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**CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT 1 (2005)
PRIMARY SIX
ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary Six _____

BOOKLET A

**35 QUESTIONS
(35 MARKS)**

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 HOUR 50 MINUTES

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

National Arts Council – ExxonMobil

Presents

Concert in the Park

HUMOUR ME!

23 Jan (Sun)
West Coast Park
(Grand Lawn, near Carpark 3)
4.30 pm – 6.30 pm

Getting there
Bus Services: 176, 30, 51, 143

Come join us for a fun-filled afternoon of exciting performances! Artists from children speech and drama groups and arts schools will rock the stage. Fringe activities include craft workshops, balloon sculpturing and face painting. So, bring out the child in you on 27 March!

Let the arts tickle your senses on 23 January! Laugh with Zareena Bana who will show you why laugh therapy is good for you and your health! Be charmed by Budak Pantai's spoof rendition of songs and music. Enjoy a special appearance by Malaysia's top comedian, Harith Iskandar. You can also get a hilarious portrait drawn by our caricaturists.

KIDZFEST

27 March (Sun)
Pasir Ris Park
(Near Carpark E & F)
4.30 pm – 6.30 pm

Getting there
10 min walk from Pasir Ris MRT station.
Bus Services: 354, 403

Free admission to all events. Visit www.nac.gov.sg or call Sharlene Lim (M&M) at 6227 7087 for more information.

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M & M



A programme by
ArtsReach
Bringing Arts to You

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 Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

1. Concert in the Park is organised by _____.

- (1) ArtReach
- (2) ExxonMobil
- (3) National Arts Council
- (4) Music & Movement (S) Pte. Ltd.

2. The main objective of Concert in the Park is to _____.

- (1) promote the arts
- (2) promote healthy lifestyle
- (3) bring about family bonding
- (4) bring out the child in everyone

3. If you want a good laugh, you must go to _____.

- (1) Pasir Ris Park on 27 March
- (2) Pasir Ris Park on 23 January
- (3) West Coast Park on 27 March
- (4) West Coast Park on 23 January

4. The activities that you can participate in "KIDZFEST" are _____.

- (1) balloon sculpturing and face painting
- (2) craft workshops and portrait drawing
- (3) portrait drawing and balloon sculpturing
- (4) speech and drama workshop and face painting

5. Sharlene Lim is an employee of _____.

- (1) ExxonMobil
- (2) National Parks
- (3) National Arts Council
- (4) Music & Movement (S) Pte. Ltd.

For each question from 6 to 17, 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 Optical Answer Sheet. (12 marks)

6. Some furniture _____ damaged during last year's holidays.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
7. If Geraldine had not bought the dress, she _____ have bought a present for her father.
- (1) will
 - (2) may
 - (3) could
 - (4) should
8. The old man was so intent on seeking revenge that he was prepared to go _____ against the crocodile, as long as it was killed.
- (1) up
 - (2) on
 - (3) out
 - (4) down
9. Shall I post the letter after you _____ it?
- (1) write
 - (2) writes
 - (3) are writing
 - (4) have written

10. Neither of the residents in the neighbourhood _____ the missing dog.

- (1) see
- (2) sees
- (3) has seen
- (4) have seen

11. It was Grace and not George who did the washing all by _____.

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

12. You may think you know the answer but you don't, _____ you?

- (1) do
- (2) don't
- (3) would
- (4) wouldn't

13. The soldiers had great difficulty in swimming _____ the river because of the swift current.

- (1) over
- (2) beside
- (3) across
- (4) through

14. Paul _____ travelling around the Australian continent since June this year. He is still there now.

- (1) will be
- (2) is being
- (3) has been
- (4) had been

15. Peter insisted that I being stronger and more skilful one, I _____ have defeated James easily.

- (1) must
- (2) might
- (3) would
- (4) should

16. Mr Lim _____ a camphor which he had mistaken for a sugar cube.

- (1) swallows
- (2) swallowed
- (3) has swallowed
- (4) had swallowed

17. How would you _____ if you had a loaded rifle thrown at you?

- (2) felt
- (3) feel
- (4) feels
- (A) feeling

For each question from 18 to 20, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (3 marks)

