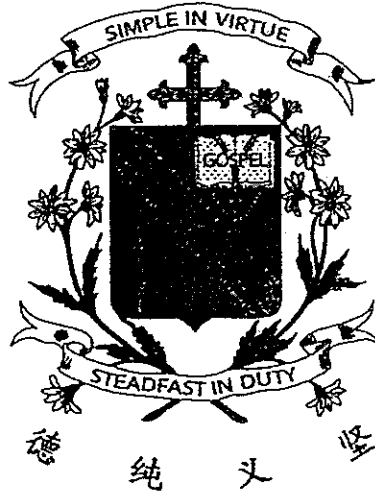


Class : Primary 5 _____

CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)



Primary 5

Semestral Assessment 1

9 May 2014

English Language

Paper 2 Booklet A.

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

28 questions

28 marks

Instructions to Candidates:

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

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

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)

This comedian is well-known _____ his humorous facial expressions.

- (1) in
- (2) as
- (3) on
- (4) for

"_____ is the best painting I have ever seen," Melissa said to the artist, praising him for his good work.

- (1) His
- (2) Hers
- (3) Mine
- (4) Yours

Kathy went to a cooking class and enjoyed learning to _____ new dishes.

- (1) create
- (2) creates
- (3) created
- (4) creating

"The customers _____ have been very happy with your service. They are full of praise for you," the manager told the waitress.

- (1) may
- (2) must
- (3) could
- (4) might

Elissa _____ for the past three hours but still insists on continuing with it.

- (1) has revised
- (2) had revised
- (3) has been revising
- (4) had been revising

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My parents bought me a new set of uniform after I _____ mine.

- (1) outgrow
- (2) had outgrown
- (3) have outgrown
- (4) was outgrowing

_____ you have enough money, you will not be able to buy a ticket to watch the show.

- (1) If
- (2) Since
- (3) Unless
- (4) Although

Meili enjoys her music lessons, _____ she?

- (1) do
- (2) does
- (3) don't
- (4) doesn't

The lifestyle of the villagers _____ still very much the same now as it was decades ago.

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

If she _____ the lottery, she would have gone for a holiday by now.

- (1) won
- (2) wins
- (3) has won
- (4) had won

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

(5 mar.)

11 My sister loves shopping. She is _____ on the lookout for good bargains.

- (1) instantly
- (2) constantly
- (3) temporarily
- (4) occasionally

12 The memory of the terrible accident would forever be _____ in Melissa's mind.

- (1) etched
- (2) depicted
- (3) eradicated
- (4) designated

13 All the creatures we share the Earth with are important in some way, no matter how _____ they may seem.

- (1) indispensable
- (2) insignificant
- (3) incorrigible
- (4) inevitable

14 My mother would _____ my homework for any mistakes once I have completed them.

- (1) look up
- (2) look into
- (3) look over
- (4) look after

15 Tammy always has her own ideas about things. She is not the kind who would get easily influenced by current trends and _____.

- (1) sit on the fence
- (2) turn over a new leaf
- (3) jump on the bandwagon
- (4) set the wheels in motion

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)

After that fall, I cried for hours, believing that my dream had been shattered. However, my coach and parents coaxed me, daring me to believe in my dream again. It was painful but I managed to get well.

(16)

(17)

Then this past season, things started going right. I finally realised that I had what it takes. I began to really believe in myself, and was finally ready to take on the biggest challenge of my life.

As I entered the stadium, the glare of the sun blocked out all my distractions. This was it. I was the odds-on favourite, having broken the world record in the trial. Could I do it again? Would I be the Olympic champion?

(18)

I did it! The hot favourite, as well as the rest, was annihilated by me! Some said it was a stroke of luck, others said I was finally coming into my own, that I was about to fulfill my potential. It was not a lucky break. It was hard work and determination.

