

RED SWASTIKA SCHOOL
2018 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2
ENGLISH LANGUAGE – PAPER 1
SITUATIONAL / CONTINUOUS WRITING
PRIMARY 5

Name : _____ () Marks : _____ /55
Class : Pr 5 / _____ Date : 10 October 2018
Duration : 1 h 10 min Parent's Signature : _____

Instructions to candidates:

There are TWO parts to this paper: Part 1 and Part 2. Answer both questions.

Part 1: Situational Writing (15 marks)

Study the following pictures carefully.



Your Task

Imagine that you are Sue.

Write an email on behalf of your grandmother to Linda's principal, Mr Lim, to praise Linda for her good deed.

You are to refer to the given pictures and information on page 1 for your email.

In your email, include the following information:

- the particulars of the student from the school you want to thank
- what the embarrassing situation was
- when the embarrassing situation took place
- how Linda helped your grandmother
- what inconvenience was caused to Linda
- why you think Linda should be praised

You may re-order the points. Please remember to write in complete sentences.

Part 2: Continuous Writing (40 marks)

Write a composition of at least 150 words about **an unexpected outcome**.

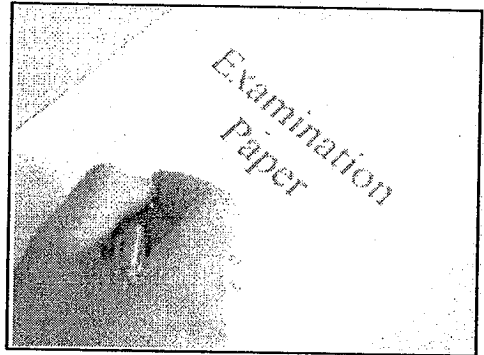
The pictures are provided to help you think about the topic.

Your composition should be based on one or more of these pictures.

Consider the following points when you plan your composition.

- What was the outcome?
- Why was it an unexpected one?

You may use the points in any order and include other relevant points as well.





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Name : _____ ()

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Date : 24 October 2018

BOOKLET A

28 Questions

28 Marks

Duration of Paper: 1 h 50 min

Note:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Read carefully the instructions given at the beginning of each part of the booklet.
3. Do not waste time. If a question is difficult for you, go on to the next one.
4. Check your answers thoroughly and make sure you attempt every question.
5. In this booklet, you should have the following:
 - a. Page 1 to Page 8
 - b. Questions 1 to 28



For each question from 1 to 10, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.
(10 marks)

1 Before her disappearance, she _____ on the bench outside her school for two weeks.

- (1) sits
- (2) sat
- (3) has been sitting
- (4) had been sitting

2 _____ you like to go for the movie with me?

- (1) Do
- (2) May
- (3) Would
- (4) Should

3 In accordance _____ the school rules, they have to be punished for playing truant.

- (1) of
- (2) to
- (3) by
- (4) with

4 _____ I do have enough money, I do not think I want to spend it on such an expensive item.

- (1) When
- (2) While
- (3) Where
- (4) Wherever

5 The children seldom come home at noon, _____ ?

- (1) do they
- (2) will they
- (3) don't they
- (4) won't they

- 6 If Ahmad had come for the rehearsal, he _____ the sequence of events during the performance.
- (1) will know
 - (2) would know
 - (3) will have known
 - (4) would have known
- 7 Not bringing handphones into the examination hall applies _____ all students.
- (1) to
 - (2) at
 - (3) for
 - (4) with
- 8 The group of boys watched the fire _____ bigger and bigger in front of their very eyes.
- (1) grow
 - (2) grows
 - (3) grew
 - (4) grown
- 9 Does Devi _____ if she can make it for the meeting tomorrow?
- (1) know
 - (2) knows
 - (3) knew
 - (4) known
- 10 This toy set comes complete _____ batteries and accessories.
- (1) of
 - (2) in
 - (3) for
 - (4) with

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

- 11** The singer raised his hand, giving his pianist a _____ to stop playing after he had sung the chorus of the song.
- (1) sign
 - (2) signal
 - (3) symbol
 - (4) suggestion
- 12** After a long discussion, I was finally able to _____ my sister that the new job was unsuitable for her.
- (1) assume
 - (2) convince
 - (3) influence
 - (4) persuade
- 13** We need to put up signages at strategic locations in this area to remind pedestrians to _____ the construction site.
- (1) keep to
 - (2) keep up
 - (3) keep off
 - (4) keep with
- 14** I was _____ to accept her gift until my mother gave me a nod of approval and told me it was alright to take it.
- (1) keen
 - (2) inclined
 - (3) hesitant
 - (4) opposed
- 15** Do not try to talk to her now; she had a tough day at work and is feeling _____. She may snap at you.
- (1) irritable
 - (2) sluggish
 - (3) lethargic
 - (4) inconsolable