Retrenched from his job as a technician two years ago (18) Mr Robin Lau, a fifty-year-old man, started begging six months later, as he had used up all his savings. With nobody to turn to for support, he started roaming around his Bukit Batok estate, asking strangers for a dollar or two. He said (19) "I had no choice as I was totally broke. Begging was the only way to survive (20)

- 18. (1) [:] colon
- (2) [,] comma
- (3) [-] hyphen
- (4) [.] full stop

- 19. (1) [,] comma
- (2) [-] hyphen
- (3) [.] full stop
- (4) [;] semi colon

- 20. (1) ["] inverted commas and full stop
- (2) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
- (3) [! "] inverted commas and exclamation mark
- (4) [! "] exclamation mark and ~~exclamation mark~~ inverted commas

For each question from 21 to 25, 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 Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

21. After the fire, they accused the night watchman of _____ because he had been sound asleep when the fire broke out.

- (1) disregard
- (2) negligence
- (3) sluggishness
- (4) forgetfulness

22. If you are travelling in Singapore, you will find that the _____ are very friendly.

- (1) locals
- (2) natives
- (3) aborigines
- (4) indigenous

23. I can never get work done with others around; I need _____.

- (1) solitude
- (2) isolation
- (3) seclusion
- (4) loneliness

24. Ahmad and Sam are excellent players; they are the _____ of the hockey team.

- (1) spine
- (2) muscle
- (3) skeleton
- (4) backbone

25. There is a warning sign which states that these rollercoaster rides are unsuitable for people of a nervous _____.

- (1) body
- (2) system
- (3) disposition
- (4) constitution

For each question from 26 to 30, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

On the eve of Christmas in 1974, the people of Darwin were warned of the approach of a cyclone. But many were in the festive mood. They did not (26) heed the warnings given over television and radio. At 1.30 a.m. on Christmas Day, Cyclone Tracy hit the town. Many were crushed as houses (27) collapsed. Some were hit by flying debris. Many people hid under the rubble of their homes. When the cyclone finally died down, the whole town had no electricity, water and food. Survivors were (28) sent away to a place of safety and police patrolled the town. Although the damage across the city was (29) extensive, not many people died. The whole town was (30) rebuilt over a few years.

26. (1) obey
(2) copy
(3) Pass down
(4) Take note of
27. (1) blew up
(2) fell to ruin
(3) fell through
(4) disappeared
28. (1) escorted
(2) evacuated
(3) distributed
(4) transported
29. (1) serious
(2) deadly
(3) devastating
(4) widespread
30. (1) renovated
(2) refurbished
(3) refurnished
(4) reconstructed

Read the passage below and answer questions 31 to 35.

There was a strong breeze, which is unusual during a winter night in Gujarat. The sugarcane swayed wildly under a moonless sky. I pulled my jacket around me and adjusted my binoculars.

"You won't need them. It will come right down there, next to the cow," village leader Hitesh Patel whispered in my ears. 5

I felt like asking him if it was safe on the roof where we were perched, but then Vitthal Vasava signalled from the cowshed below.

"It seems to be coming from the riverside," he said. "You will see it any moment. Stay still and don't make any noise or you'll invite trouble," Hitesh reminded me. 10

Another couple of minutes passed, and then a leopard leaped out from behind the shed and made its way towards a cow that was chained to a tree nearby. As the leopard closed to within ten metres, it seemed there would be no escape for the cow. However, what I saw was something else – totally baffling.

