



NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL  
2015 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1  
PRIMARY 5

ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
PAPER 2

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

Class: Pr. 5 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. Answer all questions carefully.
4. For Booklet A, shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

**Section A – Grammar MCQ (10 x 1 mark)**

For each question from 1 to 10, choose the most appropriate option (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

1. The number of girls who volunteered for the charity event last March \_\_\_\_\_ much higher than that of the boys.

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

( )

2. You hardly save any money, \_\_\_\_\_ you?

- (1) do
- (2) are
- (3) don't
- (4) aren't

( )

3. Please do not disturb Tom as he \_\_\_\_\_ to solve this Mathematics puzzle since this morning.

- (1) tries
- (2) is trying
- (3) will be trying
- (4) has been trying

( )

4. Mother picked up a coin from the floor but she did not know \_\_\_\_\_ it was.

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

( )

5. It was Mrs Lim and not Mr Yeo who painted the picture all by \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) herself
- (2) himself
- (3) ourselves
- (4) themselves

( )

6. I have never \_\_\_\_\_ to Malaysia before.

- (1) drive
- (2) drove
- (3) driven
- (4) driving

( )

7. The pipe was leaking, \_\_\_\_\_ we called for the plumber.

- (1) still
- (2) thus
- (3) however
- (4) nonetheless

( )

8. It will be quicker to get to the post office \_\_\_\_\_ foot than to wait for a taxi.

- (1) by
- (2) on
- (3) with
- (4) around

( )

9. It is often easier to \_\_\_\_\_ a new language when you are young.

- (1) pick at
- (2) pick on
- (3) pick up
- (4) pick out

( )

10. I was sure my son enjoyed his birthday party tremendously as \_\_\_\_\_ happiness was seen on his face.

- (1) few
- (2) little
- (3) many
- (4) much

( )

**Section B – Vocabulary MCQ (5 x 1.mark)**

**For each question from 11 to 15, choose the most appropriate option (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).**

11. Ali was overjoyed to receive a scholarship from the football academy. He \_\_\_\_\_ his success to his coach.
- (1) rewarded
  - (2) attributed
  - (3) appointed
  - (4) contributed
- ( )
12. "Stop crying, the slight scratch on your arm will heal soon. There is no need to \_\_\_\_\_," Mrs Lim said to her daughter.
- (1) beat about the bush
  - (2) stir up a hornet's nest
  - (3) leave no stone unturned
  - (4) make a mountain out of a molehill
- ( )
13. I have to \_\_\_\_\_ the vacation with my grandparents because the examination is around the corner.
- (1) forgo
  - (2) forget
  - (3) forfeit
  - (4) forsake
- ( )
14. Osman \_\_\_\_\_ to his mother remorsefully for breaking her favourite vase.
- (1) narrated
  - (2) declared
  - (3) proposed
  - (4) confessed
- ( )
15. Mr Leo, an astronomy enthusiast, uses a \_\_\_\_\_ to observe the details of the moon's surface.
- (1) periscope
  - (2) telescope
  - (3) microscope
  - (4) stethoscope
- ( )

**Section C – Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)**

For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word(s) and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

Obesity is a common problem in many young children. Ten-year-old Yongjie was one such child with weight issue. His classmates would tease him mercilessly. "The other kids would call me hurtful names. They had even made rude gestures by pointing fingers at my bulging tummy and laughing at me," Yongjie recalled. "The bullies also harassed me on the internet by posting nasty comments on social media platform every other day."

One day, Yongjie decided he would not be the centre of every one's mockery so he requested his parents to take him to a nutritionist. He had to undergo a strict regime of healthy diet and exercise every day over two years. With the help of his parents' constant supervision and encouragement, Yongjie had slimmed down and the bullying had also ceased.