Adapted from 'Let the Games Begin' by Lois Capon

- 16 (1) enticed
(2) tempted
(3) persuaded
(4) challenged

- 17 (1) revive
(2) recover
(3) readapt
(4) rehabilitate

- 18 (1) test
(2) finals
(3) assessment
(4) preliminaries

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- 19 (1) rumped
(2) defeated
(3) oppressed
(4) conquered

- 20 (1) fluke
(2) windfall
(3) incident
(4) accident

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

THE AMAZING SCRABBLE RACE

2nd Inter-School Scrabble Championship

Organised by Woodgrove Community Club and The New Paper
Supported by the Ministry of Youth and Polytechnics Central

Details of the Competition

Date:

7 June 2014 (Saturday) – Preliminary Round
8 June 2014 (Sunday) – Final Round

Time:

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Venue:

Function Room 1, Level 4 Woodgrove Community Club (beside Bottle Tree Park National Library)

Over the upcoming month, more than 500 pupils from primary schools islandwide are expected to compete for the title, Junior Scrabble Champion. This event, organised as one of the activities of Speak Good English week, will see one contestant winning \$5000 worth of cash and prizes as well as a challenge trophy for their school. The winner of the competition will also stand a chance to take part in the World Scrabble Championship.



Mr Mohan
Managing Director of
Polytechnics Central

*We are looking at the holistic development of young minds and are hoping to foster their love for the English language. Those who compete should not only focus on winning. Rather, **this** should be a good platform for pupils to display values like resilience and sportsmanship.*

Registration is now open until 31 May 2014 for the preliminary round. Schools can send up to 10 participants and 2 reserves. Log on to TheAmazingScrabbleRace.edu.sg NOW!

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The Champion



Karen Lim, 12, a student from Republic Primary School, became Singapore's Junior Scrabble Champion 2013, after winning the Amazing Scrabble Race. She beat second-placed Lina Lee, 10, from Mandarin Primary School. The 12-year-old was a stand-out performer among the 200 other participants and she described her experience as amazing. She has a vast vocabulary that most of us would struggle even to pronounce. In the deciding game of the tournament, she scored 98 points for 'coniines', a poison found in hemlock, and 86 for 'bandura', a Ukrainian lute. As the winner of the championship, Karen received \$5000 in prize money which she plans to save for the future and a trophy for her school.



Firstly, by taking part in the competition, I have learnt many new words from my fellow competitors. Also, I have learnt how to strategise my options. Most importantly, the competition has taught me how to remain focused under pressure and persevere towards my goals.

Karen Lim, 12

Student from Republic Primary School

Competition Rules



Time Allotted: Each player is allowed THIRTY (30) MINUTES to complete a game and must complete their first move within 5 minutes. There is no time limit on the time taken for subsequent moves. No overtime play is allowed.



Blanks: The two blanks may be played as any desired letter. When blanks are played, the player must state what letter it represents.



Passing: A player may pass his turn any time during the game. The player should state 'PASS' and activate his opponent's clock without playing any tiles on the board.



Challenges: A player may challenge any of the word(s) played by the opponent during the turn itself when the opponent plays the word(s).



Dictionaries, Word Lists & References: Players are NOT ALLOWED to consult any word list, dictionary or any other forms of reference whether electronic or physical, during the game.



Words Disallowance/Not Permitted: Pupils are NOT ALLOWED to use any words that are indicated as obscene, offensive, derogatory, swear, taboo and/or vulgar in the official reference dictionary.

For each of the questions from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make a choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet
(8 marks)

