

Name : _____ ()

Class : Primary 5 _____

CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)**Primary 5****Semestral Assessment 1****9 May 2016****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)

- 1 Tony was sick, _____ he?
- (1) isn't
 - (2) didn't
 - (3) wasn't
 - (4) doesn't
- 2 Mr Lim _____ the newspaper to our house every morning.
- (1) delivers
 - (2) delivered
 - (3) is delivering
 - (4) has delivered
- 3 The furniture in this house _____ currently on sale.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
- 4 The little boy responded to his mother's demands _____ throwing a tantrum.
- (1) in
 - (2) by
 - (3) with
 - (4) from
- 5 The child _____ if he had not been saved by the lifeguard.
- (1) drowned
 - (2) will drown
 - (3) will have drowned
 - (4) would have drowned

- 6 I saw a man, clad in black and sporting a moustache, _____ a bicycle from the park.
- (1) steal
 - (2) stole
 - (3) has stolen
 - (4) had stolen
- 7 It was Amy and not the boys who prepared the food by _____.
- (1) itself
 - (2) herself
 - (3) himself
 - (4) themselves
- 8 "We should not be overly confident. _____, we might lose out in the final round of the competition," the captain told the team.
- (1) Although
 - (2) However
 - (3) Therefore
 - (4) Otherwise
- 9 I was using my green pen a while ago. It _____ be here somewhere.
- (1) must
 - (2) shall
 - (3) can
 - (4) will
- 10 Mr Lim, _____ car has broken down, is calling a tow truck now.
- (1) who
 - (2) which
 - (3) whom
 - (4) whose

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

- 11 The school trip to Thailand has been _____ due to the low take-up rate.
- (1) called in
 - (2) called up
 - (3) called off
 - (4) called out
- 12 Jane has set _____ goals for herself so she may not be able to achieve them.
- (1) clear
 - (2) specific
 - (3) personal
 - (4) unrealistic
- 13 Roy's father said, "The prices of food served at this restaurant are very reasonable. They don't cost _____."
- (1) an arm and a leg
 - (2) an eye for an eye
 - (3) a chip of the old block
 - (4) a penny for your thoughts
- 14 Many illnesses, _____ considered incurable, can be treated successfully now.
- (1) hardly
 - (2) merely
 - (3) formerly
 - (4) increasingly
- 15 As a result of climate change, an increasing number of plant and animal species is _____ with extinction.
- (1) filled
 - (2) enriched
 - (3) threatened
 - (4) endangered

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)

The reindeer were surrounded. Unless the reindeer pushed through, they would be the wolves' next meal. Instinctively, the reindeer broke out of the circle of wolves and ran off as quick as lightning, dragging the sled. As the sled moved over the uneven ground covered with snow, the wolves growled.

Sami and her child were holding onto their sleds tightly for survival. Suddenly, the child left her mother's arms and disappeared into the powdery snow cloud. The screams of the despairing mother rose above the howling of the wolves.

Several wolves scurried back to the child who lay quietly on the snow. When the pack of wolves came close, the child looked peacefully into their wild eyes and made not a sound. Just then, the silence was interrupted by a gunshot. The child's father raced towards the wolves on his sleds. Immediately, the wolves retreated. It was a narrow escape.

Adapted from 'The Gift of Star Eye' by K.C. Tesselndorf

- 16 (1) left
(2) dodged
(3) escaped
(4) released
- 17 (1) jerky
(2) jagged
(3) bumpy
(4) swollen
- 18 (1) dissolved
(2) vanished
(3) departed
(4) exited

- 19) (1) furious
(2) worried
(3) hopeless
(4) impatient

- 20) (1) serenely
(2) excitedly
(3) fearlessly
(4) confidently

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

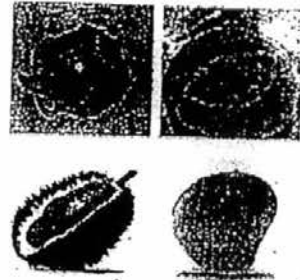
1-Day Kaha Town Sightseeing and Gastronomic Tour