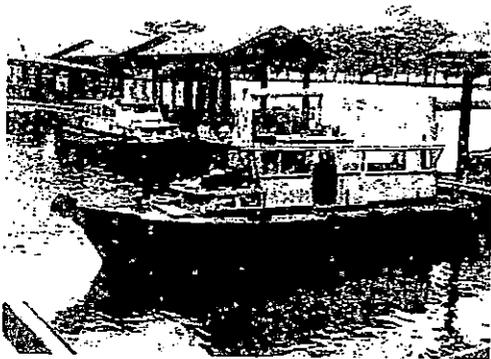
16. (1) cruelly  
(2) fiercely  
(3) tirelessly  
(4) carelessly ( )
17. (1) remarks  
(2) motions  
(3) displays  
(4) exhibitions ( )
18. (1) abused  
(2) annoyed  
(3) frightened  
(4) threatened ( )
19. (1) lie  
(2) joke  
(3) game  
(4) prank ( )
20. (1) system  
(2) regulation  
(3) resolution  
(4) programme ( )

# ***Come And Visit Pulau Ubin!***

## ***Description***

Pulau Ubin is an island situated in Northeast of Singapore. Its rural or "kampong" lifestyle is a delightful retreat from the hustle and bustle of Singapore.

It is a granite outcrop with several granite quarries that are no longer operating. These abandoned quarries have been fenced off and filled with water and they stay as picturesque relics of Ubin's heritage. While most of the villagers have relocated to Singapore, the island maintains its rustic charm with coconut palms and other fruit trees. Old rubber plantations make up a sizable part of the island.



## ***How to get to Pulau Ubin?***

Take a bum boat ride (\$2.50 per person) from Changi Point Ferry Terminal to Pulau Ubin Main Jetty. No ticket will be issued; cash payment upon boarding. Services run from sunrise to sunset.

The boat will only leave when there are 12 passengers.

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## ***Multiple Attractions to Explore!***



*Jejewi Tower*



*Broadwalk*

### ***Attraction 1: Tanjong Chek Jawa***

At the southeast of the island lies “*Tanjong Chek Jawa*” which was saved from reclamation due to public outcry. *Tanjong Chek Jawa* is rich in marine life, such as sand dollars, starfish, sea hares, cuttlefish and sponges, which is rarely seen on the main island. Viewers can view *Tanjong Chek Jawa* either from the *Jejewi Tower* or the *Broadwalk* that allows close up views of the marine life.

#### **Guided Tours:**

- Book in advance by calling the visitor centre’s hotline: 65424108.
- It is open to all ages, however, children under the age of 12 must be under guardian or parental guidance.
- A fee of \$8 per person to be paid directly to the guide during the tour.
- All participants must wear covered footwear.

### ***Attraction 2: Sensory Trail***

Experience Ubin’s wonderful nature through your different senses along the “*Sensory Trail*” which is easy-going and takes about 2 hours to complete.

Visitors will be accompanied by a nature guide to touch, see, and smell fruit trees, herbs and spices, plants used in medicine and native plants of the mangrove forest.



### ***Attraction 3: Ketam Mountain Bike Park***



For adrenaline junkies, this park has over a dozen trails of varying difficulty, featuring a series of steep climbs, sharp corners and demanding obstacles. Come and put your skills to test!

Entry is free. Park Management will not be held liable for any accidents or injuries.

*Adapted from Insight City Guide: Singapore*

For each question from 21 to 28, choose the most appropriate option (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

21. The main purpose of the brochure is to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) describe the history of Pulau Ubin
- (2) promote the various attractions in Pulau Ubin
- (3) increase the revenue of the bum boat operator
- (4) encourage the readers to return to rural lifestyle ( )

22. Pulau Ubin is under the charge of \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) National Parks
- (2) Nature Society
- (3) Wildlife Reserves
- (4) Singapore Tourism Board ( )

23. Which word under the subheading *Description* has a similar meaning to **remainder**?

- (1) relics
- (2) charm
- (3) retreat
- (4) outcrop ( )

24. According to the brochure, the bum boat ride \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) accepts early booking
- (2) is available after dark
- (3) departs on fixed timings
- (4) will not leave until there are twelve passengers ( )

25. What does the phrase "saved from reclamation due to public outcry" under the subheading *Tanjong Chek Jawa* tell you about Tanjong Chek Jawa?

