

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

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Name : _____ () Marks : _____ / 55

Class : Pr 5 / _____ Date : 24 April 2018

Duration : 1 hour 10 minutes

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)



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Your Task

Imagine you are the boy who had given up his seat to the pregnant lady.

Write an email to your cousin, Sandy, telling her about this incident.

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

In your email, include the following information:

- where and when the incident took place
- what made you give up your seat
- what happened immediately after you had given up your seat
- your reaction to what had happened
- the value you think others in the same situation should exhibit

You may re-order the points. You should write in complete sentences.

Part 2: Continuous Writing (40 marks)

Write a composition of at least 150 words about **an unforgettable experience**.

The pictures are provided to help you think about this 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 experience?
- Why was it unforgettable?

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





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2018 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1
ENGLISH LANGUAGE – PAPER 2
LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION
PRIMARY 5

Name : _____ ()

Class : Primary 5 / _____

Date : 3 May 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 Jasper divided the sweets _____ his three children.

- (1) to
- (2) over
- (3) among
- (4) between

2 Fran has always done well for English because she has a strong interest _____ the subject.

- (1) in
- (2) at
- (3) on
- (4) for

3 James and Ron are doing a research _____ the internet for their Social Studies project.

- (1) in
- (2) at
- (3) of
- (4) on

4 After an hour's pursuit, the policemen managed to capture and _____ the thief.

- (1) arrest
- (2) arrests
- (3) arrested
- (4) arresting

5 I am not used to _____ up this early.

- (1) get
- (2) got
- (3) gotten
- (4) getting

6 "You _____ for a long time. Please rest for a short while," Lily's mother instructed.

- (1) are studying
- (2) will be studying
- (3) had been studying
- (4) have been studying

7 The boys' perseverance and grit during the soccer match _____ evident, and they were praised by their teacher afterwards.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

8 "_____ you apologise to your brother, you will not be allowed to go to the playground," Father reprimanded Jeremy.

- (1) While
- (2) Unless
- (3) Except
- (4) Although

9 Mrs Lim is poor but is able to make a living with whatever _____ she has.

- (1) few
- (2) little
- (3) much
- (4) plenty

10 If she has the time, she _____ the book.

- (1) reads
- (2) will read
- (3) would read
- (4) would have read

For each question from 11 to 15, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.
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11 That construction company is _____ more workers to meet the increased workload.

- (1) taking on
- (2) taking up
- (3) taking over
- (4) taking down

12 Siti is facing the _____ of working overseas with a lower salary or earning more money at a local job.

- (1) crisis
- (2) concern
- (3) dilemma
- (4) difficulty

13 He could not _____ his anger when he found out that he had been conned.

- (1) mask
- (2) shield
- (3) conceal
- (4) disguise

14 Xin Wei has always been very _____. She is convinced that everyone has a motive behind their actions.

- (1) critical
- (2) cynical
- (3) cautious
- (4) calculative

15 The doctor warned that those who lead _____ lifestyles are more likely to be overweight.

- (1) settled
- (2) private
- (3) enclosed
- (4) sedentary

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)

My son was in Kuwait in 1991. He was fiercely battling the Gulf War. One awful day that year, a military car stopped in front of my record shop. Two uniformed soldiers quietly entered my store with serious looks on their faces. I immediately froze behind the counter, unable to breathe. Suddenly, one of them asked, "Do you have any Elton John records?" With a faint sigh, I felt a sense of relief. The soldiers were not there to inform me that my son had died but to buy records. My thoughts went back to my son, glad that at that moment, he was still alive.