12 August 2016

7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Adult: \$40, Child (3-11 years old): \$20

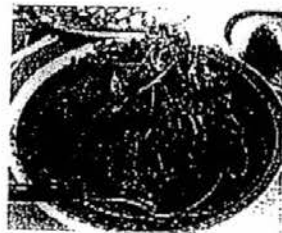
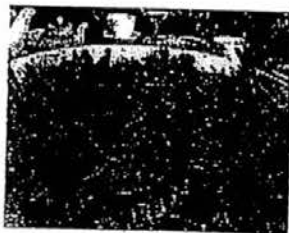
Visit the local fruit farm and learn about the unique farming techniques. Get a chance to sample the fresh produce, including all-time favourites like mangoes, durians, papayas and dragon fruit. Be spoilt for choice as **they** will satisfy your palate! A variety of fruit products including homemade fruit jams are also on sale at the farm.



Visit the Old Town Square, a popular tourist attraction in Kaha Town. It has many significant landmarks. Your knowledgeable guide will acquaint you with the rich history of this area.

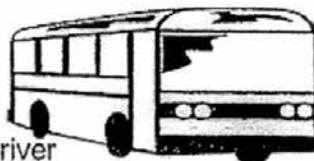


Indulge in the fresh seafood and sumptuous local cuisine.



Tour package includes:

- 45-seater air-conditioned tour coach
- Sumptuous local lunch and seafood dinner
- Visit to fruit farm and local handicraft village
- Experienced and knowledgeable tour guide and coach driver



Terms & Conditions:

- Child, 2 years old and below travels free
- Full payment has to be made at the time of booking
- Tour will be cancelled if less than 20 people sign up
- Pick-up at 7a.m. will be at Bugis MRT Station. Drop-off will also be at Bugis MRT Station
- Additional payment of \$5 per participant will be collected on the day of the tour as tips for the guide and driver
- Participants without valid travel documents on the departure day will be excluded from the tour. No refund will be given

Cancellation Policy:

- No refund if booking is cancelled less than 7 days before the departure date
- 50% refund if booking is cancelled at least 7 days before the departure date

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Email: enquiry@justgotravel.com

My husband and I took our parents and three children on this tour. The driver, Mr Raj, and guide, Mr Tony, took good care of us throughout the trip. Mr Tony knew so much about all the places we visited and was so humorous. All of us enjoyed listening to his commentaries! The meals definitely satisfied our appetites for quality, authentic local food. Also, my children had fun trying all the different types of fruits they had never even seen before! We had a great time!



Mrs Lilian Tan, a satisfied customer

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 Based on the flyer, which of the following is **true** of the tour?
- (1) A 1-night stay in a hotel is included.
 - (2) Participants will arrive at Kaha Town at 7 a.m.
 - (3) Parents need to pay \$20 for each child below three years old.
 - (4) Participants will have opportunities to sample food from Kaha Town.
- 22 The word 'they' on page 8 in the paragraph about the local fruit farm refers to _____.
- (1) farming techniques
 - (2) local fruits grown on the farm
 - (3) fresh produce from Kaha Town
 - (4) homemade fruit jams sold at the farm
- 23 According to the paragraph about the Old Town Square, the guide will be able to tell participants more about the _____ that area.
- (1) recent attractions of
 - (2) past events related to
 - (3) wealthy people living in
 - (4) tour packages available for
- 24 The main purpose of the flyer is to _____.
- (1) promote a 1-day tour to Kaha Town
 - (2) highlight the attractions of Kaha Town
 - (3) inform participants of the schedule for the 1-day tour
 - (4) compliment the services provided by Mr Raj and Mr Tony

