



**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL  
FIRST SEMESTRAL EXAMINATION 2013  
PRIMARY 5**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**PAPER 2: BOOKLET A**

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 min

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Pr 5 ( )

There are a total of 80 questions – 30 MCQ and 50 open-ended questions.

**Instructions to pupils:**

- 1. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.**
- 2. Follow all instructions carefully.**
- 3. Answer all the questions**
- 4. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.**

**Section A: Graphic Stimulus (5 x 1m = 5m)**

Study the advertisement below and answer questions 1 to 5.

**Fantastic gifts when you subscribe to  
NY News @ [www.nysub.com](http://www.nysub.com)**

\*Subscribe directly from [www.nysub.com](http://www.nysub.com) now and bring home these fantastic gifts!  
Promotion ends 30 June 2013.

1-year subscription: Choose any one of the gifts from Group B  
2-year subscription; Choose one gift from Group A OR two gifts from Group B

**Group A subscription gifts**



Vacuum cleaner



Sound System

**Group B subscription gifts**



Digital Camera



Headphones



MP3 Player

**Choose your subscription package**

All - In - One (Print + Internet + iPAD + Smartphone)	iPad only	Smartphone only	Internet only	Print only
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\$28.65/  
month

\$26.65/  
month

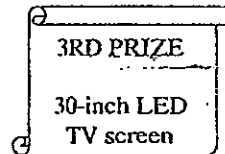
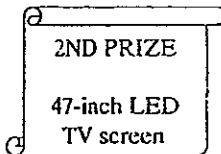
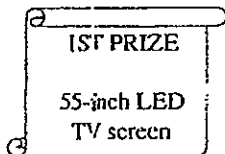
\$26.65/  
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\$26.65/  
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\$24.65/  
month

As a direct NY News subscriber, log in to [www.nyrewards.com](http://www.nyrewards.com) to enjoy exclusive offers.

**\*WIN THESE EXCITING PRIZES IN OUR LUCKY DRAW WHEN YOU  
SUBSCRIBE!**



Charge your subscription to your Everyday Credit Card to triple your chances of winning!  
Qualifying period from 1 April 2013 to 31 August 2013

\* Only valid for first-time subscribers. Not valid for existing subscribers or when you subscribe from news vendors.

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 Optical Answer Sheet.

1. Andy decides to subscribe to the NY News for two years. What can he choose for his subscription gifts?

- (1) two sound systems
- (2) a digital camera and an MP3 player
- (3) a sound system and a digital camera
- (4) a vacuum cleaner and a pair of headphones

2. You should subscribe to NY News by 30 June 2013 so that you can \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) enjoy exclusive rewards
- (2) receive a subscription gift
- (3) take part in the lucky draw
- (4) choose your subscription package

3. Meimei should \_\_\_\_\_ to increase her chances of winning the lucky draw.

- (1) register at [www.nyrewards.com](http://www.nyrewards.com)
- (2) buy NY News from news vendors
- (3) choose the most expensive subscription package
- (4) charge her subscription to her Everyday Credit Card

4. Ewan is eligible for the lucky draw if he \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) buys NY News from a book store
- (2) subscribes to NY News from the news vendors
- (3) already has a direct subscription with NY News
- (4) subscribes to NY News at [www.nysub.com](http://www.nysub.com) for the first time

5. For a subscription of \$26.65 a month, which of the following statements is **NOT TRUE**?

- (1) You can read the NY News on your iPad.
- (2) You can read the NY News on the internet.
- (3) You will receive a hard copy of the NY News.
- (4) You can read the NY News on your smartphone.

**Section B: Grammar Discrete (7 x 1m = 7m)**

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 Optical Answer Sheet.

6. Selena draws well, \_\_\_\_\_ she?

- (1) isn't
- (2) won't
- (3) hasn't
- (4) doesn't

7. We were told to hand \_\_\_\_\_ our homework to our group leaders.

- (1) in
- (2) up
- (3) out
- (4) down

8. Meiyin, as well as the boys, \_\_\_\_\_ basketball now.

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

9. Esther is a national swimmer and \_\_\_\_\_ competitively since she was ten years old.

- (1) is swimming
- (2) was swimming
- (3) has been swimming
- (4) had been swimming

10. Mother made Tim \_\_\_\_\_ his project before she allowed Tim to watch his favourite cartoon.

- (1) complete
- (2) completes
- (3) completed
- (4) completing

11. Jim cannot go out to play \_\_\_\_\_ he completes his homework.

- (1) if
- (2) since
- (3) unless
- (4) although

12. "\_\_\_\_\_ of the pupils can show me the way around the school?" the visitor asked Mrs Leung.