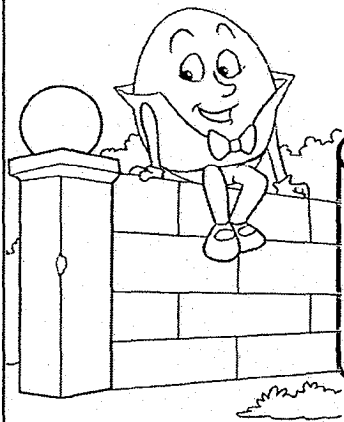
For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

In Chinese mythology, the white tiger was appointed the guardian of the west. There was a well-known story from long ago **(16)** which stated that if a tiger ever continued to live **(17)** to its 500th birthday, its tail would turn white. Consequentially, white tigers would only appear to emperors who ruled virtuously **(18)**. They were the symbol of a peaceful period of power **(19)**. Although white tigers are revered **(20)** creatures in Chinese lore, they now face a tipping point in their existence. The white tigers are highly endangered. Hence, many wildlife advocates are trying to save the world's last remaining tigers.

Adapted from Reader's Digest, 'Endangered Stripes'

- 16** (1) tale
(2) fable
(3) legend
(4) parable
- 17** (1) lasted
(2) existed
(3) survived
(4) persisted
- 18** (1) rightfully
(2) guiltlessly
(3) righteously
(4) blamelessly
- 19** (1) reign
(2) empire
(3) monarchy
(4) supremacy
- 20** (1) honoured
(2) cherished
(3) respected
(4) favourable

Study the following flyer carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28.



WITH CAST ALL THE WAY FROM LAS VEGAS, THE USA,
THE DRAMA BOX PROUDLY PRESENTS...

NURSERY CRIMES

17 November to 3 December 2018

An original play filled with mystery, adventure and
nursery rhyme twists!
Only at The Star Theatre!



Synopsis

Poppy Piper is bored. It's raining outside and she's played with her toys a million times. After she made a wish that she was 'anywhere but here', Poppy uncovers a magical doorway into the rabbit's hole – an amazing world filled with Nursery Rhyme characters. As Old King Sole's newly appointed chief detective, Poppy must solve the puzzle of why this strange world is so topsy turvy, and naughty crimes have sprung up everywhere. Jack and June have lost their memories and Humpty Bumpy has been pushed from the wall. Little Bo BEEP's sheep have been kidnapped!

As Poppy gathers clues along the way, she meets new friends and solves puzzles. Will Poppy find the culprit in time? Join Poppy as she goes on a journey of mystery and friendship through a wonderful world of colour and imagination!

47
SOLD OUT shows
in 7 countries!

Each
Ticket holder
will receive a goody bag
with vouchers worth
\$100 for use at
CapitaMall
stores!

Be the first 50 to
purchase a ticket
and get a free
'Nursery Crimes'
T-shirt!

Members of
'The Drama Box'
get an additional 10%
off early bird tickets.
Be one today to enjoy
the discount!

For ticket pricing, log on to <http://www.nurserycrimesstar.com>

*For group bookings of more than 10 people, please call Kelly at 6839 2741.

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- enriches children's vocabulary and helps them develop an appreciation for rhythm and rhyme
- allow children to have fun while learning

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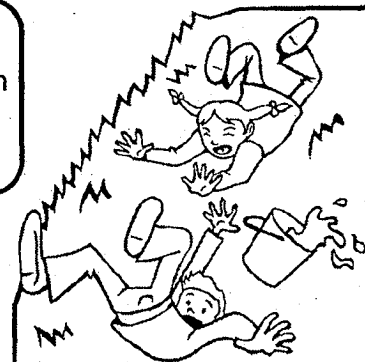
Little Playhouse



Film and Entertainment Company



Music Inc



The Main Cast

Thomas Jenkins has been performing since he was six, and has never looked back. He studied Theatre at the Texas Drama College and graduated in 2005. He has starred in many plays including 'Superheroes', 'Where did the Rabbit Go?' and 'Lucifer'.



Joan Robertson, a lover of the arts and theatre since she was twelve, developed her passion for acting when she completed a module in Theatre Studies at Columbia Public High School. Some of her performances include 'The Witches' and 'Bald Eagle'.



