

TAO NAN SCHOOL

PRIMARY 5 ENGLISH LANGUAGE END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

Name: _____ ()

Date: 14 October 2008

Class: Primary 5 _____

Duration: 1 hour 50 minutes

Time: 8.00 a.m. to 9.50 a.m.

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

BOOKLET A

	SCORE	MARKS
BOOKLET A		30
BOOKLET B		65
TOTAL		95

Parent's Signature: _____

Section A (5 x 1 mark)

Graphic Stimulus

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

Introductory Offer
for Membership Fee at
ONLY \$30 per month
SPORTS & WELLNESS CLUB

Sports & Wellness Club is a new total fitness club which will help you stay healthy. Join us as a member today! You will have a wonderful time!

CLASSES SCHEDULE:

Class	Instructor	Time/Day
Pilates	Sue	3 p.m. Mon
Yoga	Ravi	2 p.m. Mon
Aerobics	Chen	9 a.m. Tues
Hip Hop	Hadi	5 p.m. Wed
Body Pump	Bobby	8 a.m. Thur
Roller-blading	Anne	9 a.m. Thur
Kangoo Jump	Sue	8 p.m. Fri

(All classes will be held at the Sports Hall)



INFORMATION FOR REGISTRATION:

VENUE: Ulu Community Centre
Lobby

DATE : 10 to 12 October 2008

TIME : 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Friday & Saturday)

9 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Sunday)

For more information, contact Mimi at 61234321 or email Roper at rogerswc@swc.com

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. When you sign up as a member, you _____
- (1) will get a free T-shirt
 - (2) have to contact Mimi
 - (3) are required to stay healthy
 - (4) need to pay a one time \$30 membership fee
2. The main aim of the advertisement is to _____
- (1) compel everyone to stay fit
 - (2) encourage the public to join the fitness club
 - (3) introduce the instructors to the community-club members
 - (4) promote social activities that are conducted in Ulu Community Centre
3. Instructor Sue conducts _____
- (1) Yoga and Hip Hop
 - (2) Pilates and Roller-blading
 - (3) Pilates and Kangoo Jump
 - (4) Hip Hop and Kangoo Jump
4. If you want to know more about the Sports & Wellness Club, you can _____
- (1) email the instructors
 - (2) call Mimi at 61234321
 - (3) email Mimi at rogswwc@swc.com
 - (4) call Roger at Ulu Community Centre
5. Which of the following is true?
- (1) The Sports and Wellness Club is not a new fitness club.
 - (2) Body pump and roller-blading classes are held on the same day.
 - (3) You do not need to be a member of the club to take part in the classes.
 - (4) All Ulu Community Club members can attend the classes at the fitness club.

Section B (7 x 1 mark)

Grammar

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. No one _____ what happened at the assembly area just now.
- (1) witness
 - (2) witnesses
 - (3) witnessed
 - (4) witnessing
7. The taxi driver saw the burglar _____ into the house through a window.
- (1) broke
 - (2) breaks
 - (3) broken
 - (4) breaking
8. Jamie Oliver is a renowned chef _____ appears on television frequently.
- (1) who
 - (2) whom
 - (3) where
 - (4) whose
9. Meng, together with his classmates, _____ going to the Science Centre next week.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were

10. Aminah _____ the library when I got there.
- (1) left
 - (2) leave
 - (3) had left
 - (4) was leaving
11. "She never goes out with her dog, _____ she?" asked Jane.
- (1) did
 - (2) will
 - (3) does
 - (4) would
12. Deepa's team lost the debate _____ practising every day after school.
- (1) after
 - (2) unless
 - (3) despite
 - (4) although

Section C (3 x 1 mark)

Punctuation

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 OAS.

I was deep in thought when I heard a gardener clipping the bushes nearby.

"Where's your mother (13) he enquired. "It's not safe for a little girl to be hanging around a park by herself."

"Actually, I was looking for the dancers who performed here yesterday," I said (14) "are they coming back today?"

"No, they aren't. However, they can also be found at the beach," he said matter-of-factly.

"Great (15)" I whooped joyously, making my way to the beach.

