- (1) nightly
  - (2) for two days
  - (3) until 12<sup>th</sup> May 2007
  - (4) from 6.00 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.
5. You can have your dinner at the Elias Road branch at \_\_\_\_\_
- (1) 6.00 p.m.
  - (2) 6.30 p.m.
  - (3) 7.00 p.m.
  - (4) 8.00 p.m.

**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 OMR.**

6. Do you know that Ivan \_\_\_\_\_ from the swimming competition?

- (1) withdrew
- (2) withdraws
- (3) has withdrawn
- (4) was withdrawing

7. I caught my brother \_\_\_\_\_ a sweet from the box secretly.

- (1) stole
- (2) steals
- (3) stolen
- (4) stealing

8. \_\_\_\_\_ Tina had known the truth, she would not have helped him.

- (1) If
- (2) As
- (3) When
- (4) Despite

9. Both of us \_\_\_\_\_ the best of friends since young. Now we are not.

- (1) will be
- (2) had been
- (3) would be
- (4) have been

10. Mr Lim owns three dogs, one of \_\_\_\_\_ is a German Shepherd.

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

11. Peter \_\_\_\_\_ home shortly. You can serve dinner in an hour's time.

- (1) comes
- (2) is coming
- (3) will have been
- (4) has been coming

12. Without stopping to rest, we finally \_\_\_\_\_ to the end of the canal.

- (1) swim
- (2) swam
- (3) swum
- (4) swimming

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 OMR.

It was unusually crowded at the clinic that day. Anur waited patiently for his turn. After waiting for close to an hour, he finally met the doctor (13) Anur looked pitifully at the doctor and whispered, "Doctor (14) wherever I touch, it hurts."

The doctor asked, "What do you mean?"

"When I touch my shoulder, it really hurts. If I touch my knee, it hurts too! When I touch my forehead, it really, really hurts (15) the man cried out in agony.

The doctor held up Anur's hands and chuckled as he said, "I know what is wrong with you. You have broken your finger."

13.           (1) ( , ) comma  
              (2) ( . ) full stop  
              (3) ( ? ) question mark  
              (4) ( ! ) exclamation mark
14.           (1) ( , ) comma  
              (2) ( . ) full stop  
              (3) ( ? ) question mark  
              (4) ( ! ) exclamation mark
15.           (1) ( , " ) comma and inverted commas  
              (2) ( . " ) full stop and inverted commas  
              (3) ( ? " ) question mark and inverted commas  
              (4) ( ! " ) exclamation mark and inverted commas

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 OMR.

16. I will \_\_\_\_\_ my father to let me go to the camp until he changes his mind.
- (1) inform
  - (2) request
  - (3) enquire
  - (4) persuade
17. The plan to build an old folks' home has \_\_\_\_\_ because of insufficient funds.
- (1) fallen in
  - (2) fallen out
  - (3) fallen over
  - (4) fallen through
18. According to the will, Susy is to receive a large \_\_\_\_\_ after her granduncle passes away.
- (1) token
  - (2) reward
  - (3) inheritance
  - (4) subscription
19. The crooked businessman is a \_\_\_\_\_ as he has cheated unsuspecting customers of their money.
- (1) miser
  - (2) dodger
  - (3) swindler
  - (4) prankster
20. Mr Leng will be summoned as a \_\_\_\_\_ at the court hearing because he saw the accident.
- (1) lawyer
  - (2) witness
  - (3) reporter
  - (4) conspirator

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 OMR.

Johnny worked in a factory that makes semi-conductors for computers. It was

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without a doubt that he was one of the most efficient workers around. However, Johnny

(22)

was not well-liked as he would blow his own trumpet over how good and fast he was at

(23)

work during his lunch break. He would even criticise others to make them feel bad about

(24)

themselves by saying that they should not be so incompetent.

Yassim had always found Johnny an eyesore and was sure that he would make a

mistake one day. True enough, Yassim was proven right when Johnny was fired from the

(25)

job for stealing some semi-conductors from the factory and selling them to a buyer at a

cheaper price.