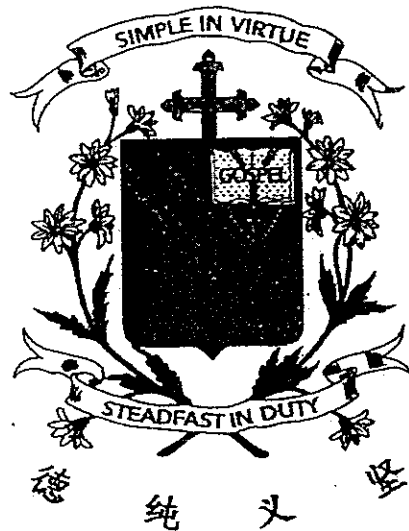
- 21 The Amazing Scrabble Race is co-organised by _____.
- (1) The New Paper
 - (2) Bottle Tree Park
 - (3) Ministry of Youth
 - (4) Polytechnic Central
- 22 What does the word **this** (**this** should be a good platform) on page 8 refer to?
- (1) the registration
 - (2) the competition
 - (3) the preliminary round
 - (4) the participating schools
- 23 According to Karen Lim, what was the most important lesson she has learnt from the competition?
- (1) to acquire new vocabulary
 - (2) to persevere to achieve her goals
 - (3) to strategise her moves during the competition
 - (4) to apply the spelling rules she was taught in school
- 24 Throughout the competition, participants can _____.
- (1) consult a dictionary during the game
 - (2) skip his turn only at the beginning of the game
 - (3) challenge any of the word(s) played by the opponent
 - (4) use words which are derogatory in the official dictionary
- 25 Based on the poster, which one of the following is **true**?
- (1) Participants will have to participate as a team.
 - (2) The Amazing Scrabble Race was held once before.
 - (3) Schools will have to register a month before the preliminary round.
 - (4) The champion will definitely get to participate in the World Scrabble Competition.

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- 26 Why are some of the text on page 9 printed in bold?
- (1) to encourage the readers to participate
 - (2) to highlight the importance of some of the points
 - (3) to add variety to the poster so that it looks interesting
 - (4) to differentiate the headings, sub-headings and other text
- 27 What is the main purpose of this poster?
- (1) to share the benefits of playing scrabble
 - (2) to educate people on the rules of the Amazing Scrabble Race
 - (3) to encourage schools to take part in the Amazing Scrabble Race
 - (4) to promote the attractive prizes to be won by the winner of the competition
- 28 Some of the information in this poster expresses facts; others are opinions. Which of the following information is an opinion?
- (1) More than 500 students will be competing in the Amazing Scrabble Race 2014.
 - (2) The competition may be used as a platform to develop students' love of English.
 - (3) Karen Lim won a trophy after becoming Singapore's Junior Scrabble Champion 2013.
 - (4) A player may challenge any of the word(s) played by the opponent during the turn itself.

END OF BOOKLET A

CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)



Primary 5

Semestral Assessment 1

9 May 2014

English Language

Paper 2 Booklet B

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

- | | | | | |
|-------------|-------------|----------|-----------|----------------|
| (A) are | (D) despite | (G) for | (K) of | (N) throughout |
| (B) and | (E) every | (H) from | (L) once | (P) with |
| (C) between | (F) except | (J) in | (M) since | (Q) were |

Twice a week, Gal Barash fills his mobile booth with unique pieces of jewellery fashioned out of basic household items. He then makes a short trip to Tel Aviv, where artists and merchants gather to display, and hopefully sell, an array _____ handmade crafts. "This fair is the best _____ Israel!" explained Barash, an artist born in Tel Aviv. "I remember coming here a couple of times when I was a kid _____ it amazed me."

This fair is held at the Nachalat Binyamin Market. _____ its establishment in 1988, local Israeli vendors have been taking their small businesses to the historic Nachalat Binyamin Street, which was _____ recognised as the city's longest road. Open-air booths have sprouted up _____ the neighbourhood, offering everything from wooden cabinets to blown glass art. Street performers also occupy the marketplace. _____ stalls, fair-goers could stop and watch performances by robot musicians or street magicians. Curious on-lookers could even learn a few magic tricks themselves – _____ a small fee, of course.

Nachalat Binyamin Market is a cultural melting pot where visitors _____ various parts of the world come to source for handmade products that _____ made and sold by the artists themselves. To Gal Barash, this market is not only a fascinating place for him to sell his merchandise but also an exciting venue for him to showcase his creativity.

Adapted from 'Travelling Across the World to Experience a Different Culture' by Jacob Schroeder

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

(12 marks)

(39)

Tay and I witnessed a beautiful sight on 10 February 2006. The whether was fair and the

tide was low. From a distance, Tay and I saw a family of otters happily playing on the bund that

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saperated the ponds. It was spectacular as well as entertainment to see them running around one

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another, intermittenly rubbing their bodies on the sand, marking out their tarytorees with their

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(44)

scent and okeisionaly standing up on their hind legs to catch a gleampse of us.