- (1) Who
- (2) What
- (3) Which
- (4) Whose

**Section C: Punctuation (3 x 1m = 3m)**

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 Optical Answer Sheet.

Down in the tunnel, the foxes crouched, listening to the terrible clanging and banging above them.

"What's happening, Dad (13) cried the small foxes.

Mr Fox did not know what was happening or what the farmers were doing.

"It's an earthquake (14) shouted Mrs Fox.

"Look!" exclaimed one of the small foxes. "I can see daylight! Our tunnel's got shorter!"

They all looked around and indeed (15) the mouth of the tunnel was only a few metres away from them. In the daylight, they could see the two huge black tractors almost on top of them.

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

**Section D: Vocabulary (5 x 1m = 5m)**

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 Optical Answer Sheet.

16. Grandma \_\_\_\_\_ the hardship she had suffered during the Japanese Occupation.
- (1) recited
  - (2) relayed
  - (3) reported
  - (4) recounted
17. Many motorists \_\_\_\_\_ the law by not wearing their seatbelts.
- (1) fail
  - (2) flout
  - (3) flaunt
  - (4) follow
18. We decided to \_\_\_\_\_ and head for home as we were too tired to train anymore.
- (1) call it a day
  - (2) give it a shot
  - (3) sit on the fence
  - (4) turn over a new leaf
19. The hostages \_\_\_\_\_ in fear as the robbers brandished their guns at them.
- (1) fawned
  - (2) pulsated
  - (3) cowered
  - (4) whooped
20. Diana could barely \_\_\_\_\_ her excitement at being given a role in a film.
- (1) retain
  - (2) release
  - (3) contain
  - (4) confine

**Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1m = 5m)**

For each question from 21 to 25, 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.

"I can smell the sea from here," said the prisoner. That seemed highly improbable coming from a man in a soundproof cell in northern Malaysia, far away  
(21)  
from the sea. All I could smell in this prison was the faint tang of ammonia used to  
(22)  
clean the floors.

It was hard to know what to believe of the prisoner's claims. At times, his  
(23)  
statements were contradictory. He would declare his innocence but would later  
(24)  
confess to being a willing criminal. Though his jailers remained unsure of who he  
(25)  
was, they knew exactly what he was: a pirate.

21. (1) realistic  
(2) possible  
(3) confusing  
(4) unthinkable

22. (1) tint  
(2) taste  
(3) image  
(4) odour



**Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1m = 5m)**

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

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 Optical Answer Sheet.

"Hurry up, Amy. it's Market Day!" Amy's mother exclaimed. Amy stirred drowsily, reluctant to open her heavy lids.

"Come along now," her mother said. "Heaven forbid that we should miss the bus!" Her mother's impatient command sent her hurrying to get ready.

5 Amy and her mother barely managed to find room in the bus as the passengers were packed like sardine. Off the rickety bus went, rattling along over the dirt road, until it eventually came slowly to a stop in the market area. Amy's mother bundled her off, eager to join the jostling crowds thronging the narrow streets.

10 Flashy displays of jewellery were spread out haphazardly on the walkways, with their coloured bangles, crudely fashioned rings, and roughly polished stones. Amy and her mother hurried past them making for the stalls selling textiles. Amy's mother quickly began sifting through the repetitive patterns of colours, fashioning in her mind's eye some new apparel for herself or for her husband.

15 Amy, however, had her mind set on the caves near the market. She had heard of the attractions there: the tempting iced drinks, the quaint handmade dolls and the fascinating puppet shows. Up till now, she had not been allowed to go on her own. For the moment, though, the displays of luscious-looking fruits across the road were too tempting. She counted the coins in her purse, and treated herself to a small bag of juicy plums.

20 Back at the textile stall, her mother was bargaining earnestly with the owner over some cotton fabric. The process of bargaining was something that her mother enjoyed at the market, perhaps even more than the sights and sounds of the market.

25 "There!" she said, smiling triumphantly at Amy. "Enough to make a dress, or even two. Now, something for your father."

"Mother, can I go and have a look inside the caves?" asked Amy. Amy's mother frowned slightly. She was not too keen on Amy wandering too far on her own, but she quickly relented.