As if enacting a character from Rudyard Kipling's *Jungle Book*, the cat ducked under the cow's neck, stretched out lazily and began to purr. At first, the cow ignored its companion but eventually gave in to the feline's playful nudges and started licking its fur as if it was one of its calves. It started pushing the cow's belly and after a while, crept under her neck and lay there as if resting. Then, it stood up and slowly walked back to the riverside. 15

What could have caused this extraordinary behaviour? It turned out that, about three years ago, a female leopard had given birth to two cubs in a sugarcane field. The villagers had spotted the family and had brought it to the notice of the forest officials. A few months later, a female leopard was captured in the area and taken to the zoo. There was no report of the cubs. 20

The people believed the leopard that has been frequenting the village every night and playing with the cow might be one of the two cubs. 25

"It's possible that this leopard cub would have seen the cow, and became imprinted on it," Hitesh Patel suggested.

Adapted from Shaikh, S. (2004). *Strangers in the Night*. UK: BBC Wildlife.

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31. What were the men doing on the roof?

- (1) They were enjoying the winter night in Gujarat.
- (2) They wanted to have a good view of Vitthal Vasava.
- (3) They wanted to keep a safe distance from the leopard.
- (4) They wanted to look at the leopard from a safe distance.

32. What kind of "trouble" (line 9) was Hitesh referring to?

- (1) The men falling from the roof.
- (2) The leopard attacking the cow.
- (3) The men being attacked by the leopard.
- (4) The leopard ducking under the cow's neck.

33. Why was the writer puzzled?

- (1) The leopard purred like a cat.
- (2) The leopard did not kill the cow.
- (3) The cow licked the leopard's fur.
- (4) The leopard pushed the cow's belly.

34. What was the cow's reaction to the leopard's "playful nudges" in line 16?

- (1) The cow was loving.
- (2) The cow was pleased.
- (3) The cow was irritated.
- (4) The cow was terrified.

35. What do you think caused the leopard to behave in such an "extraordinary behaviour" (line 20)?

- (1) The leopard had seen the cow before.
- (2) The leopard enjoyed playing with the cow.
- (3) The leopard treated the cow like its own kind.
- (4) The leopard had been frequenting the village every night.



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BOOKLET B

**50 QUESTIONS
(65 MARKS)**

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There are 10 blanks, numbered 36 to 45, 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 in order to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) besides	(B) however	(G) should	(K) to	(N) who
(E) beyond	(F) on	(H) since	(L) when	(P) with
(C) for	(D) only	(J) that	(M) while	(Q) would

Singapore businessman Michael Chng does charity with style. He chartered a plane to take some 100 of the city's destitute elderly folk (36) _____ a joy-ride. He has also taken groups of elderly on a cruise and (37) _____ a holiday at a camp. The plane charter alone cost the 52-year-old Good Samaritan \$14,200.

More than treats, his generosity extends (38) _____ basic necessities as well. He set up a fund, Helping Hands, thirteen years ago to help pay for emergency medical, clothing and food bills. Linda Koh, one of Chng's volunteers says he has (39) _____ donated \$21,300 to the fund.

(40) _____, the publicity-shy man, who owns an electronics company that has branches in Thailand and Malaysia, is modest about his good work.

"I'm only trying to make people happy," says Chng, a bachelor (41) _____ is staying with his aged mother. He passed on the credit to friends, including Koh, Winnie Tang and accounts manager Edward Tay.

Tang, a social worker, remarks, "We (42) _____ help to organize the activities - Michael pays for it all."

The senior citizens, who nickname Chng affectionately as *Fei Jai*, or "Fat Boy," still recall their sky-high adventure, a first for most of them, (43) _____ elation. "It wasn't scary at all. It was more fun than (44) _____ I got married," says Loke Yee Loy, 74.

Gan Ah Ann, 83, adds, "Without *Fei Jai*, we (45) _____ not have gone to all these wonderful places."

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box. (10 marks)

"Take an umbrella with you! It's going to rain," my mother said.

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47.