21. (1) tabulates  
(2) composes  
(3) formulates  
(4) manufactures

22. (1) skilful  
(2) reliable  
(3) talented  
(4) productive



23. (1) talk about  
(2) rant about  
(3) boast about  
(4) gossip about

24. (1) blame  
(2) instigate  
(3) condemn  
(4) scrutinise

25. (1) unbeaten  
(2) defended  
(3) successful  
(4) vindicated

**Section F ( 5 x 1 mark )**

**Comprehension**

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

As early as 1000 BC, the Chinese cut and stored ice for use in warmer weather. 500 years later, the Egyptians and Indians made ice on cold nights by leaving water in wet earthenware pots outside. In 18th century England, servants collected ice in the winter and put it into ice houses. The sheets of ice were packed in salt, wrapped in strips of flannel and stored underground to keep them frozen until summer.

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Ice houses were then replaced with smaller ice boxes that were made of wood. These boxes were lined with tin and insulated with sawdust. Drip pans collected the melted water from the boxes and someone had to empty them every day. In the 18th century, scientist Michael Faraday liquefied ammonia to cause cooling. Today's refrigerator and freezer, together with air conditioners and de-humidifiers, work on an idea adapted from Faraday's experiments.

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Refrigerators compress a gas into a liquid. This process generates heat, which you can usually feel at the back of your refrigerator. The liquid is pumped through pipes to the inside of the refrigerator before being allowed to expand back into a gas. This process absorbs heat, cooling the inside of the refrigerator.

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However, people did not switch from ice boxes to modern refrigerators voluntarily. Warm winters in 1889 and 1890 in America created shortages of natural ice. Grocery stores and food industries were forced to use large refrigerators to freeze and store fish, dairy products and meat so that they would not go bad.

In 1911, General Electric released a home refrigerator that was invented by a French monk. This model used compressors that were fitted with a dial in the back of the refrigerator to control its temperature. Later, more stylish steel refrigerators were introduced. Today, the refrigerator is one of the most common home appliances.

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Adapted from <http://www.cbc.ca/kids/general/the-lab/history-of-iventon/fridge.html>

For each question from 26 to 30, 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 OMR.

26. In the past, what did people do to ensure that they get their supplies of ice in the summer?

- (1) They cut and buried the ice with salt.
- (2) They filled their earthenware pots with water every night.
- (3) They cut the ice and then stored it in wet earthenware pots.
- (4) They salted the ice, wrapped it with cloth and stored it underground.

27. What was the use of a drip pan from an ice box?

- (1) It stored sawdust.
- (2) It kept the ice cold.
- (3) It collected melted water.
- (4) It gathered liquefied ammonia.

28. In line 7, 'insulated' means \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) mixed
- (2) gelled
- (3) covered
- (4) separated

29. Which of the following statements is true?

- (1) Refrigerators compress a liquid into a gas.
- (2) Scientist Michael Faraday invented the first home refrigerator.
- (3) Faraday's experiments benefitted the operation of de-humidifiers.
- (4) The first refrigerator had a dial on its back to control its temperature.

30. What forced the people in America to switch to refrigerators?

- (1) The designs of these ice boxes became more stylish.
- (2) There was a shortage of natural ice in 1889 and 1890.
- (3) General Electric released a home refrigerator to the public.
- (4) Everyone had to freeze and store fish, dairy products and meat.

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BOOKLET B

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Section G ( 10x1 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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<del>(A)</del> as	<del>(D)</del> those	<del>(G)</del> on	<del>(K)</del> therefore	<del>(N)</del> was
<del>(B)</del> that	<del>(E)</del> where	<del>(H)</del> for	<del>(L)</del> in	<del>(P)</del> even
<del>(C)</del> more	<del>(F)</del> to	<del>(J)</del> most	<del>(M)</del> which	<del>(Q)</del> were

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The Eiffel Tower of Paris is one of the most famous monuments \_\_\_\_\_ earth. Whenever someone tries to promote France or  
(31) \_\_\_\_\_ Europe, an image of Eiffel Tower will \_\_\_\_\_ probably  
(32) \_\_\_\_\_ (33) be used.

