

ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL (JUNIOR)



SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1 - 2012

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY 5

Name : _____ ()

Class : P 5 . ()

Date : 9 May 2012

BOOKLET A

30 Questions

30 Marks

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

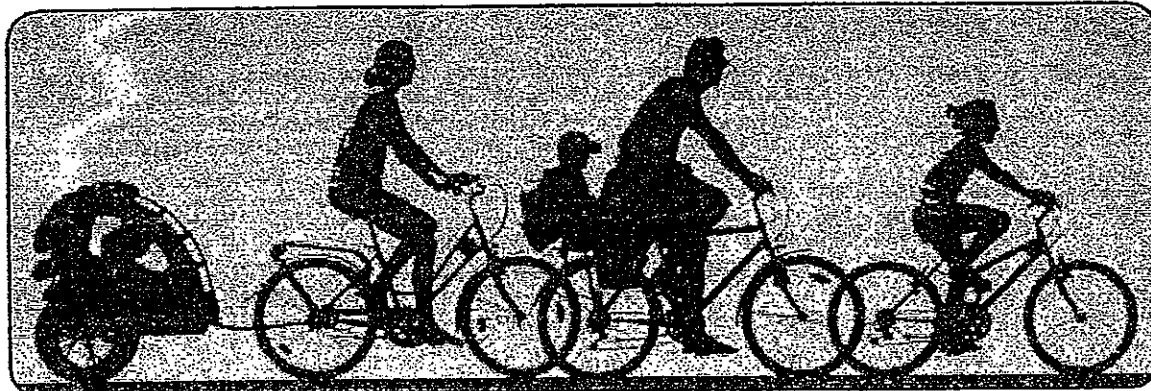
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This paper consists of 10 printed pages (inclusive of cover page)

Study the poster below and then answer questions 1 to 5.

ACS(J) 2012 FAMILY BIKE RALLY



CALLING ALL ACS(J) STAFF, PUPILS & FAMILIES ...

Come and join us for a day of fun and family bonding while biking together!

Categories & Fees

Date: Sunday, 27 May 2012

Starting Point: Marina Promenade F1 Pit

Time: 8am (Gate opens at 7 am)

ROUTES	DISTANCE
Family Ride	6 Km
Leisure Ride	15 Km
Challenge Ride	40 Km

Note:

- The event is open to participants of all ages. Participants under 18 years old must seek parental or guardian consent and submit an indemnity form to ACS(J).
- All participants must register online.
- Registration is free for the Family & Leisure Categories only.

To register: Visit <http://signup.acsj.com>

For enquires: Call 6333-1122 or email acsjbikerally@gmail.com

Challenge Ride:

- Participants are required to pay to participate in this event.
- Participants must be 15 years old & above on event day to take part.
- Participants below 18 years old must seek parental/guardian consent before participating in the event by submitting the indemnity form to ACS(J).

Participants of the Challenge Ride will receive:

- Race Bib
- Electronic Timing Device
- Special Edition ACS(J) Cycle Jersey
- Finisher Medal
- Goodie Bag

Early Bird Registration:

19 March - 19 April (\$88)

Normal Registration:

20 April - 20 May (\$108)

See you at the Family Bike Rally!

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. (5 marks)