- (1) People cried out loudly to save Chek Jawa from reclamation.
- (2) The people ordered Chek Jawa to be saved from reclamation.
- (3) Chek Jawa has a rich marine life because there was no reclamation.
- (4) Chek Jawa is protected because people disapproved the reclamation. ( )

26. If a teenager aged thirteen wants to join Tanjong Chek Jawa guided tour, he must \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) wear slippers
- (2) be accompanied by his parent .
- (3) pay \$8 on the day of the guided tour
- (4) make a trip to the visitor's centre to make a booking ( )

27. Kenny is a thrill-seeker and loves the study of plants. Which one of the following attractions suits him best?

- (1) Ketam Mountain Bike Park and Sensory Trail
- (2) Jejawi Tower and Tanjong Chek Jawa guided tour
- (3) Sensory Trail and Tanjong Chek Jawa guided tour
- (4) Tanjong Chek Jawa guided tour and Ketam Mountain Bike Park ( )

28. According to the brochure, which one of these statements is **false**?

- (1) The granite quarries are out of bounds to public.
- (2) A large part of the vegetation on the island is rubber trees.
- (3) There are twelve cycling tracks at Ketam Mountain Bike Park.
- (4) Tanjong Chek Jawa can be viewed from Jejawi Tower and the Broadwalk: ( )



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**Section E – Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)**

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 blanks. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

(A) after	(D) by	(G) of	(K) since	(N) were
(B) are	(E) for	(H) on	(L) such	(P) when
(C) besides	(F) in	(J) only	(M) to	(Q) within

Japan has an efficient network of high speed train line system. It connects the capital, Tokyo, \_\_\_\_\_ other major cities. The bullet train, which is named \_\_\_\_\_ the distinctive nose cone of the train model, can travel up to an \_\_\_\_\_ impressive speed of 400 kilometres per hour.

These bullet trains are better-known worldwide for its punctuality; most trains arrive \_\_\_\_\_ time to the second. The average arrival time is \_\_\_\_\_ six seconds from schedule. This includes all natural causes of delay \_\_\_\_\_ as weather and earthquake. Trains must be spaced three minutes apart \_\_\_\_\_ safety reasons. Fortunately, there has been no fatal accident \_\_\_\_\_ operations commenced in 1964.

Not \_\_\_\_\_ are the trains frequent and safe, but they also offer unmatched comfort to commuters \_\_\_\_\_ silent carriages, the seats on the train are also spacious and luxurious. Eating and drinking \_\_\_\_\_ permitted on the carriage. Japan's high speed train lines serve approximately 350 million commuters annually.

Adapted from <http://www.japan-guide.com/e/e2018.html>



**Section F – Editing for Spelling and Grammar (12 x 1 mark)**

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

(39)

Photography is a very popular hobby. It interesting many people from all ages.

It is easy to get started in and there is also plenty of room for expression of

40)

creativitee.

(41)

Getting a good camera does not gaurentee fantastic pictures. It is best to

42)

egaiup yourself with some knowledge of the basic rules in photography. This can be

(43)

done by reading books, watching videos and talking to profesional photographers. You

(44)

may also consider signing up for a class or seminer on photography. These lessons can

(45)

help you to understand in greater deep the art of photography. You can even have

(46)

great fun experimenting all the features and techniks like getting the right lighting

using flash.

(47)

You can become a good photographer by shoot pictures of various styles and

(48)

subjects. As practice makes perfect, the more pictures you shoot, the good you get.

(49)

With a digital camera, the number of photographs you can taken is unlimited

compared to an analogue camera.

(50)

With some basic tools, knowledge and practice, photography can be a very enjoy hobby. There is nothing more rewarding than capturing pictures of wonderful moments as well as sharing them with others.

*Adapted from <http://discoverahobby.com/learn/Photography>*

**Section G – Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)**

Fill in each black with a suitable word.