Adapted from <https://www.rd.com/true-stories/inspiring/100-word-story-winners/2/>

- 16 (1) angrily
(2) forcefully
(3) ferociously
(4) relentlessly

- 17 (1) pulled in
(2) pulled on
(3) pulled up
(4) pulled through

- 18 (1) harsh
(2) severe
(3) sombre
(4) intense

- 19 (1) stiffened
(2) solidified
(3) hardened
(4) toughened

- 20 (1) rested
(2) relaxed
(3) appeased
(4) consoled

FAMILY DIVERS PRESENTS SUPER KIDS DIVING COURSE

Dates:

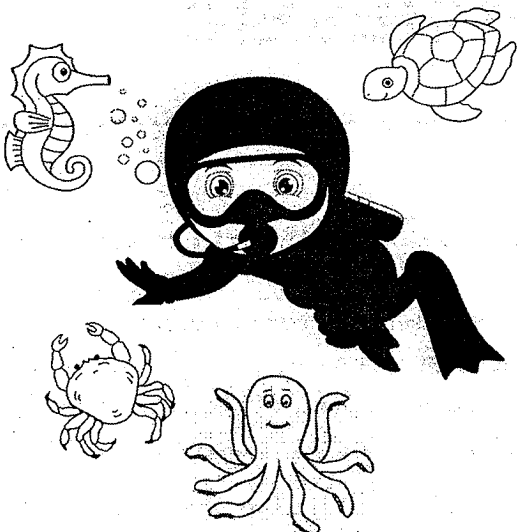
1 to 7 June 2018

Time:

1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Venue:

Lion Country Club
Swimming Pool



MEMBERS' PROMOTION!

**Capture your amazing
scenes under water at no
cost!**

- Offer exclusive to Lion Country Club members only.
- Usual Price: \$10 per photo
- Offer is limited to one photograph per participant

Who We Are and Why Choose Us

Family Divers is a family-oriented scuba diving company that creates memories that last a lifetime, and educates children to be better buddies to each other and our fragile underwater world. Here's why you should choose us:

Family Divers is the largest
contributor to youth
certifications in scuba diving
7000 youth certifications with
100%
safety success

We are one of only three
companies in Singapore certified
to conduct the SASY and SEAL
TEAM programmes for younger
kids (ages 8 - 10)!
SASY & SEAL
CERTIFIED!



Who can sign up?

*To join the Super Kids Diving Course, a child must be 8 years of age or older. No prior experience with scuba diving is necessary but the child should be comfortable in water.



Fees

Family Divers Members: \$150

Non-members: \$200

*** Parental approval is required**



TESTIMONIAL

"Absolutely brilliant! The instructors were wonderfully patient and professional. I loved the course so much and cannot wait to dive again. I highly recommend this diving course. Thank you so much, Family Divers!"

Julian Goh

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Satisfied Super Kids Diver

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Sign up for the Super Kids Diving Course with Family Divers and experience what it is like to be a professional diver:



PHASE ONE: SASY PROGRAMME (1 – 2 June 2018)

'SASY' is a Surface Supplied Air System that resembles a scuba unit with a small tank and regulator and is designed to float on the surface. The SASY programme is for those interested in learning basic snorkel/scuba dive skills in the pool and the ocean. You will breathe through the regulator which creates bubbles. This makes it feel like you are diving in deep water although you are on the surface.

Prior to the pool session, your parents must complete a medical questionnaire about your medical conditions that could pose a problem while diving. If necessary, your parents may be required to submit a doctor's letter to certify that you are fit to dive.



PHASE TWO: SEAL TEAM PROGRAMME (3 - 7 June 2018)

Have you ever wondered what it's like to dive with a flashlight, or take digital pictures underwater? Beyond learning basic scuba skills, there are specialty AquaMissions such as wreck diving, navigation, buoyancy, environmental awareness and more.

The Family Divers SEAL TEAM Programme includes doing some cool stuff in the pool, making new friends and sharing in the adventure of the underwater world.

AquaMissions 1 – 5:

Learn basic scuba diving skills which include:

- breathing underwater
- clearing a mask of water
- recovering a regulator

Complete these AquaMissions and become a recognised Seal Team Member.

AquaMissions 6 - 10:

Enjoy Specialty Adventures which include:

- creature identification
- search and recovery diving
- skin diving.

Complete all of these missions and you'll become a Master Seal Team Member.



How can you start learning?

Sign up at our office located at Lion Country Club. Be the first 20 to sign up and get a 10% discount and a Family Divers shirt for free.

Submit your registration forms by 10 May 2018.