- 1 The ACS(J) Family Bike Rally is on the _____.
- (1) 19 March 2012
 - (2) 20 April 2012
 - (3) 20 May 2012
 - (4) 27 May 2012
- 2 What is the most important thing that a participant, aged 15, must do in order to participate in the 40 km Ride?
- (1) Register online before 19 April.
 - (2) Hand in his indemnity form before the 27 May.
 - (3) Arrive at the Marina Promenade F1 Pit before 8 am.
 - (4) Get his race bib, electronic timing device and cycle jersey.
- 3 Which of the following statements is not true?
- (1) The event is open to all staff members, pupils and families from ACS(J).
 - (2) All participants in the Family and Leisure Ride events must register online.
 - (3) All participants below 18 years of age must seek parental/guardian consent
 - (4) Participants who are 15 years old on the 28 May 2012 are eligible to participate in the challenge ride.
- 4 What can a grandfather, aged 76, do if he wants to know if he can participate in the 15 km Ride?
- (1) Submit an indemnity form to ACS(J).
 - (2) Register online at <http://signup.acsj.com>.
 - (3) Call 6333-1122 or email acsjbikerally@gmail.com.
 - (4) Go to the Marina Promenade F1 Pit when the gate opens at 7 am.
- 5 The main advantage of registering early for the Challenge Ride is that participants will _____.
- (1) will get a discount of \$20
 - (2) receive a Finisher Medal
 - (3) have time for fun and family bonding
 - (4) receive a Special Edition ACS(J) Cycle Jersey

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. (7 marks)

- 6 If I _____ you, I would encourage Ben to go abroad to further his studies.
- (1) am
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
- 7 In 1930, Amy Johnson became world famous overnight when she _____ solo to Australia.
- (1) fly
 - (2) flies
 - (3) flew
 - (4) flown
- 8 After the prisoner escaped, he _____ over the fence and fled in the direction of the forest.
- (1) climbs
 - (2) climbed
 - (3) had climbing
 - (4) was climbing
- 9 The man _____ we met was my neighbour.
- (1) that
 - (2) whom
 - (3) which
 - (4) whose
- 10 A sign along the icy road warned motorists to drive _____ care.
- (1) by
 - (2) with
 - (3) from
 - (4) beside
- 11 The Discipline Master _____ the vandals with only a stern warning.
- (1) let on
 - (2) let up
 - (3) let off
 - (4) let out

12 Ali and Daniel _____ each other since they were five years old.

- (1) know
- (2) knowing
- (3) has known
- (4) have known

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. (3 marks)

With a gasp, Yuuki suddenly remembered the words of his grandfather. His grandfather had told the boy how his own father's father had told him that just before a terrible tsunami (13) the sea suddenly and quickly rolls backward. Yuuki, his breath heavy, ran down the mountainside to warn the people of the impending danger. Many had already run to the beach to witness the spectacular new stretch of ribbed sand.

"Get back, get back!" shouted the boy. "There is terrible danger!"

"What are you talking about, Yuuki (14) laughed one person. "Look at all the great new shells on the beach!"

"No, no! You don't understand (15) cried Yuuki. "You must run away! Up to the mountain! Everybody!"

But no one would listen to him. They all laughed in his face and carried on romping in the new sand and watching the sea roll backward even more.

Adapted from "Yuuki and the Tidal Wave" by Lafcadio Hearn

- 13 (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [?] question mark
(4) [!] exclamation mark
- 14 (1) [.] full stop
(2) [!] exclamation mark
(3) [. "] full stop with inverted commas
(4) [? "] question mark with inverted commas
- 15 (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [? "] question mark with inverted commas
(4) [! "] exclamation mark with 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 Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

16 We were shown to our seats in the Performing Arts Hall by the _____.

- (1) guard
- (2) usher
- (3) janitor
- (4) manager

17 The soccer fan was _____ with his favourite player, Ronaldo.

- (1) obligated
- (2) obscured
- (3) obsessed
- (4) obstructed

18 The industrial park in Jurong was thoroughly _____ by the fire last night.

- (1) gutted
- (2) removed
- (3) dismantled
- (4) demolished

19 If you want people to listen to your opinions, you'll need to learn to be more _____.

- (1) selfish
- (2) assertive
- (3) disruptive
- (4) astounding

20 The robber was as _____ and scaled the wall without any effort.

- (1) brave as a lion
- (2) happy as a lark
- (3) cunning as a fox
- (4) agile as a monkey

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. (5 marks)

Japan's bullet trains seamlessly zip passengers between the country's major cities at speeds of up to 297 kilometres per hour. But things have not always run so smoothly.