Raeanne Kennedy is one of the youngest performers in this play. A child of only six years of age, Raeanne's love for acting started when she was three. Her debut performance was a minor role in 'Little Friends'. Some of her performances include 'Black Pony' and 'Supergirl'.



The Star Theatre

Built in 1988, the Star Theatre was first established as a home for the performing arts only after the closure of the Drama Centre in 1991. It started operations in 1992. The Star Theatre is fitted with high-end audio, video and production lighting systems for an exceptional audio-visual experience. It heightens the enjoyment of a wide range of amplified music and speech events.

ABOUT THE DRAMA BOX



The Drama Box was established in 1996 by performing artistes who had the same dream – that children deserved the same quality of theatre as adults. Their aim was to excite and interest children from ages 3 to 12 with theatre that is written, designed and performed specifically for them by professional adult actors.

The Drama Box's vision is for drama to have the power to engage and transform. Hence, being one of Singapore's first children's theatre, it now not only creates plays in both English and Mandarin, but musicals for children as well.

For each question from 21 to 28, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

21 The **main** aim of the flyer is to _____.

- (1) promote the play 'Nursery Crimes'
- (2) introduce the cast of 'Nursery Crimes'
- (3) inform audiences that the cast of 'Nursery Crimes' comes from Las Vegas
- (4) educate parents on why they should take their children to watch 'Nursery Crimes'

22 In the flyer, what do you think is the main purpose of the exclamation mark at '47 SOLD OUT shows in 7 countries!'?

- (1) to promote the show to readers
- (2) to inform the readers about the number of sold out shows
- (3) to excite the readers by telling them about the number of sold out shows there are
- (4) to entice readers to buy tickets by showing them how well-received the show has been

23 The organiser of 'Nursery Crimes' is _____.

- (1) Music Inc
- (2) The Drama Box
- (3) Little Playhouse
- (4) The Star Theatre

24 What does the word 'one' in 'BE ONE TODAY!' on page 5 refer to?

- (1) early bird
- (2) ticket holder
- (3) member of The Drama Box
- (4) first 100 to purchase the tickets

25 Jasmine is the 70th buyer of 'Nursery Crimes'. Besides a ticket to the play, she will also get _____.

- (1) 10% off the cost of her ticket
- (2) a free 'Nursery Crimes' T-shirt
- (3) a goody bag with \$100 vouchers for use at CapitaMall stores
- (4) all of the above

26 Rachel wants to find out more about what the show is about before she decides whether she wants to watch it. Which section of the brochure should she read?

- (1) Synopsis
- (2) The Main Cast
- (3) The Star Theatre
- (4) About The Drama Box

27 The Drama Box was established based on the belief that

- (1) theatre should excite and interest children
- (2) children deserved the same quality of theatre as adults
- (3) theatre should be written, designed and performed specifically for children
- (4) children should be able to watch plays and musicals both in English and Mandarin

28 Based on the flyer, which of the following statements is true?

- (1) Raeanne Kennedy's most recent performance was in the play 'Little Friends'.
- (2) Online purchases can be made when buying tickets for a group of 12 people.
- (3) Children will be able to recite nursery rhymes after watching 'Nursery Crimes'.
- (4) The Star Theatre only opened to stage performances four years after it was built.



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Date : 24 October 2018

BOOKLET B

52 Questions
67 Marks

In this booklet, you should have the following:

- a. Page 9 to Page 16
- b. Questions 29 to 80

BOOKLET	OBTAINED	POSSIBLE
BOOKLET A		28
BOOKLET B		67
TOTAL		95

Parent's Signature : _____



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.

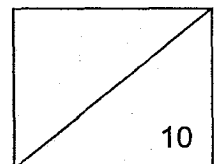
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|-------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
| (A) a | (D) at | (G) from | (K) or | (N) this |
| (B) about | (E) every | (H) it | (L) out | (P) when |
| (C) against | (F) for | (J) of | (M) them | (Q) with |

A 'blood moon' captivated stargazers all over Singapore early on Saturday, 28 July. It was covered in shadow for the longest lunar eclipse _____ the 21st century. Although the total eclipse lasted one hour, 42 minutes and 57 seconds, a partial eclipse that came before and after that saw the moon spending _____ total of nearly four hours in the Earth's umbral shadow.

The eclipse also coincided _____ Mars' closest approach in 15 years. Astronomy enthusiasts gathered _____ Marina South Pier and other locations across Singapore to witness the amazing sight. Others viewed the display _____ wherever they could.