I was **substinet** and refused to take the umbrella. I thought he was

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a useless burden. My mother, not wanted to argue with me, shrugged

and walked away.

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I walked to the **phermelia** provision shop where we bought our

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51.

daily **neccesitees**. I bought a packet of sugar which were measured into

a paper cone. I was almost home when a heavy downpour of rain broke

52.

down.

53.

Aksidental, I dropped a fifty-cent coin. When I bent down to

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retreif it, the packet of sugar went flying down into a muddy drain. I was

55.

unable to get it back. **Angry**, I got up and continued on my way.

Fill in the blanks with the most suitable answer. (15 marks)

It was another ordinary day in Kruger National Park. As we drove around in our minibus, we came across a (56) _____ or baboon by the roadside. Several tourist vehicles had parked around them, so we stopped to have a look too.

Our gaze was drawn to a number of females bickering (57) _____ a tiny baby. While we were distracted by this scene of (58) _____ politics, another female suddenly leaped into the minibus through an open window, jumped over our shoulders and (59) _____ straight for our food stored in the back. The first thing she discovered was a loaf of bread, which she started devouring with (60) _____ relish.

“Move! Move! Or you’ll have the whole lot inside,” one of the drivers shouted at us. We slammed the window shut – just in (61) _____.

So now we had a huge baboon trapped inside the minibus. She sat on the back seat chomping (62) _____ without a care in the world, while fifteen of her troopmates (63) _____ over the vehicle. It took us a (64) _____ to realise that while the others remained on the outside trying to get in, there was no way we could get rid of our (65) _____ guest. Our only option was to drive off with our interloper in an (66) _____ to lose the rest of the baboons, then remove her safely.

Hotly (67) _____ by the troop, we took off. Our “passenger”, however, was still very relaxed. “Our” female jucked the half-eaten loaf under her arm, (68) _____ into the food bag again and fished out a packet of onion rings. She (69) _____ the pack open with her teeth and stuffed the contents into her mouth. A bag of crisps soon followed. She clearly had no (70) _____ of leaving until she had eaten all our food.

For each of the questions 71 to 75, 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)

71. The robber ran away. He saw the police officer.

On _____

72. Mrs Tan will have to babysit her grandson. Her daughter and son-in-law are working.

Unless _____

73. "At what time did you do your homework last night?" the teacher asked John.

The teacher asked John _____

74. He stopped at the hawker centre on his way home to buy a roast duck.

Before _____

75. He saw a suspicious-looking man loitering at the void deck last night.

A suspicious-looking _____

Read the passage through carefully and answer the questions that follow. (20 marks)

The first time I saw rafters navigate whitewater was last summer on the Colorado River. My father, brother and I were hiking down from the North Rim, of the Grand Canyon, just above a set of huge rapids. We stopped on the trail and stood to watch as four oar boats wound their way through large rocks and massive swells. It was sweltering that day, and the water, though frightening, looked inviting and cool. Ever since, I have yearned to be a part of the danger and excitement of rafting.

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That day did arrive, one Saturday afternoon. As soon as I stepped out of the car, the sound of the river gushing forcefully over the rocks filled my ears. Sure I was excited, but I grew nervous waiting for my turn to "ride". To help pass the time, I watched another group of rafters wind their way down the river, hoping to get an idea of what was in store for me.

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As the rafts were pulled and tossed, one of the passengers in the largest boat nearly lost his balance and fell overboard. At that point, I began to grasp some of the dangers of rafting the "big waters". I began wondering if a change of mind was not in order.

However, by the time I was able to do so, someone told me it was my turn. I knew that if I did not go then, I might never get another chance. "I have to do this," I thought. I took a good look at the course the raft would take. I received last minute instructions to "hang on for dear life" and we were off.