(21)

During initial test runs, whenever the trains went from the outdoors and into a narrow tunnel at high speed, they produced a sonic boom that rattled windows some 350 metres away.

(22)

Seeking a solution, engineer and avid birder Eiji Nakatsu asked himself if there was some living thing that manages sudden changes in air resistance as a part of daily life.

(24)

There was the kingfisher. It dives from the air, which is a low-resistant medium and into water, a high-resistant one, with only a small splash. By redesigning the nose of the bullet train in the image of the kingfisher's beak, engineers reduced noise and cut electricity usage and saved a lot of windows in the process.

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Adapted from "Back to Nature"

- 21 (1) fly
(2) drive
(3) whiz
(4) travel
- 22 (1) vibrated
(2) dislodged
(3) weakened
(4) intimidated
- 23 (1) excited
(2) ambitious
(3) interested
(4) enthusiastic
- 24 (1) atypical
(2) periodic
(3) everyday
(4) mundane
- 25 (1) severed
(2) assisted
(3) lowered
(4) fostered

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

In March 2012, Leta Andrews, a 73 year old coach of the "Lady Pirates" at Granbury High School in Granbury, Texas was honoured with the title of "Winningest High School Basketball Coach of All Time" by the National Federation of State High School Associations and inducted into the National Basketball Hall of Fame in Knoxville, Tennessee. And, after nearly five decades of coaching, she has no plans to retire just yet.

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Andrews started playing basketball in an era where girls did not sweat, were studious in class and were homemakers. She grew up thinking she would be an entertainer in singing as she used to entertain the farm animals by singing to them. It was her dad who told her one day that she needed to start playing some basketball.

Andrews originally got her degree in elementary education but she knew right away that being just a teacher was the **wrong fit**. She missed the sport she had grown up playing and needed to incorporate basketball into her career. So, she went back to get her second degree and was able to teach and coach at the high school level. Forty-nine years later, she still has not thought about retiring.

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Over the course of her career, Andrews has encountered more than a few male coaches who have marginalised both her success and women's sports in general. Andrews lets their snubs roll right off her like beads of sweat on a player's back. "They have to deal with it, not me," she told National Public Radio's Michel Martin. Instead, such slights make her work even harder to ensure her players believe they deserve as much success as any man, on and off the court.

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On bus rides to off-campus games, Andrews confiscates her players' cell phones. "Texting," she says, "interferes with teambuilding, and you can't win without a unified team that knows how to communicate with each other. Socialising is an important ingredient to success, and when we focus on ourselves (or our electronics) rather than others, we miss out on valuable connections and experiences."

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It really depends on how one defines "winning". For Andrews, victory on the court is the logical result of lots and lots of hard work and preparation. She believes in tough love to get her players focused on playing their absolute best, individually and as a team. While a winning season is the immediate goal, ultimately Andrews hopes all of her players will carry the values inherent in team sports with them long after graduation.

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Adapted from "Life Lessons from America's Winningest High School Basketball Coach"

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- 26 Leta Andrews has been a basketball coach for _____ years.
- (1) fifty
 - (2) forty-nine
 - (3) twenty-four
 - (4) seventy-three
- 27 The phrase "wrong fit" in line 11 refers to Andrews not wanting _____.
- (1) just to teach
 - (2) to teach basketball
 - (3) just to get a degree
 - (4) to teach at high school
- 28 What made Andrews vow to work even harder to ensure that her women players deserve as much success as any man, on and off court?
- (1) Some male coaches could not deal with Andrews' success.
 - (2) Andrews lost a few basketball matches to the male coaches.
 - (3) Snubs rolled off Andrews like beads of sweat off a player's back.
 - (4) Some male coaches consider Andrews' success and women's sports as inferior.
- 29 Andrews confiscated her players' cell phones because they were _____.
- (1) expensive
 - (2) ringing non-stop
 - (3) hampering teambuilding
 - (4) encouraging teambuilding
- 30 Which is the most important part of "winning" for Andrews?
- (1) Players should put in lots of hard work and preparation.
 - (2) Players will be motivated to give of their best because of her tough love.
 - (3) Players should focus on giving their absolute best, individually and as a team.
 - (4) Players will carry values inherent in team sports with them long after graduation.