30 "Be back here in an hour, and not a minute later," Amy's mother said as she pressed a few coins into Amy's hand. Amy gratefully promised that she would and bounded off to the biggest cave. Once inside, she was immediately stunned by its vastness. She felt uneasy. The next moment, she forgot about her uneasiness as she saw what she had come for.

35 She rushed to the far corner of the cave where a large white cloth screen was being erected. People were taking their places for a show. Suddenly, there was a roll of drums and an expectant hush fell over the audience.

26. Amy's mother was impatient with Amy because \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) Amy was still in bed
- (2) Amy was hurrying to get ready
- (3) they had missed a bus to the market
- (4) Amy did not want to go to the market

27. The word "rickety" (line 6) tells us that the bus was \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) old
- (2) late
- (3) crowded
- (4) speeding

28. Immediately after arriving at the market, Amy \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) stopped by the jewellery stall
- (2) bought plums from the fruit stall
- (3) went with her mother to the textile stall
- (4) bought drinks from the iced drinks stall

29. Amy's mother smiled triumphantly (line 25) as \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) she had made some dresses for herself
- (2) she had got a good bargain for her purchase
- (3) she had bought some textile for her husband
- (4) she enjoyed the process of bargaining with the stall owner

30. When Amy went into the cave, "she saw what she had come for" (line 34). She had been looking forward to \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) buying the quaint handmade dolls
- (2) exploring the vastness of the cave
- (3) savouring the luscious fruits sold there
- (4) watching the fascinating puppet shows



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PAPER 2: BOOKLET B

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 min

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Booklet A	/30
Booklet B	/65
Total	/95

Any query on marks awarded should be raised by 22 May 2013. We seek your understanding in this matter as any delay in the confirmation of marks will lead to delays in the generation of results.

PAPER 1 - Writing	/55
PAPER 2 - Language Use & Comprehension	/95
PAPER 3 - Listening Comprehension	/20
PAPER 4 - Oral Communication	/30
TOTAL	/200

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**Section G: Grammar Cloze (10 X 1m = 10m)**

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40. 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.

Use each WORD once ONLY

A) a	D) as	G) in	K) that	N) when
B) also	E) by	H) nor	L) the	P) with
C) and	F) I	J) so	M) to	Q) us

When I was growing up, my parents took up jobs in a remote town in another province, leaving my brothers and me in the care of my grandparents.

Nanay, as we called my grandmother, neither hugged \_\_\_\_\_ kissed children.  
(31)

Her tongue was sharp and her words made \_\_\_\_\_ heart bleed. She was a tyrant,  
(32)

but she was there for us. As early \_\_\_\_\_ I could remember, Nanay had always been  
(33)

a part of my life. \_\_\_\_\_ believed grandmothers lived forever.  
(34)

When we were little, she adopted orphaned cats \_\_\_\_\_ slept on the sofa with  
(35)

her and left \_\_\_\_\_ much hair on the beds that they made me sneeze. The cats  
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defecated inside the house and it stank so badly but Nanay did not have the heart  
\_\_\_\_\_ punish them.  
(37)

With us, it was a different story. When we displeased her, she threatened to die

\_\_\_\_\_ haunt us. My grandfather was a submissive, quiet man who never interfered  
(38)

\_\_\_\_\_ Nanay spewed the curses that would befall \_\_\_\_\_ if we did not  
(39) (40)

behave. As a result, I never feared anything like ghosts or vampires because I lived with the

“Real Thing” that could terrorise both young children and old men.

Marks

**Section H: Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1m = 10m)**

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

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Going to school is a daily activity for many children. It is a **prevelege** many of them

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take for granted. Yet, in some, it is something they have to work for. The students in Sikkim

are a good example. Located way up in the far north of India, Sikkim is a remote

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**mounternas** province. It has a wet climate that lets almost anything grow, thanks to the large

amounts of rainfall. Besides helping the plants to grow, it has another major effect – it

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wrecking the roads every year. In the dry season, the roads cling **prekarously** to steep

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hillsides and ridges. During the monsoon, they lose the battle and end up into the river at the

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(48)

bottom of the valley. This makes get to the local schools difficult for students, many of whose

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live in **eysolayted** communities. If the road has only been partly washed away, they still have

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to **wayd** through mud to get to school. If the road is destroyed, which is often the case, the

students simply cannot go to school.

