



Maha Bodhi School
2009 Continual Assessment 1
English Language (Paper 2)

Name : _____ ()

Date : 2 March 2009

Class : Pr 5 _____

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

BOOKLET A

SECTION A: GRAPHIC STIMULUS COMPREHENSION (5 x 1 mark)

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

Soracco Musical Inviting Vocal Talents for Vesak Day Concert

Dear Members & Friends,

On 23 May 2009, Soracco Musical will be staging an evening of songs and music in celebration of Vesak Day at Raffles Hall.

If you have a good voice, we invite you to join us in the concert. This is a great opportunity for you to touch the hearts of many with your beautiful voice!

An open audition will be held on the following days:

- 17 Mar 2009 (Sat), 10am to 3pm
- 18 Mar 2009 (Sun), 12noon to 3pm

Venue: BF Centre, 9 Pasir Panjang Road,

Kindly register for the audition by:

- (a) Calling the Soracco Office at 62780900
- (b) Emailing to soracco@gmail.com

The following information is required:

- (a) name
- (b) contact number
- (c) email address

Closing date: 14 Jan 2009 (Wednesday)
Applicants will receive notice of their audition slots by 23 Jan 2009.

Choir Rehearsals

Sundays, from
12.30pm to 3pm
@ Music Cove.
Extra rehearsals
may be scheduled
nearer to the
performance date.

Choir Director:
Lim Ai Ling

Music Director:
August Lum



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 OAS.

1. The aim of the announcement is to _____
 - (1) develop singing talents
 - (2) promote the Soracco Musical
 - (3) inform applicants of the rehearsal dates
 - (4) look for suitable participants for the Vesak Day Concert

2. The announcement is put up by _____
 - (1) BF Centre
 - (2) Lim Ai Ling
 - (3) August Lum
 - (4) Soracco Musical

3. Successful applicants will get to perform at the _____
 - (1) BF Centre
 - (2) Raffles Hall
 - (3) Music Cove
 - (4) Soracco Office

4. Malcom would like to participate in the concert. He should inform the organisation by _____
 - (1) 14 January
 - (2) 23 January
 - (3) 18 March
 - (4) 23 May

5. Which one of the following statements is true?
 - (1) Choir rehearsals are held on Saturdays and Sundays.
 - (2) Only successful applicants will be notified by 23 January.
 - (3) The mailing address need not be included when registering for the audition.
 - (4) Applicants may choose to go for the audition either on 17 March or 18 March.

SECTION B: GRAMMAR, PUNCTUATION AND VOCABULARY (20 x 1 mark)

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 OAS.

6. As a nursing student, I _____ to take a course on medications.
- (1) was required
 - (2) were required
 - (3) were requiring
 - (4) would have required
7. _____ artworks were chosen to be exhibited at the LEAP Camp.
- (1) Any
 - (2) Much
 - (3) A little
 - (4) Several
8. The toddler backed _____ in shock when he saw the growling dog.
- (1) up
 - (2) off
 - (3) out
 - (4) away
9. _____ the terrible pain in my tooth, I had to work the night shift at the factory.
- (1) Except
 - (2) Despite
 - (3) However
 - (4) Although
10. Bhaddo, like his classmates, _____ Physical Education lessons. He does not like Art and Craft that much.
- (1) enjoy
 - (2) enjoys
 - (3) has enjoyed
 - (4) have enjoyed
11. As Lawrence was unwell, he was asked to _____ on the bed at the sick bay.
- (1) lie
 - (2) lay
 - (3) lain
 - (4) lying

12. I realised the carpet dealer had _____ me for a ride. The carpet that I bought from him was not very good.

- (1) take
- (2) took
- (3) taken
- (4) taking

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation mark and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

Class 5 Joy had to complete an English project that their teacher, Miss Tan, had given them. After reading the instructions (13) Jovin frowned. The topic was "My Most Valuable Asset".

"Why do English projects have all these strange words? I do not even know what an asset is (14) he grumbled.

John tossed a dictionary at him. "Stop grumbling and start searching. Otherwise, you would not be able to finish it on time!" he advised.

Jovin took the dictionary and sighed (15) "If only I have a talking dictionary."

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

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 OAS.

16. All primary schools will _____ for two days to celebrate the Chinese New Year.

- (1) close in
- (2) close up
- (3) close off
- (4) close down

17. The hunter _____ home wearily through the deep snow after killing the wolf.

- (1) strutted
- (2) skipped
- (3) trudged
- (4) trampled

18. Raffles Lighthouse is _____ at the southern tip of Singapore.

- (1) placed
- (2) located
- (3) founded
- (4) established

* 19. James and Keith visited the _____ to learn more about bees and to observe how honey is collected.