(45)

The family consist of six members - two adults and four pups. From our previous encounters

with the family, we saw that the parents often teach the pups how to fish. They would also play

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with the pups, and in the process, strengthen the bond within the group. This time, we saw it

teaching the pups how to mark their territory with the scent produced by the pair of scent glands

(47)

in the base of their tails

(48)

The fact that the otters were reproduction showed that Sungei Buloh Wetland Reserve is a

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natural habitat with abundant food for them. However, we should continue to keep the reserve a

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safe and kondusive habitat for them. Let's do our part to conserve the wetlands!

Adapted from 'A Family Outing' by Jeremy Ang

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

You will not find the Bermuda Triangle on a map. However, the name can still strike _____ into the hearts of some people. The Bermuda Triangle's three corners extend _____ (51) from the island of Bermuda to Miami to San Juan. It is in this area that a high number of unexplained disappearances of planes, ships and people have taken _____ (52).

One of the most famous _____ (53) is Flight 19. On 5 December 1945, the US Navy Avenger bomber _____ (54) vanished while on a routine training mission. The flight was led by Lieutenant Charles Taylor, who kept _____ (55) contact on the radio until nothing could be heard. The rescue plane that was sent to _____ (56) for them never made it back either. Two aircrafts and twenty-seven men vanished without a _____ (57) or so it seemed. Did Flight 19 simply crash into the Atlantic Ocean _____ (58) did something more mysterious happen? Where did the rescue plane go?

It is said that more than fifty ships and twenty planes had gone down in the Bermuda Triangle during the last century, _____ (59) it the name 'The Devil's Triangle'. The _____ (60) point in the Atlantic Ocean lies within the Bermuda Triangle. The immeasurable depth of the water might _____ (61) why some planes and ships are never seen or _____ (62) of again.

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More than a few people think the Bermuda Triangle is full of extra-terrestrial activities. In _____, some think that aliens have abducted missing planes and ships. Other people
(63) believe the area has several vortexes, usually a swirl of water that sucks in everything near it, that transport the lost planes and ships to _____ time and place. Yet others try to justify it
(64) with more logical _____ like weather, lack of experience and strong currents. The
(65) Bermuda Triangle is indeed a mystery!

Adapted from <http://www.kidzworld.com/article/bermuda-triangle>,

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 Neither Boon Keng nor Ah Huat will be going to the concert.

Both _____

67 You must change your dish cloths regularly or bacteria will grow on them easily.

Unless _____

68 The pupils rushed out of their classroom when they heard the dismissal bell.

Upon _____

69 "When is your tournament?" Amy asked her sister.

Amy asked her sister _____

70 During the party, Rachel was bored so she played games on her mobile phone.

_____ out of

I strung my longbow and set out on the trail that crisp September morning, with Fred some distance ahead of me. The early snow had melted and the woods were damp, making it easy to move along quietly.

As I came over a hill, I saw movement in the trees off to my left after hearing a ruffling noise. At first it was hard to fathom - two brown shapes hurtling into the air, 35 yards away. Then I realised they were first-year grizzly cubs, the size of German shepherds. The cubs had been nursing as the mother lay on her back. At the sight of me, the sow had jumped to her feet and tossed the young bears a distance away for safety

Immediately, the sow charged. Grunting harshly, head low, the creature which must have weighed at least 200 kilograms, closed the gap with unbelievable speed. I remember seeing those little black, beady eyes, and the anger which was like an aura around her.

I spun, looking vainly for a tree to climb. Fred was twenty yards up the trail, so I ran towards him, yelling, "It's a bear! Get your spray!"

Running from the bear, I now admit, was a total mistake. You cannot outrun bears. They are like missiles homing in on their targets. It only increases the likelihood of a full-blown attack.

Fred groped for his spray, which was stuck in the leather holster. Fearing for his life, Fred dove off the trail. I jumped behind a log. There she was, a few feet away. I could not help thinking what a beautiful, magnificent animal it was, but that thought was quickly replaced by fear that this was really happening. I thrust my bow at the sow and yelled, "Get out of here!" She whacked the bow out of my hands with one paw, and leapt over the log. It all happened so fast. The next thing I knew, I was just seeing teeth and trying to jump out of the way. The bear lunged, biting me in the face and neck. Then I realised I had to play dead or I was going to be dead.