END OF BOOKLET A

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Parent's Signature

50 Questions

65 Marks

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A	-	30	
B	Grammar Cloze	10	
	Editing for Spelling & Grammar	10	
	Comprehension Cloze	15	
	Synthesis and Transformation	10	
	Comprehension OE	20	
	Total	65	

This paper consists of 8 printed pages (inclusive of cover page)

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. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) from	(D) into	(G) out	(K) but	(N) than
(B) during	(E) when	(H) then	(L) which	(P) whether
(C) off	(F) about	(J) to	(M) that	(Q) and

My friend, John, was a serious bicycle rider. This was around ten years ago. Every morning, John would get up, hit the shower and (31)_____ jump on his racing bike and head to work, trying to beat his previously set cycle ride speed record (32)_____ the day before.

Head and eyes down, he went like a bullet (33)_____ of a gun, trying not to hit any pedestrians or stray dogs. It did not matter (34)_____ it rained or it was freezing cold, John had a bicycle ride mission.

One particular day, John was about (35)_____ break all records. He set off to work just as he normally did. His eyes were glued to the ground and his mind was bent on shaving a few seconds (36)_____ his time. Unfortunately, with his eyes to the ground, he did not notice a motorcycle, (37)_____ was parked about thirty meters in front of him.

BANG! John rode right (38)_____ the back of that motorcycle! He flew, head first, over his handle bars and sailed into the front of the float and landed with a crunch. He was fine, (39)_____ he lay awkwardly, surrounded by bits (40)_____ pieces of his bicycle and the motorcycle. It was fortunate he was not badly hurt but it sure was quite a mess!

Written by Jon Coe



Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar.
Write the correct word in the relevant box. (10 marks)

I guess I have enjoyed cycling since I was a small child. I remember
(41)

when I got my first bicycle. There was such a **trill** inside me that I burst out in
(42)

excitement. My parents are happy to see the look on my face. The first thing I
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did, after my dad and mum showed me how to rode it properly, was to show it
(44)

off to my best friends. Of **cos** they all liked it too. It was one of the best gifts I
(45)

risived that Christmas.
(46)

As I growing older, they would buy me larger bicycles as I needed
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them. I really did enjoy riding my bikes all over the **nayborhuud** with my
(48)

friends. We should play cops and robbers', or act like my bicycle was a
(49)

starship. Sometimes we would even try tricks with the bicycles. Being **klumsi**
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in nature usually meant some scrapes and bruised for me. My bicycle riding
was a lot of fun even with the falls.

Written by Coleman Wigger



Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

An animal that can breathe through its skin and not through its lungs might sound a little alien-like. Strangely enough, this animal lives on Earth and is (51) _____ as *Barbourula kalimantanensis*, the frog without lungs.

The first recorded species of frogs breathing without (52) _____ was discovered by a scientist in the island of Borneo in Indonesia. It was (53) _____ in a clear, cold-water stream and it gets all of its oxygen (54) _____ its skin.

Researchers have reported that this special (55) _____ in *Barbourula kalimantanensis* may have been an adaptation to the higher oxygen content in fast-flowing cold water, which can hold more dissolved oxygen than (56) _____ water. The frog also has a low metabolic rate, which means it needs less oxygen. Furthermore, the species is relatively flat compared to (57) _____ frogs, which increases the surface (58) _____ of the skin. Biologists have been unsure about the reason (59) _____ a few species have been found to be missing the organs.

Experts believe that this species is so (60) _____ and that is the reason why they know next to (61) _____ concerning its biology. All they know is that it is aquatic and (62) _____ in cold streams and has low basal metabolic rate.