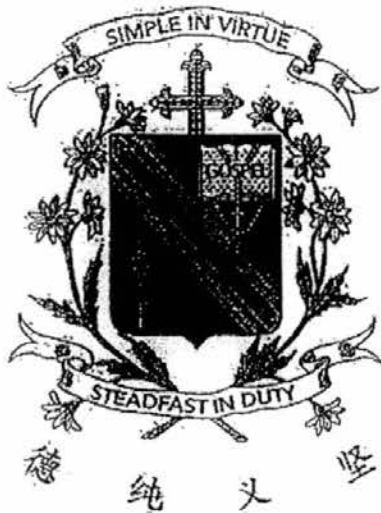
- 25 The tour will be cancelled if _____.
- (1) no children signed up for the tour
 - (2) there are only 12 participants for the tour
 - (3) some participants did not tip the driver and guide
 - (4) some participants do not have valid travel documents
- 26 Why are exclamation marks used in Mrs Lilian Tan's comments?
- (1) to invite readers to sign up for the tour
 - (2) to make her comments more believable
 - (3) to express how pleased she was with the tour she had gone on
 - (4) to draw readers' attention away from the other sections of the flyer
- 27 Which of the following is most possibly why Mrs Lilian Tan's comments were included?
- (1) to thank her for travelling with Just Go Travel
 - (2) to give more details about the highlights of the tour
 - (3) to convince potential customers to sign up for the tour
 - (4) to introduce potential customers to Mr Raj and Mr Tony
- 28 Some of the information on the flyer expresses opinions whilst others are facts. Which of the following information is an opinion?
- (1) The guide will show participants around Kaha Town.
 - (2) Bookings will only be accepted at the Just Go Travel office.
 - (3) Participants will definitely enjoy the fresh and sumptuous local cuisine.
 - (4) There will be no partial refund if booking is cancelled a day before the date of departure.

END OF BOOKLET A

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CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)



Primary 5

Semestral Assessment 1

9 May 2016

English Language

Paper 2 Booklet B

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

52 questions
67 marks

Instructions to Candidates:

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Answer all questions.

Parent's Signature: _____

Booklet A	28
Booklet B	67
Total	95

This booklet consists of 10 printed pages and 1 blank page.

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) and | (D) but | (G) has | (K) is | (N) or |
| (B) are | (E) by | (H) have | (L) must | (P) unless |
| (C) as | (F) can | (J) if | (M) of | (Q) with |

Humans are social beings. Communicating _____ one another is very important. Communication helps us to be aware of other people's thoughts and emotions

_____ we lack the ability to read minds. We can also share and develop ideas.

Controlled _____ the brain, communication takes different forms such as spoken, written and body language.

Language _____ allowed humans to make incredible progress over the past 10,000 years. Today, more than five thousand languages _____ spoken throughout the world. Written language enables us to keep records _____ our cultures and ideas.

Speech enables us to converse with one person or many at the same time.

Body language _____ also facial expressions provide a wide range of signals about our moods. Body language _____ be just as revealing as spoken words. It may convey whether we are lying _____ telling the truth. Hence, the next time you want to check _____ a person is telling the truth, just observe whether he is fidgeting and looking away.

Through communication, we share with others what we think and how we feel.

Adapted from 'Human Body' by Richard Walker



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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)

In the early hours of a brisk January morning, the village of Kampong Khleang is bustling

(39)

with activities. Fishermen haul his nightly catch to shore where women and children clean the fish

(40)

(41)

thoroughly, weigh and pack them into bags. These bags are then transported from the markets.

(42)

"We live on our fishing boats," says Vong Vuth, a youthful who has been helping his father

(43)

to fish. "Without Tonle Sap, we would be without food and money. It is a neccesity and our source

(44)

of life." Vuth is referring to the lake who provides Cambodia with most of its fish. During the wet

season, the rains will cause the lake to flood. In 2000, strong winds and flooding destroyed many

(45)

homes, causing a deesastor in the area.