Armed with his pepper spray canister in hand, Fred came running towards the bear, screaming. She dropped me and lunged at Fred. Directing the nozzle at the sow's face, Fred emptied the contents of the 4 ounce spray can. Gasping and choking, the bear veered off into the woods with her cubs bounding after her.

Through my struggle to stay conscious, I heard Fred say, "Are you all right?" Now Fred's experience as a physician came into play. He calmly assessed my wounds and assured me I would survive. Perhaps it was the body's strange way of coping with intense pain, the only real pain I felt was in my arm, which I thought might have been broken.

Twenty minutes later, as we neared our Jeep, it occurred to me to take a photograph of myself in order to remember the event. Only when I looked into the Jeep's rear view mirror did the full extent of my injuries hit me. It was also at this point that the pain began. Suddenly, my head and face hurt terribly

Adapted from <http://www.udap.com/markfullstory.htm>

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

71 What first alerted the author to the presence of the cubs? [1m]

72 From paragraphs 2 and 3, which sentence tells you that the creature reacted instinctively when it was startled? [1m]

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

(antonyms)

parched	
misunderstand	
gently	

74 Do you think it is advisable for someone to run from a bear? Support your answer with information from the passage. [2m]

75 Write down the simile the author used to describe the angry bear chasing him. [1m]

76 Write 1, 2, 3, and 4 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story. [1m]

_____ The bear freed the author.

_____ The author was badly injured by the bear.

_____ The author used his bow to protect himself from the angry bear

_____ Fred sprayed the can of pepper spray at the bear's face.

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77 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 author climbed a tree to escape from the sow.		
Fred's first attempt to use the pepper spray failed.		
The author's reaction just before being attacked by the sow was <u>one</u> of awe.		

78 What did the author mean by 'Only when I looked into the Jeep's rear view mirror did the full extent of my injuries hit me.' (lines 34-35)? [2m]

79 The table below shows the characters' actions and the causes of their actions. Fill in the blanks using information from the story. [3m]

Cause	Action
	The sow tossed the cubs away from the author.
	The sow veered off into the woods.
The author did not want to forget the incident.	

80 Based on the passage, list three things you should do if you are about to be attacked by a bear. [3m]

- i) _____
- ii) _____
- iii) _____

END OF PAPER



Exam Paper 2014 Answer Sheet

School: CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL

Subject: PRIMARY 5 ENGLISH

Term: SA1

1) 4	6) 2	11) 2	16) 3	21) 1	26) 4
2) 4	7) 3	12) 1	17) 2	22) 2	27) 3
3) 1	8) 4	13) 2	18) 4	23) 2	28) 2
4) 2	9) 1	14) 3	19) 2	24) 3	
5) 3	10) 4	15) 3	20) 1	25) 2	

29) K	31) B	33) L	35) C	37) H
30) N	32) M	34) J	36) G	38) A

39. weather

40. separated

41. entertaining

42. territories

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44. glimpse

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68. Upon hearing the dismissal bell, the pupils rushed out of their classroom.

69. Amy asked her sister when her tournament was.

70. Rachel played games on her mobile phone during the party out of boredom.

71. The author heard a ruffling noise.

72. It is "At the sight of me, the sow had jumped to her feet and tossed the young beans a distance away safety."

73. Parched – damp

Misunderstand – fathom

Gently – harshly

74. No, it is not. A person would not be able to outrun a bear and to make things worse, running away only increases the likelihood of a fiercer attack.

75. Like missiles homing in on the targets.

76. 3, 2, 1, 4

77. False – The author ran towards Fred.

True – Fred groped for his spray, which was stuck in the leather holster but he could not take it out.

False – The author felt fear just before being struck by the sow.

78. The author meant that he did not fully feel the pain from his wound until he saw how horrific they looked like in his reflection.

79. The sow wanted to protect its cubs.

Fred sprayed the pepper spray at the sow.

The author took a photograph of himself.

80. i) Climb up the tree.

ii) Play dead if you do not have a weapon.

iii) Spray pepper spray at the bear's face.