A total lunar eclipse happens _____ Earth takes position in a straight line between the moon and sun, blotting _____ the direct sunlight that normally makes our satellite glow whitish-yellow. The moon travels to a similar position _____ month, but it could either pass above _____ below the Earth's shadow - so most months we have a full moon without an eclipse. When the Earth, the moon and the sun are perfectly lined up, however, the Earth's atmosphere refracts or bends red light onto the moon, usually giving _____ a rosy blush. Unfortunately for those who missed Saturday's eclipse, the next lunar eclipse of such a length will only happen in 2123.

Adapted from <https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/singapore/blood-moon-longest-lunar-eclipse-singapore-10570278>

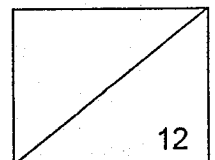


Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (12 marks)

Our guide stopped outside the tent and shouted something in Dutch. The flap
(39)
was instantaenously pulled back and a tall, fair-haired man came out. Dressed
(40)
with the dark green uniform of a Dutch officer, he had multiple lacerations on the
(41)
left side of his face. Speak fluently in Dutch to our guide, who replied in the same
(42)
language, he then turned to us.
(43)
The scarred man eye us coldly. He drew aside the flap of his tent, but the
(44) (45)
gesture are not one of hospitality. He then spoke with much hostillity.

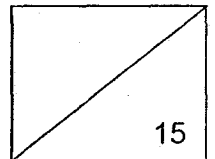
"I'll take you first," he nodded at Don. "You," he stared at me, "can wait outside."
(46) (47)
Don and I were interroggated, one after another. We were undawnted by his
(48) (49)
looks, which was a little intimidating at times. We had to swear our loyealty to the
(50)
Dutch. He added that we could remaining with his contingent if we promised him
good behaviour. He promised to hide us from the Japanese but in turn, we had
to obey his orders.

Adapted from *You'll Die In Singapore* by Charles McCormac



In June and July 2018, a widely publicised cave rescue successfully extracted members of a junior male football team trapped in Tham Luang Nang Non cave in the Thai province of Chiang Rai. Twelve members of the team, aged eleven _____ seventeen, entered the cave on 23 June after football practice, together _____ their 25-year-old assistant coach. Shortly afterwards, heavy rains partially flooded the cave, trapping the group inside.

Efforts to locate the team _____ hampered by rising water levels and _____ currents, and no contact was made for more _____ a week. The rescue effort expanded _____ a massive operation and attracted the attention of the public from all over the world. _____ 2 July, British divers John Volanthen and Richard Stanton _____ the team alive on an elevated rock about 4 kilometres from the cave mouth. Rescue organisers discussed various _____ of extracting the group, including whether to _____ them basic diving skills to enable their early rescue. Waiting until a new entrance was found, or for the floodwaters to _____ at the end of the monsoon season months later were among the organisers' options. After days of pumping water from the cave system, the rescue teams worked quickly to get everyone out before the next monsoon rain, _____ was predicted to start around 11 July. Between 8 _____ 10 July, all of the boys and their coach were rescued from the cave by _____ international team. The rescue team, _____ of over a hundred divers and rescue workers, did not stop working until all lives were saved.



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** Ravi wore a pair of dirty shoes to the party. His brother also wore a pair of dirty shoes to the party.

Neither _____ nor

- 67** The children did not want to be late for the examination in the morning. They slept early last night.

_____ so as

- 68** "The boys went for the movie yesterday," Julie told her mother.

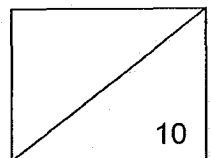
Julie told _____

- 69** The movie had started. There was a blackout.

Hardly _____

- 70** Mrs Lee was scolding the students for drawing on their tables.

The students _____



My earliest memories involve sitting with Father in his study every night when he came home from the office. I would watch him put his personal items away: his watch, wallet, comb and car keys. These would always occupy the same spot on the table every time.

Father's comb was jade green. Every night, he would hand me the comb and say, "Be a good **girl** and help Father clean it, okay?" 5

I was more than happy to do it. At age five, this mundane task brought me such joy. I would excitedly turn the tap on, then brush the comb with a used toothbrush as hard as I could. Satisfied, I would proudly return the comb to Father. He would smile at me, and place the comb on top of his wallet. 10

About two years later, Father left his sales job and started his own business. I started school. Father's business was not doing so well, and our stable life started getting shaky. He did not come home as much as he used to. When he did, it was always late and I would already be in bed. Why did he not listen to Mother's advice and just stick to his old job? I eventually stopped waiting for him to come home. 15

Today, I am no longer a child. I have graduated from college and got a job. Father's business has also started to get back on track. Things are better now. Yet the awkwardness between Father and me has persisted for a while.