(46)

Catching fish is only purnited by the government for a couple of months following the wet

(47)

season. It will be dificurt to fish after that due to flooding. Even during those two months,

(48)

fishermen are scared to go out to fish as strong winds can overturns the boats easily. There is also

(49)

a high posibeelity of lightning due to the heavy rains.

(50)

As Vuth stares out on the water, he reflects, "We live a simple life. We don't make much

money but it's enough to get along. That's all we ask for in this life."

Adapted from 'Lake of Life' by Brent Levin



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Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

To a bird, a nest represents its home. A bird needs the right materials to

_____ a strong nest.
(51)

Unlike most birds, the weaverbird builds its nest _____ leaves. The leaves

so that they _____ not break easily. Dry leaves are too stiff and brittle.
(53)

First, the weaverbird uses its beak to tear the leaves _____ strips. Then it ties a few

of the strips around a twig growing from a tree, steps on the knot and takes the loose ends in its

_____ to weave them together. The weaverbird will always tie each strip to the branch

to _____ it from falling off. _____ the bird runs out of strips, it makes new

ones and adds them to the nest. _____ the bird forms a ring that will become the

entrance to its nest. It knows the right shape to make the nest and how strong the materials

_____ to be.
(59)

The tailorbird is yet _____ bird that builds its nest with leaves. It sews its nest

by punching holes along the edge of each leaf and looking for plant fibres to be _____

as threads. The tailorbird pulls the threads to sew the leaves _____. Finally, it lines

the inside with grass when it is _____ sewing the nest. After its hard work, the

bird settles into _____ new, cozy nest. Now, the bird has a safe place to lay
(64)

(65)

_____ hatch its eggs. The baby birds will grow quickly in this warm environment.

Adapted from 'Animal Architects' by Brenna Maloney



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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 Ahmad plays football. His brother also plays football.

Both _____

67 There was a thunderstorm. The beach outing was cancelled.

_____ because of

68 Renee likes apples. She likes pineapples more.

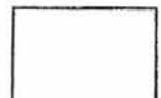
_____ prefers _____

69 Jane asked, "Is there any food left here?"

Jane asked _____

70 Jimmy won the top prize in the national competition. He wanted to sign up for the international one.

Having _____



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A surge of excitement bubbled within Sean as he approached the village, carrying the biscuits. Fresh food was not something to be shared with anyone except with his mother and his little sister, Annie. The village was silent, empty of people.

His home was like any other cottage in the village. It was a building made of stone. It had the tallest chimney in the village and its chimney stood proudly out from the roof. The chimney was his father's pride and joy. Sean had witnessed the hard work that his father put into building the cottage many years ago. 5

"The higher a chimney is, son, the more smoke it draws," he explained to Sean when all the neighbours scoffed at his gigantic chimney. When it was finished, he sat upon it with a drink in his hand. Watching the sunset, he threw back his head and laughed with the neighbours for it was indeed a monster of a chimney. 10

"Truly a wonderful creation," Sean repeated his father's words aloud and the thought of him brought a smile to his eyes.

The door was stiff and heavy, so Sean stuffed the biscuits down his shirt to leave both his hands free to open it. His mother and Annie lay together where he had left them that morning. Annie had kept her promise. The fire was still roaring in the fireplace and keeping the house warm. 15

"Well, Sean, dear, is it food that you're bringing us this time?" his mother asked. This was asked with no bitterness and no blame but in a voice drained of all hope.

"What would you say to a few biscuits, Mother? Great and thick oatmeal ones," Sean replied. Annie immediately threw her arms around his neck and hugged him, as if she would never let go. "Annie, I managed to get these biscuits for all of us!" he exclaimed with pride in his voice. 20

His mother struggled to get up. Sean recognized the cold blue hand of starvation on her face. Her face was of the same colour as Danny's, Mary's and little Joes before they died. He had known it for a few days now so it did not come as a shock to him, but a terrible sadness welled up inside him at the sight of her. 25

"Is it true that you have biscuits for us, Sean?" she said with a tint of disbelief, her words punctuated by a rasping cough that took hold of her and shook her. Sean held up the biscuits in triumph. 30

"There'll be one for you, Annie and me," he said.