Marks

**Section I: Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1m =15m)**

In the following passage, there are 15 blanks numbered 51 to 65. Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

The intelligent dolphins are the charismatic stars of many aquarium shows. Their curved mouths give the \_\_\_\_\_ of a friendly, permanent smile and they can be trained to \_\_\_\_\_ many complex tricks. Dolphins are also \_\_\_\_\_ liked by humans who make it a \_\_\_\_\_ to observe them in their \_\_\_\_\_ habitats. They live in the water, with most of them living in saltwater. Dolphins can \_\_\_\_\_ greatly in size, ranging from one metre to ten metres in \_\_\_\_\_. These mammals have long enchanted both children and \_\_\_\_\_ alike with their intelligence and playful nature that. Currently, there are about forty known species of dolphins in \_\_\_\_\_ today.

These adorable animals are known to eat a \_\_\_\_\_ of food including herring, cod, squid, plankton, and fish. Although dolphins have teeth, many species tend to \_\_\_\_\_ their food whole, using their teeth mainly to catch and grasp their \_\_\_\_\_. Dolphins can consume up to thirty kilogrammes of food every day.

Even \_\_\_\_\_ dolphins are well loved by humans, there are still many risks for them. Pollution in the water exposes them to chemicals that are not good for them. Noise pollution due to industrialization and boating can cause high \_\_\_\_\_ of stress. Commercial fishing can cause them to get \_\_\_\_\_ up in nets. A few of the species are already considered to be extinct and hopefully, there will not be any more of them added to that list.

Marks

**Section J: Synthesis/Transformation (5 x 2m = 10m)**

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).

66. Mark seemed to be losing the match. He refused to give up.

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

67. The twins do not wish to join the contest. Shaun also does not wish to join the contest.

Neither \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68. Mr Tan is a wealthy man. He does not live extravagantly.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. "The meeting ended at ten o'clock yesterday," Adam announced.

Adam announced \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70. The woman's handbag was stolen. She is my aunt.

\_\_\_\_\_ whose \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Marks
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I will always remember Mr Teo and his candy bars. I never got to eat any of them. They were too precious to be eaten. I kept each bar for weeks. Each time, I would find it gone from under my pillow, my drawer or wherever I had kept it. Mother would tell me she had thrown it away. The ants had devoured it or it had all melted. Nevertheless, candy bars will always remind me of Mr Teo and nothing will devour that sweet memory.

**ANSWER IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.**

71. What does "that" in line 3 refer to?

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72. Why did Mr Teo give the class an English test?

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73. In paragraph 2, which two-word phrase shows that the author and his classmates became more cheerful?

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74. "Singaporeans were not affluent in those days and candy bars did not come our way easily." (lines 7-8) What does this sentence tell us about the background of the students?

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75. What does the word "smirked" in line 12 tell you about how the author was feeling?

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Marks



76. How did the later candy acts differ from the first?

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77. What was the mission that Mr Teo gave the author?

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78. "Mr Teo's face turned red." (line 30) How did Mr Teo feel and why?

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79. Which sentence in the **second last paragraph** tells us that Mr Teo had brought out the best in the author?

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80. What did the author mean when he wrote, "nothing will devour that sweet memory"? (line 42)

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End Of Paper



# ANSWER SHEET

**EXAM PAPER 2013**

**SCHOOL : NANYANG**

**SUBJECT : PRIMARY 5 ENGLISH**

**TERM : SA1**

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
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Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
K	J	M	C	N	B

- 41)privilege      42)for      43)mountainous      44)wrecks      45)precariously  
46)in      47)getting      48)whom      49)isolated      50)wade  
51)impression      52)do      53)mostly      54)point      55)natural  
56)vary      57)length      58)adults      59)existence      60)variety  
61)swallow      62)prey      63)though      64)levels      65)caught  
66)Mark refused to give up although he seemed to be losing the match.  
67)Neither Shaun nor the twins wish to join the contest.  
68)Mr Tan does not live extravagantly despite the fact that he is a wealthy man.  
69)Adam announced that the meeting had ended at ten o'clock the previous day.

70)The woman, whose handbag was stolen,is my aunt.

71)It refers to Mr Teo taking the cane down and placing at the back of the class capboard.

72)He wanted to gauge how much they knew.

73)the two-word phrase is 'perked up'.

74)It tells us that the students came from poor homes.

75)He was feeling proud of himself.

76)In the first candy act, all the pupils received a candy bar no matter how they did. In the later candy acts, only those did well or made progress received a candy bar.

77)Mr Teo asked the author to coach his classmate.

78)He was angry at Wong's rude and rebellious reply.

79)It is that year, under Mr Teo was the year I unleashed my potential.

80)He would never forget Mr Teo's kindness.