- (1) aviary
- (2) apiary
- (3) abattoir
- (4) academy

* 20. "Please do not _____," Mrs Sim pleaded with the kidnapper over the phone. "Tell us directly what you want!"

- (1) draw a blank
- (2) take things easy
- (3) get away scot-free
- (4) beat around the bush

** Questions are from Vocabulary Enrichment List*

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

Do you like to eat frog's legs? Frog's legs are no longer (21) eaten on a small scale and at certain times of the year. The delectable amphibians have hopped onto the (22) food lists of French school cafeterias, Asian market stalls and American diners, increasing the demand for them. The (23) insatiable global appetite for frog's legs has resulted in at least 200 million frogs being eaten every year. Over-harvesting is a (24) major worry. It could lead to the extinction of frogs, the researchers warn.

"Amphibians are already the most threatened animal group because of disease, habitat loss and climate change. Man's (25) massive appetite for their legs is not helping," said one of the scientists involved, ecologist Corey Bradshaw, of the University of Adelaide, in a statement.

There are about 6000 known frog species and it is estimated that about a third to half may become extinct in our lifetime.

21. (1) digested
(2) ingested
(3) devoured
(4) consumed
22. (1) menus
(2) recipes
(3) directories
(4) catalogues
23. (1) unfortunate
(2) unavailable
(3) unsatisfying
(4) unstoppable
24. (1) main
(2) crucial
(3) superior
(4) mammoth
25. (1) large
(2) heavy
(3) weighty
(4) gigantic

SECTION C: COMPREHENSION (MCQ)

(5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

The ferry picked up speed. I breathed a sigh of relief. I would stay on the ferry for as long as possible, then make my way home somehow, by bus or by train. It couldn't be that difficult, I thought, to work out a route back. I stood by the edge and gazed over to the far side of the river, where buildings lower down had been destroyed and smallholdings abandoned. Higher up, another new town stood proud.

"Lucky people, aren't they?"

A rather overweight man had come to stand next to me. I looked at him, bewildered. He pointed across the water.

"Nice new homes they've got now. New jobs too, most of them. Nice warm factories instead of having to break their backs digging for a small income."

I didn't think my family would have agreed. Father had always refused to work in a factory, however much Uncle had tried to persuade him. I didn't want to talk to this man, though. I just wanted to be alone with my thoughts.

"Are you going far?" he asked.

I nodded, hoping he would go away.

"A bit young to be on your own, aren't you?"

"I'm older than I look," I said, trying to sound tough.

"Old enough to work?" he continued. "My wife and I, we're always on the lookout for girls to work in our factories. This is a good deal."

"I don't want to work in a factory," I said. "I'm going home."

"That's our loss. Hope you have a good journey," the man flashed me a smile. I was glad that at that moment the ticket man approached me. The man walked away.

"Where to, Miss?" he asked.

I told him "all the way" and he told me how much I had to pay. I reached into my bag, delved down to the bottom, my fingers inching to touch the fat wad of crisp notes Mrs Hong had given me. I couldn't find it. I could feel my face turning red, my heart thumping. I searched around with my hand, then opened the bag wider and pulled out my clothes to look underneath. The money wasn't there.

"Is there a problem, Miss?" asked the ticket man.

"My money – it's gone. Someone's taken my money," I exclaimed. It hit me like a sledgehammer, the awful realisation that it must have been stolen while I was sound asleep at night.

Adapted from "Spilled Water" by Sally Grindley

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 OAS.

26. The writer "would stay on the ferry for as long as possible" (line 1 and 2) as _____.
- (1) she wanted to enjoy the boat ride
 - (2) she did not quite know the way home
 - (3) it was difficult to buy a bus or train ticket
 - (4) the ferry was slowly increasing its speed
27. "This" in line 19 refers to _____.
- (1) working in a factory
 - (2) being old enough to work
 - (3) being on the lookout for girls
 - (4) looking out for girls to work in the factory
28. The writer was glad that the ticket man approached her (line 21) because she _____.
- (1) wanted to pay for her ticket
 - (2) did not want to talk to the man
 - (3) did not want to work in a factory
 - (4) wanted to think about the man's suggestion
29. When the writer could not find her money, she _____.
- (1) burst out crying
 - (2) went red with anger
 - (3) got hit by a sledgehammer
 - (4) realised that she was robbed
30. Which statement is true?
- (1) The writer had a job offer.
 - (2) The writer was older than she looked.
 - (3) Many people broke their backs when they worked in the fields.
 - (4) Both the writer's father and uncle were against the idea of working in a factory.