13. (1) (,) comma
(2) (?) question mark
(3) (, ") comma and inverted commas
(4) (?") question mark and inverted commas

14. (1) (.) comma
(2) (.) full stop
(3) (?) question mark
(4) (!) exclamation mark

15. (1) (,) comma
(2) (.) full-stop
(3) (?) question mark
(4) (!) exclamation mark

Section D (5 x 1 mark)

Vocabulary

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. Shoppers can request for a replacement of _____ merchandise within three days of purchase.
- (1) unused
 - (2) defective
 - (3) obsolete
 - (4) worthless
17. Please remind me of the time or else I could be _____ by my teaching and forget to let you go for recess.
- (1) carried off
 - (2) carried out
 - (3) carried away
 - (4) carried forward
18. As the speaker's voice was _____, he did not need to use the microphone.
- (1) velvety
 - (2) smooth
 - (3) audible
 - (4) expressive
19. The two boys _____ heatedly about whether the answer to the Science question was right or wrong.
- (1) ranted
 - (2) argued
 - (3) bargained
 - (4) negotiated
20. Although Johari is newly appointed to this job, I do not think that he is a _____.
- (1) diehard
 - (2) greenhorn
 - (3) red herring
 - (4) black sheep

Section E (5 x 1 mark)

Vocabulary Cloze

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

A snarling roar came over the river. Japanese planes then burst out of the clouds and hurtled themselves at the crowded sampans. Again and again, the planes attacked until there
(21)

was but one empty sampan left drifting on the water. Then, the planes came no more.
(22)

The Tien family had seen it all from the mangrove swamp at the edge of the river where they had crouched to hide. "Now! Now!" Tien Hsu whispered to his family. "It is now, or never."
(23)

He plunged into the river after the drifting sampan. Tien Sing had the family pig under one arm
(24)

and a duckling squeezed against his chest. Tien Hsu rowed the sampan and pulled everything
(25)

and everybody on board. He then simply pulled Tien Sing up by his head and his neck, while

Tien Sing clung on to the pig and the duckling.

Adapted from *The House of Sixty Fathers* by Meindert DeJong

21.

- 1. charged
- 2. targeted
- 3. exploded
- 4. squeezed

22. (1) floating
(2) straying
(3) venturing
(4) wandering

23. (1) huddled
(2) grouped
(3) clustered
(4) gathered

24. (1) dived
(2) thrust
(3) dashed
(4) scrambled

25. (1) steered
(2) paddled
~~(3) operated~~
~~(4) propelled~~

Section F (5 x 1 mark)

Comprehension

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30 based on the passage.

I pulled my jacket closer around me as the night grew colder. In the pale evening, a silhouette rose and climbed down from its leafy nest high in a forest tree. The shadow leapt onto a coconut tree and started chewing on a coconut.

I switched on my torch. Its beam shone on the aye-aye enjoying its coconut. The aye-aye hung hands down to stare back at me with a smile. It looked like a child on the monkey bars in a playground. Then it bent again to chisel the coconut with its beaver-like teeth. Rapidly it ran a finger in and out of the fruit, extracting milky white meat by the clawful.

The aye-aye seemed calm enough, but I shook with excitement. This was my first glimpse of the monkey after twenty-five years of searching. The hunt for hard-to-find aye-eyes had brought me to the palm-thatch village of Ivontaka in Madagascar.

The aye-aye is Madagascar's version of the woodpecker. With its large, sensitive ears, it can hear insect larvae moving within decaying trees. The aye-aye is also Madagascar's equivalent of the raccoon, raiding its sweet crops like coconut and sugarcane, to the fury of the farmers.

Roy, a villager, had guided me to see the aye-aye. He led me into the forest and roared loudly. Soon there echoed an even louder bellowing – the roared alarm call of the aye-aye. Their roar carried far through the forest, rousing all their kind within earshot.

Adapted from *On The Edge of Survival* by Alison Jolly

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26. What do the words "silhouette" (line 2) and "shadow" (line 3) refer to?

- (1) They refer to a beaver.
- (2) They refer to a raccoon.
- (3) They refer to an aye-aye.
- (4) They refer to a woodpecker.

27. What was the aye-aye doing when the writer shone her torch on it?

- (1) It was eating.
- (2) It was playing.
- (3) It was leaping from tree to tree.
- (4) It was climbing down from its nest.

28. Why did the writer say that she "shook with excitement" in line 9?

- (1) She felt cold in the forest.
- (2) She was on her first zoological expedition.
- (3) She knew that she was going to find an aye-aye.
- (4) She had waited twenty-five years to see the aye-aye.

29. Which of the following statements is true?

- (1) The aye-aye causes trees to decay.
- (2) The aye-aye plays on monkey bars in playgrounds.
- (3) The aye-aye keeps the villagers awake with its bellowing.
- (4) The aye-aye upsets farmers because it steals their crops.