Wool is a raw material that has been widely available since the rearing of sheep.

\_\_\_\_\_ shears were invented. wool has been collected either by combing  
(51)

\_\_\_\_\_ plucking. No other material, \_\_\_\_\_ or man-made can  
(52) (53)

match it. Wool is \_\_\_\_\_ for clothing as it can be easily woven into cloth.  
(54)

The main advantage of wool \_\_\_\_\_ other materials is that it prevents the  
(55)

heat from escaping our bodies, keeping us warm. It also absorbs moisture, keeping the  
body \_\_\_\_\_  
(56)

Every summer, sheep are rounded \_\_\_\_\_ for shearing.  
(57)

\_\_\_\_\_ anyone can try to shear a sheep, not everyone can do a good  
(58)

job. If shearing is not carried out skilfully, the sheep might be \_\_\_\_\_ by the  
(59)

sharp tools. A skilled shearer can shear a sheep in less than two minutes and will remove  
the fleece in one piece. This process is not cruel to sheep \_\_\_\_\_ it is done  
(60)

in the warmest season and sheep grow wool continuously. Shearing is

\_\_\_\_\_ to hair-cutting. If sheep are not sheared at least once a year, they  
(61)

\_\_\_\_\_ very stressed and uncomfortable.  
(62)

The fleeces removed are rolled carefully into large bundles, \_\_\_\_\_  
(63)

known as bales. Experts will grade the bales by quality before they are sold

\_\_\_\_\_ auction to the highest bidder. The buyer will send the bales to the  
(64)

wool-mill where the wool is washed and dyed to the required \_\_\_\_\_ before  
(65)  
drying. The wool will then be spun into threads for commercial purpose.

*Adapted from "Wool" A Narrow Escape and other stories, First Aid in English Reader, by A. Maciver*

**Section H – Synthesis and Transformation (5 x 2 marks)**

**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 sentence(s).**

66. The engineers will complete the project before the deadline.

The project \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

67. Henry was the last to leave the classroom. He switched off the lights.

Being \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68. If it rains, the soccer match will be held in the indoor sports hall.

Unless \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. Miss Ong checked the schedule again. She did not want to miss her flight.

In order \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70. Mr Tan asked me, "Can you return the book for me this week?"

Mr Tan asked me \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Section I – Comprehension Open-ended (20 marks)**

**Read this passage and answer the questions that follow.**

That summer, I had my first selection test. I played my solo in front of the music-teacher judges in a classroom. Later, they posted the name list of the qualified candidates on a noticeboard in the hallway. The other students ran to the wall and searched for their names on the list, jumping up and down to look over other people's heads. Then, some screamed in excitement while some sli~~cked~~ away angrily. 5

Following the success of my audition, I was placed in the orchestra. I was in the middle of the violin section. However, I was too short to see the conductor as I was blocked by an eleven-year-old boy in front of me. "Hey, Gordon. Switch seats with Mandy," the conductor called, "she cannot see over you." 10

I learned that the world of orchestra was a hierarchical one. The assignment of seats from first row to last row of chairs was based on one's capability. If you were seated in the front near the conductor, you had to be excellent; if you were seated at the back, you were considered just medioc~~re~~. The shame being in the rear of the section was demoralising. I understood the gravity of the seating arrangement. 15

Upon hearing the conductor's words, Gordon looked stricken. "Everyone will think she had done better than me in the audition!" he burst. During the break, I heard him tell his friends, "I'm going to challenge her. Then, the conductor would have to return me my seat." After which, Gordon explained to me that we would both perform an excerpt from the orchestra music, alone in front of the group. Whoever played it better would win. I had no choice but to agree. 20

When we returned to class, Gordon wasted no time in bringing up his idea to the conductor. The conductor agreed and the challenge was scheduled for the following day. After class, seeing my father across the room, I ran up to him and flung myself into his arms. "Daddy! A boy challenged me! That boy over there!" I pointed. I waited for my father's sympathetic hug. I waited for him to tell me that he would not let any boy pick on me. Instead, he grabbed a music stand and set it up right in the corner of the room. Then, he told me to start practising. 25