"Can I eat it all, Mother?" asked Annie, caressing the biscuit. "Can I eat it all today?"

"Every bit, Annie dear. But eat slowly," murmured their mother. "It could be very dry."

The three wolfed down the biscuits. Every crumb was picked up from the ground and eaten. After they had licked their fingers clean, Sean sighed in anxiety, "When will be our next meal?" 35

Adapted from 'Twist of Gold' by Michael Morpurgo

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

71 In paragraph 1, who did Sean want to share his biscuits with? [1m]

72 Which sentence from lines 4 -11 tells us that Sean was there when his father was building their cottage? [1m]

73 Choose words from lines 8 -17 which have the same meanings as the words below. [3m]

enormous	
inflexible	
marvellous	

74 What does the 'promise' in line 16 refer to? [2m]

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

- _____ Sean's mother tried to get up.
- _____ Sean brought the biscuits back to his village.
- _____ Annie hugged Sean in excitement.

76 Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table is 'True' or 'False', then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	True/False	Reason
Sean's father was angry at his neighbours for laughing at his gigantic chimney		
Sean could open the door easily		
Sean had only three		

77 How do we know that the author's mother was very ill? Give two observations to support your answer. [2m]

i) _____

ii) _____

78 The table below shows causes and results of events. Fill in the blanks using information from the story. [2m]

Cause	What happened as a result
	Sean's mother asked Sean if he really had the biscuits
Sean's mother felt that the biscuits could be very dry	

79 Write a word to show Sean's feelings in each event. [3m]

Event	Sean' s feelings
When Sean was approaching his village	
When Anne hugged Sean	
After Sean ate the biscuit	

80 Sean and his family treasured the biscuits. Support your answer with two reasons from the passage to show that. [2m]

i) _____

ii) _____

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EXAM PAPER 2016 (P5)

SCHOOL : CHIJ

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

TERM : SA1

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3	1	1	2	4	1	2	4	1	4
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
3	4	1	3	3	3	3	2	3	1
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
4	2	2	1	2	3	3	3	Q	C
Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38		
E	G	B	M	A	F	N	J		

39)their 40)thoroughly 41)to 42)youth 43)necessity

44)which 45)disaster 46)permitted 47)difficult 48)overturn

49)possibility 50)at 51)build 52)using 53)do

54)into 55)beak 56)prevent 57)When 58)Next

59)need 60)another 61)used 62)together 63)done

64)its 65)and

66)Both Ahmad and his brother play football.

67)The beach outing was cancelled because of a thunderstorm.

68) Renee prefers pineapples to apples.

69) Jane asked if there was any food left there.

70) Having won the top prize in the national competition, Jimmy wanted to sign up for the international one.

71) Sean wanted to share it with his mother and his little sister, Annie.

72) 'Sean had witnessed the hard work that his father put into building the cottage many years ago.'

73) gigantic

stiff

wonderful

74) It refers to Annie ensuring that the fire was still roaring in the fireplace and keeping the house warm.

75) 3, 1, 2

76) False / His father laughed with the neighbours for it was indeed a monster of a chimney.

False / The door was stiff and heavy.

True / Sean, his mother and Annie had one biscuit each.

77) i) Her face was of the same colour as Danny's, Mary's and little Joe's before they died.

ii) While she was talking to Sean, a reaping cough took hold of her and shook her.

78)

Sean's mother did not believe that Sean had biscuits for them.	
	Sean's mother asked Annie to eat biscuit slowly.

79)excited

proud

anxious

80)i)Every crumb was picked up form the ground and eaten.

ii)They licked their fingers clean after they ate their biscuits.