30. How did Roy call for the aye-eyes?

- (1) He sounded an alarm.
- (2) He echoed the aye-eyes.
- (3) He roared like an aye-aye.
- (4) He called out "aye-aye" loudly.

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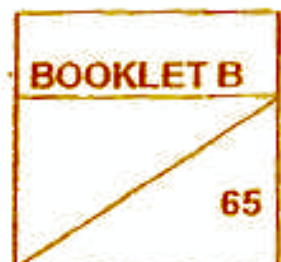
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Section G (10 x 1 mark)

Grammar Cloze

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) them	(D) a	(G) at	(K) has	(N) to
(B) in	(E) had	(H) for	(L) from	(P) of
(C) the	(F) these	(J) by	(M) their	(Q) this

In late 2006, Professor Muhammad Yunus and his Grameen Bank of Bangladesh were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Muhammad Yunus _____ worked with the poor in Bangladesh for many years. During a famine in 1974, he discovered that

_____ small amount of money could make a huge amount of difference _____ person who was poor.

At that time, the poor village women in a place called Jobra borrowed money at exorbitant rates from moneylenders to buy bamboo. The women used _____ to make bamboo furniture which they sold _____ order to repay the moneylenders.

However, the profits they earned _____ such activities were not enough to support _____ families. No matter how hard they worked, it was difficult

_____ these women to get out of the poverty trap. Muhammad Yunus lent to these women out _____ his own pocket so that they could start their bamboo furniture businesses.

Today, the Grameen Bank continues to serve the poor in Bangladesh especially poor women. The bank lends small amounts of money _____ reasonable interest rates to the poor. More importantly, its success has inspired other developing countries throughout the world to use a similar model to help the poor.

Section H (10 x 1 mark)

Editing for Spelling and Grammar

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

(41)

Mrs Sim was busy preparing dinner for the family. Kok Seng ran **strait** into the

(42)

kitchen when he came home from school, **purspiering** profusely.

"Mum! We are going to be rich!" he **shouted** excitedly.

(43)

"What are you talking about? Just **kulm** down and tell me what is going on," Mrs

Sim said, looking puzzled.

(44)

"Fang Li and I **am** about to enter the lift when I saw a sparkle at the corner of my

(45)

eye. Upon a closer look, we gasped in disbelief. We could not believe what was in front at

(46)

our eyes. It was a gold Rolex watch studded in diamonds on the floor. Let me show them

(47)

to you!" exclaimed Kok Seng **estatikally**.

(48)

After scrutinising the watch for a little time, Mrs Sim smiled and shook her head.

(49)

She said in a gentle voice, "Dear son, this watch is a **kaunterfit**. The serial number

(50)

at the back is fading and that would not happen to a original Rolex timepiece." Kok Seng

looked at his mother sheepishly and then they both broke into laughter.

Section I (15 x 1 mark)

Comprehension Cloze

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

In my kindergarten class, I constantly encourage my pupils to recognise and accept both strengths and weaknesses. One of the important class _____ (51) is, "We will say only kind things to each other." The children are cheerleaders to _____ (52) another in their attempts for success. When someone has _____ (53) in completing a task, another child often says, "Try again. Do not give up." _____ (54) ovations are given throughout the day for acts of effort.

One day, the children were seated on the floor, eagerly sharing their experiences _____ (55) school life when Michael raised his hand. Michael often raises his hand, but he would not _____ (56). Due to the safe environment that had been established, _____ (57) enthusiasm and eagerness to learn never seemed to diminish. I called _____ (58) him each time he raised his hand, and we all gave him time to respond at his _____ (59) comfort level, hoping that this would be the time we would hear him. He never did. Then, after a few minutes, I would _____ (60) as if he had answered. "Michael, that was a good try." We then _____ (61) with our lesson.

One day, when Michael raised his hand again, the class and I _____ (62) patiently. _____ (63) our great surprise, he spoke! The children and I were so delighted and joyous _____ (64) the energy in the room was overwhelming.

One of my finest pupils, Nicole, exclaimed, "That was great!" The class immediately stood up and gave him a _____ (65) of applause. All the effort of encouraging positive feedback from the children was definitely worth it.

Section J (5 x 2 marks)

Synthesis

For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the words(s) provided. Your answers must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

66. Mr Lim is reading the magazine. Mrs Lim is preparing breakfast.

_____ while

67. Meiling did not do well for her piano examination. She is lazy.

Due to _____

68. Zane is still waiting to hear from his best friend. She left for China last month.

69. "You must submit ~~your~~ assignment tomorrow," Mrs Tang said to Rahim.