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At the outset, the water was calm and the ride smooth. But soon, the river grew more turbulent, pulling the raft from side to side. As the swells grew larger and the river seemed to pick up speed, the water around us swirled with greater force. I was confounded by the size and strength of the waves as our raft was pulled down, pushed up and propelled through rocks. From my position, I could see every obstacle in our path, which eased my mind a little. The front of the raft, as I quickly learned, has its disadvantages too. That was where you really get soaked.

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As we continued to move swiftly downstream, I noticed that a few yards ahead of us, the river seemed to disappear. The man behind me started screaming, "Five-foot drop ahead!" Indeed, it was. The raft began its descent over the rocks and I held fast to the rope, clenching my hands as hard as I could. Finally we were tossed from the angry waves. Only then did I know I was going to survive this ordeal.

25

When we reached the end of the course, I was relieved to find my feet on solid ground again. I took a deep breath and reflected how the ride had been. "Would I do it again?" I wondered. "You bet!"

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

76. What were the writer and his family doing in Grand Canyon in the first paragraph?

77. What did the writer embark on doing the next time he went to the Grand Canyon?

78. What two factors made the writer take up the challenge in the first paragraph?

79. When did the writer begin to have second thoughts about rafting?

80. What do the words "big waters" in line 13 refer to?

81. Why do you think the writer examined the route the raft would take?

82. Was the writer able to back out from getting into the raft at the last minute? Pick out a sentence from the passage to support your answer.

83. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as "baffled"?

84. According to the passage, what was the advantage and disadvantage of the writer's position in the raft?

85. What might the writer have learnt about himself on this rafting trip?

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| 01. 3 | 11. 1 | 21. 2 | 31. 4 | 71) On seeing the police officer, the robber ran away. |
| 02. 1 | 12. 1 | 22. 1 | 32. 3 | |
| 03. 4 | 13. 3 | 23. (1) | 33. 2 | |
| 04. 1 | 14. 3 | 24. 4 | 34. 1 | 72) Unless Mrs Tan's daughter and son-in-law are working, she will not have to babysit her grandson. |
| 05. 4 | 15. (4) | 25. 3 | 35. (3) | |
| 06. 3 | 16. 2 | 26. (4) | | |
| 07. 3 | 17. 2 | 27. 2 | | |
| 08. (1) | 18. 2 | 28. 2 | | |
| 09. 4 | 19. 1 | 29. (4) | | 73) The teacher asked John at what time he had done his homework the night before. |
| 10. (3) | 20. 2 | 30. 4 | | |
| 36) E | | 58) domestic | | |
| 37) C | | 59) went | | 74) Before going home, he stopped at the hawker centre to buy a roast duck. |
| 38) K | | 60) great | | |
| 39) H | | 61) time | | 75) A suspicious-looking man was seen loitering at the void deck last night. |
| 40) D | | 62) happily | | |
| 41) N | | 63) climbed | | 76) They were hiking from the North part of the Grand Canyon. |
| 42) F | | 64) second | | |
| 43) P | | 65) unwelcome/unwanted | | |
| 44) L | | 66) effort | 77) He wanted to go rafting. | |
| 45) Q | | 67) pursued | 78) The two factors were the excitement and danger of river rafting. | |
| 46) obstinate | | 68) dug | 79) It was when he saw one of the passengers nearly losing his balance and falling overboard. | |
| 47) it | | 69) ripped | 80) It refers to the water which was crashing against the rocks. | |
| 48) wanting | | 70) intention | | |
| 49) familiar | | | | |
| 50) necessities | | | | |
| 51) was | | 81) I think he wanted to know what he was up against. | | |
| 52) out | | 82) No, he was hot. The sentence is "However by the time I was able to do so, someone told me it was my turn." | | |
| 53) Accidentally | | 83) The word is "confounded". | | |
| 54) retrieve | | 84) It allowed the writer to see what lay ahead of him and he was easily soaked. | | |
| 55) Angrily | | 85) He is very daring. | | |
| 56) troop | | | | |
| 57) over | | | | |