What scuba gear will you use?

You will learn to use the basic scuba gear: a mask, snorkel, fins, regulator, buoyancy control device, dive gauges, and a tank. Contact us at 6712 4567 to ask about your gear and get advice about how to prepare for your Super Kids Diving Course.

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

21 What is the aim of the advertisement?

- (1) to get families to visit Family Divers
- (2) to get families to visit Lion Country Club
- (3) to encourage children to take up the diving course
- (4) to encourage children to become professional divers

22 Which of the following is a requirement for all participants of the diving course?

- (1) Participants must be able to swim.
- (2) Participants must be at least 8 years old.
- (3) Participants must be members of Lion Country Club.
- (4) Participants must have their parents present during the diving lessons.

23 A person who is among the first 20 participants to sign up for the course will get _____.

- (1) a 10% discount and a free shirt
- (2) a free shirt and a free photograph
- (3) a 10% discount and a free photograph
- (4) a 10% discount, a free photograph and a free shirt

24 Based on the information in the advertisement, which of the following statements is correct?

- (1) Participants will be taught to identify certain sea creatures.
- (2) Participants will be deep under water in the Sasy Programme.
- (3) Participants will be taught to breathe under water without any equipment.
- (4) Participants will be recognised as a Seal Team Member if they sign up for the course.

25 Look at the title on the second page of the advertisement. Who does 'us' in "Join us for a week you will remember forever" refer to?

- (1) SASY
- (2) SEAL Team
- (3) Family Divers
- (4) Lion Country Club

26 What is the purpose of including a testimonial in the advertisement? www.sgexam.com

- (1) to introduce Julian Goh
- (2) to strongly encourage more people to dive
- (3) to praise the instructors of the diving course
- (4) to build confidence in the readers about the diving course

27 The purpose of the asterisk in the section 'Who can sign up?' is _____.

- (1) to stress the importance of the information
- (2) to emphasise that prior experience is not required
- (3) to highlight the age requirement of the participants
- (4) to attract the readers' attention to the detail on parents' approval

28 Eleven-year-old John has a medical condition. He must _____ before participating in the diving course.

- (1) see a doctor
- (2) get parental consent
- (3) provide a doctor's letter
- (4) complete a questionnaire



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2018 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1

ENGLISH LANGUAGE – PAPER 2

LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION

PRIMARY 5

Name : _____ ()

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Date : 3 May 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

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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)

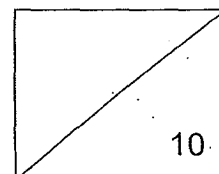
EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

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|---------|----------|---------|----------|-------------|
| (A) an | (D) does | (G) of | (K) only | (N) their |
| (B) by | (E) for | (H) off | (L) over | (P) through |
| (C) did | (F) how | (J) on | (M) the | (Q) up |

It is late in the evening. The glowing sun sets gradually in the horizon. Two male lions prowl _____ the savanna of Tanzania, Africa. They are looking for a pride _____
(29) (30)
females and a territory to call their own. Suddenly, they stop. In their sight is another pair of
male lions, _____ manes clearly visible. The intruders size _____ their
(31) (32)
opponents, then back off. They will also battle _____ turf somewhere else.
(33)

Male lions are the _____ cats that grow manes. However, for years, scientists
(34)
were uncertain why. A tiger's stripes or a leopard's spots provide camouflage, but a lion's
mane _____ not have an obvious purpose. If anything, having a mop of hair in
(35)
_____ warm African climate would seem like a disadvantage. Why make life
(36)
harder _____ growing a hot scarf to wrap around your head?
(37)

One theory was that the males' long locks attracted females, much like _____ a
(38)
peacock's dazzling feathers get noticed by peahens. Another idea was that it was a kind of
furry armour. No one knew for sure why.



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

Stephen Hawking was born on 8 January, 1942 in Oxford, England. He

(39)

was always interested on how things worked. Stephen enjoyed Mathematics

(40)

and Science in school, so he earn the nickname 'Einstein'. Then, he moved on

(41)

to university and he persewed cosmology at Cambridge.