Last week, Father came home early one evening. I helped him carry his bags into his study. When I turned to leave, he said, "Hey, would you like to help me clean my comb?" I looked at him a while, then took the comb and headed to the sink. 20

It was a new comb. This **one** was brown. I had not noticed that he had changed it. I punched a few drops of soap from the dispenser onto an old toothbrush, and I brushed the comb.

It hit me then: why, as a child, helping Father clean his comb was such a joy. That **routine** signified family bonding time. It meant that Father was home early to spend the evening with Mother and me. I had never seen it in that way before. 25

I passed the clean comb back to Father. He looked at it and smiled. However, this time, I noticed Father had aged. He had wrinkles next to his mouth when he smiled, yet it was still as heartwarming as before. It was a smile of a father who had worked hard to give his family a good life. 30

- 71 List two of the writer's earliest memories with her father. [2m]

First Memory	
Second Memory	

- 72 Which four-word phrase in paragraph 1 suggests that the writer's father had specific positions for his personal items? [1m]

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- 73 Which two of the following words correctly describe how the writer felt in lines 13-15? Put a tick ✓ in the box beside each of your answers. [2m]

puzzled

upset

curious

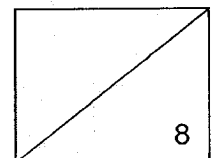
angry

regret

exhausted

- 74 Fill in the blanks with words from paragraphs 3 to 5 that have the same meanings as the following words. [3m]

boring	
unsteady	
uncomfortable	



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

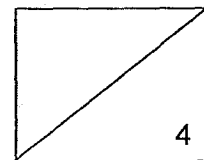
_____ The writer's father would often not come home from work.

_____ The writer graduated from college.

_____ The writer helped her father clean his green comb.

- 76 Based on the story, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	True/False	Reason
The writer felt that she had done a good job with cleaning her father's comb.		
The writer's mother encouraged her father to change jobs.		
The writer was aware that her father had got a new comb.		



77 How were things between the writer and her father after her graduation? State evidence from the text to suggest why you think so. [2m]

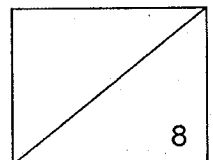
78 Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. The first one has been done for you. [3m]

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
girl (line 6)	the writer
one (line 22)	
routine (line 26)	
it (line 29)	

79 At the end of the story, explain fully what the writer realised about the cleaning of her father's comb? [2m]

80 What did the writer finally understand about her father at the end of the story? [1m]

END OF PAPER



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Booklet A

Q 1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
4	3	4	2	1	4	1	1	1	4
Q 11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
2	2	3	3	1	3	3	3	1	3
Q 21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28		
1	4	2	3	3	1	2	4		

Booklet B

Q 29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
J	A	Q	D	G	P	L	E	K	H
Q39)	instantaneously	Q43)	eyed	Q47)	undaunted				
Q40)	in	Q44)	was	Q48)	were				
Q41)	Speaking	Q45)	hostility	Q49)	loyalty				
Q42)	language	Q46)	interrogated	Q50)	remain				

Q51)	to	Q56)	into	Q61)	subside
Q52)	with	Q57)	On	Q62)	which
Q53)	were	Q58)	found	Q63)	and
Q54)	strong	Q59)	ways	Q64)	an
Q55)	than	Q60)	teach	Q65)	consisting
Q66)	Neither Ravi nor his brother wore a pair of clean shoes to the party.				
Q67)	The children slept early last night so as no to be late for the examination in the morning.				
Q68)	Julie told her mother that the boys had gone for the movie the previous day.				

Q69)	Hardly had the movie started when there was a blackout.
Q70)	The students were being scolded by Ms Lee for drawing on their tables.
Q71)	Sitting with her father in his study every night when he came home from the office. She would watch her father put his personal items away.
Q72)	Occupy the same spot
Q73)	Upset, angry
Q74)	mundane, shaky, awkwardness
Q75)	2, 3, 1
Q76)	True. She would proudly pass it back to her father. False. The writer's mother advised him to stick to his old job. False. She had not noticed that he had changed his comb.
Q77)	The writer and her father were not as close as before. The awkwardness between them had persisted for a while.
Q78)	one → the father's new comb routine → cleaning the comb it → the writer's father's smile
Q79)	The writer realised that it was such a joy to clean his father's comb and the cleaning signified family bonding time as the father was home early to spend evening with Mother and him.
Q80)	The writer noticed that his father had aged with wrinkles next to his mouth when he smiled but his smile was heartwarming as he had worked hard to give his family a good life.