For fifteen minutes, my father watched over my shoulder as I worked on the piece, barking orders. "Faster!" "Posture!" "Watch your rhythm!" Then, he sent me off, "There, now you just go out there and play like that. May the best man win." I gave my father a wink, feeling optimistic about the challenge. 30

Maybe I should have expected as much. When we played chess, my father always won. Years ago, my father said if he had eased up and let me win, that would be cheating. It was the first lesson I remembered from my father: Work hard and do not be afraid of losing. If you do lose, pick yourself up and try harder the next time. 35

71. In **paragraph 1**, why do you think some students "slicked away angrily"? (2m)

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72. Why was Gordon unwilling to exchange seats with Mandy? (2m)

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73. What does the word "it" in **line 22** refer to? (2m)

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74. Choose words from **paragraph 3 and 4** which have similar meanings to the words below. (3m)

a)	not very good	
b)	discouraging	
c)	troubled	

75. Which three-word phrase from **paragraph 5** tells you that Gordon immediately told the conductor about the challenge? (1m)

76. What did Mandy expect from her father when she told him about the challenge? (2m)

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77. What is the change in Mandy's feeling about the challenge after the practice with her father? (2m)

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78. 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
a) Mandy was shorter than Gordon.		
b) The conductor would return the seat to Gordon if he won the challenge against Mandy.		
c) Mandy's father wanted Mandy to win Gordon.		

79. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage. (1m)

\_\_\_\_\_ Mandy's father made her practise after class.

\_\_\_\_\_ Mandy got through the audition.

\_\_\_\_\_ Gordon challenged Mandy to perform in front of the group.

80. Do you think Mandy would be frightened of failure whenever she met a challenge? Give a reason to support your answer. (2m)

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3	1	4	4	1	3	2	2	3	4
Q 11	Q 12	Q 13	Q 14	Q 15	Q 16	Q 17	Q 18	Q 19	Q 20
2	4	1	4	2	1	2	2	2	4
Q 21	Q 22	Q 23	Q 24	Q 25	Q 26	Q 27	Q 28		
2	1	1	4	4	3	1	3		

Q 29	Q 30	Q 31	Q 32	Q 33	Q 34	Q 35	Q 36	Q 37	Q 38
M	A	H	Q	L	E	K	J	C	B

Q39 interests

Q40 creativity

Q41 guarantee

Q42 equip

Q43 professional

Q44 seminar

Q45 depth

Q46 techniques

Q47 shooting

Q48 better

Q49 take

Q50 enjoyable

Q51 Before

Q52 or

Q53 natural / organic / raw

Q54 suitable

Q55 over

Q57 up

Q58 Although / Though

Q59 hurt / injured / cut / wound

Q60 as / because

Q61 similar / likened

Q62 become / get

Q63 also / otherwise / usually / commonly

Q 64 at / by

Q65 colour

Q66. The project will be completed by the engineers before the deadline.

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Q71. I think the students slied away angrily because they did not qualify for the selection test.

Q72. He did not want others to think that Mandy had done better than him.

Q73. It refers to the excerpt from the orchestra music that Gordon and Mandy had to play.

Q74a. mediocre    Q74b. demoralizing    Q74c. stricken

Q75. wasted no time

Q76. Mandy expected father to hug her and tell her that he would not let any boy bully her.

Q77. She was more confident

Q78a. TRUE – Mandy was blocked by Gordon.

Q78b. TRUE – The conductor agreed to the challenge between Gordon and Mandy.

Q78c. FALSE – Mandy’s father wanted the better / more skilled person to win.

Q79. 1 – Mandy got through the audition.

Q79. 2 – Gordon challenged Mandy to perform in front of the group.

Q79. 3 – Mandy’s father made her practice after class.

Q80. No, she would not because she had learnt from her father to work hard and not to be afraid of failure.

**THE END**