Thus the hypothesis that the loss of lung as an adaptation to the cold, fast-flowing (63) _____ seems like a good (64) _____ to many scientists. Scientists have (65) _____ testing the hypothesis because they are rare and endangered.

Adapted from John Roach for National Geographic News

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. Samuel is one of my colleagues. He won a car in a lucky draw.

_____ who

67. We went to the swimming complex. There was a lap pool.

_____ where

68. Mr Tan is conducting a course. The course is about speech and drama.

_____ on

69. Most people believe in exercising to lose weight. John thinks dieting is the best method.

Where _____

70. The policeman shouted to the vandal, "Stop what you are doing!"

The policeman ordered the vandal _____



Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

I learnt the importance of wearing a helmet while cycling from an incident almost two years ago. I was descending a hill at really high speed. It was a beautiful road, flanked and canopied with majestic rain trees, gracefully winding down the hill side. Suddenly, I hit a pot hole and my rear tyre developed a leak. I did not realise it then as I was far too focussed on the fast ride to be listening to anything ambient.

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As I approached a sharp bend in the road, I realised that I had a problem. A mere touch of the rear brake created a new and unique sound, one I had never heard before. It was the unmistakable sound of aluminium scraping across asphalt. The sound was combined with **the sense that my destiny was no longer in my hands**. I knew that I had just become a mere player in the scene that was about to unfold.

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Amazingly, I passed through the sharp bend but there was another bend immediately after it. The rear wheel skated uncontrollably across the road with all the traction of a leather soled shoe on ice. I shot across the oncoming lane, crashed onto the pavement and was immediately launched over the handlebars, my bike also going airborne in hot pursuit of me.

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Two thoughts flashed through my mind momentarily while I was in flight. The first was that because I was wearing a helmet, I was going to survive this incident. My second thought was simply, "I really don't want to do this today." Before I could come up with any other contemplations, I landed most violently in a shallow drain, taking the brunt of the impact on my back, left arm and head. The bike continued its flight over me, thankfully landing across the drain amongst some shrubbery.

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The styrofoam body of my helmet was embedded with rocks and was split into three pieces. I learned a lot about helmet construction that day. This helmet has a skeleton molded into the styrofoam to hold it together because of the large amount of air holes. Interestingly, when I hit the ground, I felt very little impact on my head. The helmet had absorbed the brunt of the fall and I believe that I had been given a second chance because of **that**.

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Written by *Steve Heim*

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. What was the writer doing when he met with the accident?

72. Why didn't the writer realise immediately that his rear tyre was punctured?

73. Which word in the first paragraph has the same meaning as "from the surrounding environment"?

74. In lines 8 and 9, what was the new and unique sound?

75. What does the writer mean when he says that he had "the sense that my destiny was no longer in my hands"?

76. Which sentence in the third paragraph tells us that the writer's bicycle has lost its grip on the road totally?



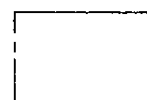
77. State clearly what happened to the writer and his bike when he crashed?

78. How did the writer know that he was going to survive the accident while he was airborne?

79. Describe the extent of the damage to the writer's helmet.

80. What does "that" in line 32 refer to?

END OF BOOKLET B





ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2012

SCHOOL : ACS Primary School
SUBJECT : Primary 5 English
TERM : SA 1

Paper 1

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

Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
2	3	4	2	4	3	1	4	3	3	2	1	4	3	4

Paper 2

Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
H	A	G	P	J	C	L	D	K	Q

- 41 thrill
- 42 were
- 43 ride
- 44 course
- 45 received
- 46 grew
- 47 neighbourhood
- 48 would
- 49 clumsy
- 50 bruises
- 51 known
- 52 lungs
- 53 found
- 54 through
- 55 characteristic
- 56 warm
- 57 other
- 58 area
- 59 why
- 60 special
- 61 nothing
- 62 lives
- 63 river

64 reason
65 been

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