===== END OF BOOKLET A =====



Please remember to check your work thoroughly.





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Booklet A (30 marks)	
Booklet B (65 marks)	
Total (95 marks)	

BOOKLET B

SECTION D: GRAMMAR CLOZE (10 x 1 mark)

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

(A) in	(D) if	(G) for	(K) this	(N) which
(B) or	(E) as	(H) any	(L) from	(P) these
(C) so	(F) by	(J) will	(M) could	(Q) during

Dengue haemorrhagic fever is a serious disease that attacks both children and adults. It is caused by germs carried by the Aedes mosquito (31) _____ can easily be distinguished (32) _____ other common mosquitoes. It has black and white stripes on its body and it bites mostly (33) _____ the day.

When a person is infected with (34) _____ disease, a high fever and other symptoms, (35) _____ instance, a skin rash or tiny red spots will soon develop. The victim may be (36) _____ ill that he becomes unconscious. It is advisable to see a doctor immediately.

Aedes mosquitoes breed (37) _____ ponds with stagnant water, (38) _____ in containers that have collected water. They need still water to lay their eggs and keep them safe.

We can prevent mosquitoes from breeding (39) _____ we break the life cycle (40) _____ getting rid or covering all containers that are potential breeding grounds. We also should change the water in flower vases or such containers at least once a week.

SECTION E: EDITING FOR SPELLING AND GRAMMAR

(10 x 1 mark)

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

(41)

A friend of mine loved riding his bicycles. **What is** so **spareshel** about that? Well, he

(42)

(43)

(44)

did not wore a helmet when he cycled. Concerned about his **saveti**, I had tried asked him to

(45)

use one but I never success.

(46)

(47)

Once, when I was thinking about this, it **ockerred** to me that I could gone cycling

(48)

with him. He would **darefinately** wear one if I put it on for him, or so I thought. When he saw

(49)

(50)

me with two **shineni** helmets, he shook his head but rode off without waiting for me. I could

not understand why he never wore helmets because he did not bother to explain it to me.

SECTION F: COMPREHENSION CLOZE

(15 x 1mark)

Read the passage carefully and then fill in each blank numbered 51 to 65 with a suitable word of your own.

It was Mother's Day. Mrs Tan's family was going to (51) _____ Mrs Tan to her favourite restaurant for dinner to (52) _____ the occasion. Early (53) _____ morning, her son, Kai Xuan and her daughter, Kai Li, made a scrumptious (54) _____ for their mother. They had occasionally (55) _____ out in the kitchen, so it was not a difficult (56) _____ getting it ready before their mother woke up.

Mrs Tan was greatly (57) _____ by her children's kind gesture. She was truly impressed with their (58) _____ work. The breakfast tasted wonderful. After breakfast, Mrs Tan's family revealed their (59) _____ for dinner that night. Mrs Tan was elated but it was not because they were going to her favourite restaurant. To her, it was not what or where she ate that mattered, but whom she (60) _____ her time with.

Mrs Tan was glad that her family (61) _____ what she had been doing for (62) _____. She had been cleaning, cooking and looking after her family since she (63) _____ her job five years ago. Although Mrs Tan found that being a (64) _____ was tougher than working as a clerk, she realised that her sacrifice was well (65) _____ it. It was a truly memorable day for her.

SECTION G: SYNTHESIS / TRANSFORMATION

(5 x 2 marks)

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. James does not like the smell of durians. He likes to eat them.

_____ although

67. Tom and his classmates enjoy playing football. They are less enthusiastic about basketball.

_____ prefer

68. Ali is keen on participating in the Annual Sports Day this year. His younger brother feels the same way as well.

Both _____

69. The tsunami struck Indonesia a few years ago. Many lives were lost.

When _____

70. Kip Hock trains for two hours every day. He wants to do well for his fitness test.

_____ so

SECTION H: COMPREHENSION**(10 x 2 marks)**

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

Remember to use the comprehension strategies that you have learnt to help you understand the text better.