Mrs Tang told Rahim that _____

70. Having sufficient sleep contributes to good health.

One of the _____

Section K (10 x 2 marks)

Comprehension Open

Read the passage below and answer Questions 71 to 80 based on the passage.

Mother and I had big dreams. I asked her about her dreams. "See, these were pierced when I was fifteen. Wouldn't I look pretty with diamond earrings?" she asked, pulling her ears gently.

"What's your dream, Alex?" my mother asked. I said that when I grew up, I would own a house right on the beach. I would have servants who would have 5 nothing to do but carry silver trays loaded with sweets and chocolate bars. Mother looked down at me and laughed in disbelief.

Happily for her, her dream did indeed come true. On my parents' wedding anniversary that year, my father gave her the diamond earrings that she had always wanted. He had been saving a little a month for those earrings for a long time. 10 Mother sat before the mirror, turning her head from side to side as the earrings sparkled on her ears. She lifted her head like a queen when those earrings were on.

Times became what my father called "hard". His salary was cut and the earrings were gone a long time before I noticed. When I asked about them, she smiled and cried at the same time. "Your father had to pawn them. He'll get them 15 back," she said.

However, my father never did get them back no matter how long and hard he worked. My mother never once complained. She also never spoke of the diamond earrings again.

Years passed and I pursued my passion as a writer after college. Great luck 20 sometimes touches a person at least once. It touched me. A book I wrote became a best-seller in sixteen countries. I bought a house on the beach. My dream had come true and I invited my parents to visit my new house. There were no servants carrying trays of candy but the house was on the same beach.

On her sixtieth birthday, I handed a plush box to my mother. "Your time to 25

dream," I said. Her hands began to tremble with excitement.

"John, help me with this, please," she said to my father.

My father opened the box and murmured, "Jenny, they're beautiful. Our son got them back."

"How do I look?" she asked, as my father helped to put them on.

30

We said, "Beautiful." She could not tell. How she wished that her vision had not deteriorated over the years.

She hugged me tightly and said, "I wish I had never laughed at you all those years ago, Son." Tears welled up in my eyes as I hugged her back.

Adapted from Dreams Do Come True by Jim Bishop

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. What was the dream of the writer's mother?

72. What does the word "these" in line 2 refer to?

73. Which sentence in the passage suggests that the writer liked to eat sweet things?

74. How was the writer's mother feeling when she lifted her head "like a queen" in line 12?

75. Explain clearly how the "hard" times affected the writer's family.

76. Did the writer's mother blame his father for not getting her earrings back? How do you know?

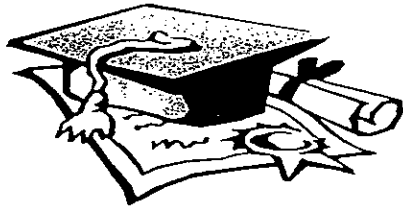
77. How did the writer realise his dream?

78. What was in the "plush box" (line 25)?

79. Explain clearly why John had to help his wife open the box in line 28.

80. How did the writer's mother feel about laughing at her son? Why?

END OF PAPER



ANSWER SHEET

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TERM : SA 2

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
B	L	M	H	P	G

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 45)of 46)with 47)ecstatically 48)some
 49)counterfeit 50)an 51)rules 52)one
 53)trouble 54)standing 55)about 56)speak
 57)his 58)on 59)own 60)respond
 61)continued 62)waited 63)To 64)that
 65)round

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67)Due to the fact that she is lazy, Meiling did not do well for her piano examination.

68) Zane is still waiting to hear from his best friend since she left for China last month.

69) Mrs. Tang told Rahim that he had to submit his assignment the next day.

70) One of the contributions to good health is to have sufficient sleep.

71) It was to be able to wear a pair of diamond earrings.

72) It refers to the writer's mother's ears.

73) The sentence is "I would have servants who would have nothing to do but carry silver trays loaded with sweets and chocolate bars."

74) She felt very proud of her pair of diamond earrings.

75) The writer's father's salary was cut and he had to pawn the pair of diamond earrings.

76) No, she did not. She never once complained about not getting her earrings back and also never spoke of the earrings again.

77) He pursued his passion as a writer and wrote a best-seller which earned him enough to buy a house on the beach.

78) Inside the plush box was the pair of earrings that the writer's father had pawned years ago.

79) Her hands were trembling too much with excitement and she could not open the box.

80) She felt regretful as her son did realize his dream in the end and even realized hers.