The Eiffel Tower, which was created by Gustave Eiffel, was completed ~~in~~ 1889 \_\_\_\_\_ a tribute to the French Revolution. This had promoted the  
(34) \_\_\_\_\_ the three most important values, equality, liberty and fraternity, \_\_\_\_\_ the  
(35) French. Even today, more than a century later, the French continue to be proud of these values. When the Eiffel Tower was completed, it created quite a stir as it was the first of its kind anywhere \_\_\_\_\_ the world. Other engineers from Britain  
(36) and America had tried to create an iron structure like \_\_\_\_\_ of the Eiffel  
(37) Tower, but all their efforts \_\_\_\_\_ in vain as their structures were not  
(38) stable enough. The Eiffel Tower was \_\_\_\_\_ something that many  
(39) French people are proud of until today. They had succeeded \_\_\_\_\_  
(40) others had failed.

**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.

I do not know if you have noticed when you select your mushrooms. We have a

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wide **rainged** of mushrooms on the supermarket shelves. They come in lovely shades off

(43)

coffee, suede and cream. Some are **clumbed** together, looking like a flower, while others

look like a clutch of pretty round buttons.

(44)

For years, we had to settle for just **kanned** mushrooms. ~~Then~~ came the fresh

(45)

buttons, the first fresh mushrooms in the market. However, this days, we have much

more.

(46)

Mushrooms were a rich source of proteins, vitamins, minerals and fibre.

(47)

Mushrooms also have therapeutic **propertys** that trigger the body's immune **cistern**

(48)

(49)

Anyway, I could not **reesiist** these new types of mushrooms and spends hours

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thinking of how to cook them. I decided to fry and pile it ~~oyer~~ slices of rare beef. It

turned out to be the right combination.

Section I ( 15 x 1 mark )

Comprehension Cloze

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Do you enjoy reading? Books are important in our daily \_\_\_\_\_ (51)  
only an interesting \_\_\_\_\_ (52) but also a useful one as it provides us  
\_\_\_\_\_ (53) knowledge and information. Through reading, we can get to know many things,  
including how people in other parts of the world live.

We can also improve the \_\_\_\_\_ (54) of our language through reading. Most  
students acknowledge that reading can widen their vocabulary and \_\_\_\_\_ (55) them to write  
compositions \_\_\_\_\_ (56) effectively. They are thus able to express \_\_\_\_\_ (57)  
better.

Besides empowering us to be effective writers, reading also enables us to pass our leisure  
\_\_\_\_\_ (58) meaningfully. By reading books, magazines and newspapers, we can increase our  
general knowledge and \_\_\_\_\_ (59) up with the current affairs.

However, we must read widely. Reading only newspapers and magazines \_\_\_\_\_ (60)  
not enough as they do not provide adequate information and details. There are all \_\_\_\_\_ (61) of  
books on different subjects and of various interests. It is therefore important that all of us  
\_\_\_\_\_ (62) full use of the books that are available in public \_\_\_\_\_ (63)

It is good to cultivate the \_\_\_\_\_ (64) of reading. It is never too \_\_\_\_\_ (65)  
to start. You can begin today.

Section J ( 5 x 2 marks )

Synthesis

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. Jim took some cough mixture. He wanted to stop his cough.

To \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

67. The market was crowded. The housewife managed to buy some vegetables.

\_\_\_\_\_ although \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68. "I am going to Europe next year," said John.

John said that \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. Crocodiles have medicinal values. They are bred on commercial farms.

\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70. The washing machine is not working properly. You have just repaired it.

\_\_\_\_\_ which \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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Section K ( 10 x 2 marks )

Comprehension Open

Read the passage below and answer Questions 71 to 80.

Everything was ready. Then, it emerged. The body slid into his waiting hands and the baby cried out. Its blue skin turned pink. It was a boy, red-faced and dark-haired. His eyes alert, suspicious of the lights and the cold air. The doctor quickly cut his son's umbilical cord.

"He is beautiful," the nurse said. She waited while he examined the child. Then, she took the infant to the nursery to bathe and clean him. The weak cries stirred his wife. 5

"Where is the baby?" his wife asked, opening her eyes. "Is everything all right?"