(42)

When he was 21, Stephen started tripping, dropped items along the way.

His speech also became unclear. After a series of tests, doctors concluded

(43)

(44)

what Stephen was suffering from a disaeze which paralysed him and hence,

(45)

requiered a speech generating device to communicate.

(46)

(47)

Stephen Hawking's indomitabel spirit as well as his acheivments will

(48)

always be remembered. "It is a waste of time to be angry about my disabilaty.

(49)

One has to get on with life and I haven't done bad. I don't think the human

race will survive the next thousand years unless we spread into space. But

(50)

I'm the optimist. We will reach out to the stars."

Singapore is a green city. If you have ever wondered what tree with its pretty flowers stands at the foot of your block, or _____ Singapore's 262 heritage trees are located, all you now need to do is look it _____ online.

(51)

(52)

On Saturday, the National Parks Board (NParks) _____ *trees.sg*, an online map that shows the locations of _____ than 500,000 trees in Singapore's urban landscape. Users can click on specific trees and look at pictures of _____, as well as their biodata.

(53)

(54)

(55)

The map took 10 months to create, at a _____ of \$100,000, and NParks bills this as the _____ extensive tree map in Asia.

(56)

(57)

The map was launched to _____ the International Day of Forests, which falls on March 21. In conjunction _____ the launch of *trees.sg*, the heritage restoration process _____ Fort Canning Park kicked off on Saturday with the

(58)

(59)

(60)

_____ of 18 trees in the soon-to-be Farquhar Garden. _____ completed in June 2019, it will take over the current Stamford Green, and will include plants

(61)

(62)

originally grown by Major-General William Farquhar, _____ first British Resident and Commandant of Singapore _____ 1819 to 1823.

(63)

(64)

Also launched on Saturday _____ a community-led group called Friends of TreesSg, and NParks' free guided walk of Chinatown's heritage trees. The public can sign up for these activities in the coming weeks.

(65)

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 My family likes to visit cafes more than we like to shop.

_____ prefers
_____.

67 Raquel goes for ballet classes every Thursday but not on days when she has language lessons.

_____ except
_____.

68 The shopkeeper has been promoted. His helpfulness earned him much praise.

_____ whose
_____.

69 Mrs Yeo told the students, "Submit your homework if you have completed it."

Mrs Yeo told the students _____
_____.

70 Jiayi ran slowly at the marathon yesterday. Weixuan also ran slowly.

Neither _____
_____.

In 1883, an engineer named John Roebling was inspired by an idea to build a bridge connecting New York with Long Island. However, experts throughout the world thought that that was an impossible feat. Roebling could not ignore the **vision** he had in his mind. He knew deep in his heart that it could be done. He just had to share the dream with someone else. After much persuasion, he managed to convince his son, Washington, an up-and-coming engineer, that the bridge in fact could be built. 5

Working together, father and son developed concepts of how it could be accomplished and how the obstacles could be overcome. With great excitement and inspiration, they hired their crew and began to build their dream bridge. The project started well, but when it was only a few months underway, a tragic accident on the site took John's life. Washington was also injured and was left with a certain amount of brain damage, which resulted in him not being able to talk or walk. 10

"We told them so." "Crazy men and their crazy dreams." "It's foolish to chase wild visions." Everyone felt that the project should be scrapped since the Roeblings were the only ones who had the know-how. In spite of his **handicap**, Washington was not discouraged and still had a burning desire to complete the bridge. His mind was still as sharp as ever. He tried to inspire and pass on his enthusiasm to some of his friends, but they were too daunted by the task. 15

As Washington lay on his bed in the hospital room, with the sunlight streaming through the windows, a gentle breeze blew the flimsy white curtains apart and he was able to see the sky and the tops of the trees outside for just a moment. It seemed that there was a message for him not to give up. Suddenly, an **idea** hit him. All he could do was move one finger, so he decided to make the best use of it. 20

By moving his finger, Washington slowly developed a code of communication with his wife. He touched his wife's arm with that finger, indicating to her that he wanted her to call the engineers again. Then he used the same method of tapping her arm to tell the engineers what to do. It seemed foolish but the project was underway again. 25