<p>When Minli decided to cycle home from her best friend, Gailiang's place, she was not nervous. After all, she had lived there all her life. She was eleven years old and certainly not afraid of the dark, and it was only a twenty-minute ride home anyway. However, halfway home, when she couldn't see the lights of the streets, she began to wish she hadn't been quite so brave, and had accepted a ride home from Mr Tan. She pedalled faster.</p>	5
<p>She went round a slight bend. The pale moonlight barely lit the streets. Her heart was thumping loudly and she was panting as she pedalled away at top speed, so she didn't hear the car until it suddenly drove past her like a silent black ghost. She squealed in shock and skidded to a stop. The big black limousine also stopped, the brake lights glowing bright red in the mist. The tyres screeched as it reversed down the road to Minli.</p>	10
<p>The car stopped alongside her. She tried to look inside, but the windows were tinted almost black and she could see nothing. Then the window on the passenger's side began to slide silently down. Minli found she was holding her breath, too frightened even to move.</p>	15
<p>In the soft glow of the many instruments, Minli saw something move inside. Then a very bright light suddenly clicked on, and Minli found herself staring at a little grey-haired old lady! Minli almost burst into giggles or even tears.</p>	20
<p>"Hello, dear," said the little old lady. "Can you help me? I'm afraid I'm lost. Can you tell me where I might find the nearest airport? It's very important. I have to be there in the next ten minutes."</p>	
<p>"Airport? I'll say you're lost," Minli said, getting off her bike and walking closer to the car. "You have to go back down this road the way you've just come for about five kilometres. Then, when the road ends, take the left turn and drive for another five or so kilometres. That puts you back on the main highway. Then you turn right and follow the signs for about another five kilometres. I'm afraid there's no way you're going to make it in the next ten minutes though."</p>	25 30
<p>"Thank you very much, dear. You're very kind to an old lady. Don't worry. It's easy to drive around at this hour. I'll think I'll be able to get there in time."</p>	
<p>The window wound up again and the car moved off. A little way ahead, it did a three-point turn and came back. The headlights flashed as it went past Minli. She smiled and waved. "Poor old dear. She hasn't got a chance," Minli thought.</p>	35

For each question from 71 to 80, write your answer in the space provided.

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE BASED ON THE PASSAGE AND IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Give one reason why Minli was not afraid of cycling home by herself.

72. What did Minli regret not doing?

73. Who do you think Mr. Tan was?

74. Which sentence tells us that where Minli was, it was completely dark?

75. How do we know that Minli was nervous? Give two ways.

76. Why did the writer describe the car as a 'silent black ghost' (line 10)?

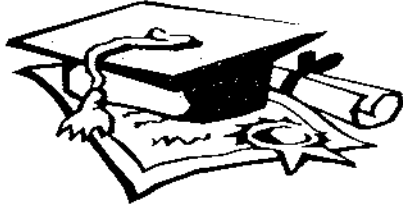
77. Explain clearly why Minli almost burst into giggles or even tears (lines 19 & 20).

78. How far approximately was the car from the airport?

79. Why do you think the old lady thought that she would be **“able to get there in time”**? (lines 32 & 33)

80. **“She hasn't got a chance,”** Minli thought.” (lines 36 & 37) What does **“chance”** refer to?



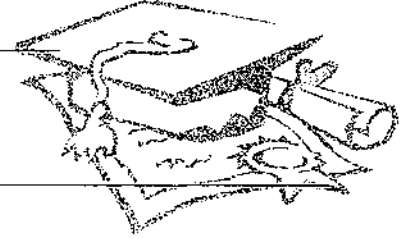


ANSWER SHEET

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Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
4	4	2	1	3	1	4	4	2	2	1	3	1	1	4	2	3

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
2	2	4	4	1	4	1	1	2	1	2	4	1	N	L	Q	K

Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
G	C	A	B	D	F

41)special 42)wear 43)safety 44)asking 45)succeded

46)occurred 47)go 48)definitely 49)shiny 50)and

51)take 52)celebrate 53)that 54)breakfast

55)helped 56)task 57)impressed 58)good 59)plans

60)spent 61)appreciated 62)years 63)quit

64)housewife 65)worth

66)James likes to eat durians although he does not like the smell of them.

67)Tom and his classmates prefer playing football to playing basketball.

68)Both Ali and his younger brother are keen on participating in the Annual Sports Day this year.

69)When the tsunami struck Indonesia a few years ago, Many lives were lost.

70)Kim Hock wants to do well for his fitness test so he trains for two hours every day.

71)She was familiar with the place.

72)Minli regretted not accepting a ride home from Mr Tan.

73)I think Mr Tan was Cailing's father.

74)It is "The pale moonlight barely lit the streets".

75)Minli's heart was thumping loudly and she was panting when she was cycling.

76)She did not hear the car until it was beside her and the car was black.

77)She expected to see someone scary in the car but there was only an old lady.

78)It was about fifteen kilometres.

79)It was late at night and the traffic is smooth.

80)It refers to the possibility hood, adds of the old lady reaching the airport in time.