"We have a son," the doctor said, smiling down at her. "You will see him as soon as he is clean. He is absolutely perfect."

His wife's face, soft with relief and exhaustion, suddenly tightened with another contraction. She cried out. He was startled but, at the same time, he understood what was happening. 10

"Nurse? I need you here right now," the doctor said.

After a moment of confusion, the nurse joined him by the table. "Twins?" she asked.

The baby was smaller and came easily, sliding so quickly into his gloved hands. He leant forward to make sure it did not fall. 15

"It's a girl," the doctor said as he cradled her like a football, face down, tapping her back until she cried out. Then, he turned <sup>the baby</sup> over to see her face. He froze. The tell-tale features were unmistakable.

"Poor coordination, possible heart complications and mental impairment." He remembered his professor's words as they examined a child with Down's syndrome years ago. 20  
The doctor felt shaky as he cut the umbilical cord.

"She must not know about this," he mumbled to himself. He then told the nurse to take the girl out of the delivery room immediately. "What shall I do now?" he murmured for he knew his wife would not be able to take the news.

The doctor found the nurse in the nursery, cradling the baby girl in her arms. "There is 25  
a place. I want you to take her there. They will take good care of her," the doctor said. She knew  
exactly where he was referring to.

Looking at the baby with pitiful eyes, the nurse wondered, "Would she be happy in an  
orphanage?" She wrapped the baby and left. Instead of heading for the orphanage, the nurse  
went home and packed her belongings. She drove to a faraway place where no one knew her. 30  
She was determined to raise the poor girl as her own.

Adapted from *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* by Kim Edwards

**ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.**

71. What did the doctor do immediately after the boy was delivered?

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72. Where did the nurse take the boy to after he was delivered?

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73. Which two-word phrase from line 5 to 10 tells you that the boy was in the pink of health?

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74. In line 10 and 11, explain what the doctor meant when he said he understood what was happening.

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75. Why did the doctor lean forward during the second delivery?

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76. How did the doctor know that there was something wrong with the second child?

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77. Name two symptoms of Down's syndrome.

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78. Why did the doctor tell the nurse to take the baby girl out of the delivery room immediately?

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79. What did the doctor instruct the nurse to do with the baby girl?

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80. What was the girl's fate?

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*Answer Keys*

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
4	3	2	2	4	3	4	1	2	2
Q11	12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
2	2	2	1	4	4	4	3	3	2
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
4	4	3	3	4	4	3	3	3	2
Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
G	P	J	A	F	L	B	Q	K	E

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| 41. range   | 46. are    | 51. lives      | 56. more       |
| 42. of      | 47. system | 52. hobby      | 57. themselves |
| 43. clumped | 48. resist | 53. with       | 58. time       |
| 44. canned  | 49. spent  | 54. vocabulary | 59. keep       |
| 45. there   | 50. them   | 55. helps      | 60. is         |
|             |            |                | 61. kinds      |
|             |            |                | 62. make       |
|             |            |                | 63. libraries  |
|             |            |                | 64. habit      |
|             |            |                | 65. late       |

66. To stop his cough, Jim took some cough mixture.  
 67. The housewife managed to buy some vegetables although the market was crowded.  
 68. John said that he was going to Europe the following year.  
 69. Crocodiles are bred on commercial farms for they have medicinal values.  
 70. The washing machine which you have just repaired is not working well.  
 71. He cut the boy's umbilical cord.  
 72. The nurse took the boy to the nursery after he was delivered.  
 73. The phrase is "absolutely perfect".  
 74. He knew that his wife was going to give birth again.  
 75. He leant forward to make sure the baby did not fall.  
 76. The doctor saw the unmistakable features of a child with Down's.  
 77. Two symptoms of Down's syndrome are poor coordination and possible heart complications.  
 78. He knew that his wife would not be able to take the news that their second child had Down's syndrome.  
 79. The doctor instructed the nurse to take the baby girl to the orphanage.  
 80. The girl was raised by the nurse.