For 13 years, Washington tapped out his instructions with his finger on his wife's arm, until the bridge was finally completed. Today, the spectacular Brooklyn Bridge stands in all its glory as a tribute to the triumph of one man's invincible spirit and his **determination not to be defeated by circumstances**. It is also a tribute to the engineers and their teamwork, and to their faith in a man who was considered mad by half the world. It stands too as a tangible monument to his wife who for 13 long years decoded the messages of her husband and told the engineers what to do. 30

- 71 What was the name of the structure Washington inspired his engineers to build? [1m]

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- 72 What happened to John Roebling after the project to build the bridge had started? [2m]

- 73 Fill in the blanks with words from paragraphs 2 to 3 that have the same meanings as the following words. [3m]

conquered	
abandoned	
frightened	

- 74 Pick out a four-word phrase from the third paragraph that tells us that Washington was filled with strong determination to achieve his dream. [1m]

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- 75 Which two of the following words best describe how Washington felt in paragraph 4?
Put a tick ✓ in the box beside each of your answers. [2m]
DO NOT TICK MORE THAN TWO BOXES.

deflated

discouraged

happy

hopeful

renewed

relieved

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

_____ Everyone felt that the project should be abandoned.

_____ Washington met with an accident.

_____ Washington and his wife developed a code of communication.

- 77 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
John Roebling managed to easily get Washington's help to build the bridge.		
Washington could not think clearly after the accident.		
Washington could not communicate with the engineers directly.		

- 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. [3m]

Word from the passage	What the word refers to
vision (line 3)	
handicap (line 15)	
idea (line 22)	

- 79 The writer describes Washington as having 'determination not to be defeated by circumstances' (lines 30 and 31). State two actions of Washington in the story to support this description. [2m]

First action	
Second action	

- 80 Would you describe Washington's wife as a dedicated woman? Support your answer with an example of how Washington's wife showed this characteristic. [2m]

END OF PAPER

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Booklet A

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

Booklet B

Q 29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
J	G	N	Q	H	K	D	M	B	F
Q39)	in		Q43)	that		Q47)	achievements		
Q40)	earned		Q44)	disease		Q48)	disability		
Q41)	pursued		Q45)	required		Q49)	badly		
Q42)	dropping		Q46)	indomitable		Q50)	an		

Q51)	where	Q56)	budget	Q61)	planting
Q52)	up	Q57)	most	Q62)	Once
Q53)	launched	Q58)	commemorate	Q63)	the
Q54)	more	Q59)	with	Q64)	from
Q55)	them	Q60)	at	Q65)	by
Q66)	My family prefers visiting cafes to shopping.				
Q67)	Requel goes for ballet classes every Thursday except (days) when she has language lessons.				
Q68)	The shopkeeper whose helpfulness earned him much praise has been promoted.				

Q69)	Mrs Yeo told the students to submit their homework if they had completed it.
Q70)	Neither Jiayi nor Weixuan ran fast at the marathon yesterday.
Q71)	Brooklyn Bridge
Q72)	John died in an accident on the site after the project to build the bridge had started.
Q73)	conquered – overcome abandoned – scrapped frightened - daunted
Q74)	had a burning desire
Q75)	hopeful /renewed
Q76)	2, 1, 3
Q77)	False – John Roebling managed to get Washington's help to build the bridge only after much persuasion. False – Washington's mind was still as sharp as ever. True – Washington could only use his finger to tap on his wife's arm to call the engineer and tell them what to do.
Q78)	vision – the idea of building a bridge connecting New York and Long Island handicap – his disability to talk and walk idea – the use of his finger to communicate with others
Q79)	First Action – He tried to inspire and pass on the enthusiasm to some of his friends. Second Action – He managed to complete building the Brooklyn Bridge after the accident and achieved that through tapping of his fingers during his communication with his engineers
Q80)	Yes, I would. His wife stood by him, helping him to decode the messages he wanted to bring across to his engineer for thirteen years.