



Rulang Primary School

**SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2 BOOKLET A
LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION
2018**

Name : _____ () **Marks :** _____ / 28

Class : Primary 5 _____

Date : 25 October 2018

Setter : Mdm Lee Chin Chin

28 Questions

Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1 Hour 50 Minutes

Instructions to Pupils:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all the instructions carefully.
3. Answer all the questions.
4. This question booklet consists of 11 printed pages, including the cover page.

Section A: Grammar (10 marks)

For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade its number on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. Jason looked frantically for his haversack _____ had gone missing.
(1) who
(2) which
(3) whom
(4) whose

2. All the boys but Ryan _____ rehearsing diligently for the performance the following day.
(1) is
(2) are
(3) was
(4) were

3. Mrs Lim woke up earlier this morning as there was _____ housework to be done.
(1) little
(2) few
(3) much
(4) many

4. The police warned online shoppers to be wary _____ phishing scams and not to fall victim to them.
(1) of
(2) for
(3) from
(4) about

5. "Jeraldin, you _____ that book since this morning. You need to complete your homework," Mother said.
(1) are reading
(2) were reading
(3) would be reading
(4) have been reading

6. Mdm Nurin realised that John was unwell, _____ she?
- (1) did
 - (2) was
 - (3) didn't
 - (4) wasn't
7. "Do you _____ about the road accident that happened just in front of our school early this morning?" Coco asked.
- (1) know
 - (2) knew
 - (3) knows
 - (4) known
8. If you _____ your work more thoroughly, you would not have made these mistakes.
- (1) check
 - (2) checked
 - (3) had checked
 - (4) have checked
9. Rachael heard a baby _____ incessantly through the night.
- (1) cry
 - (2) cries
 - (3) cried
 - (4) had cried
10. The retired journalist keeps his notes by his side _____ his memory fail him.
- (1) but
 - (2) lest
 - (3) unless
 - (4) though

Section B: Vocabulary (5 marks)

For each question from 11 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade its number on the Optical Answer Sheet.

11. To _____ the group discussions, the leaders prepared reading materials for every group member.
- (1) intensify
 - (2) facilitate
 - (3) heighten
 - (4) reinforce
12. The lady was _____ her jewellery at the party and attracted unnecessary attention.
- (1) flaunting
 - (2) exposing
 - (3) divulging
 - (4) revealing
13. The new owners of the apartment _____ the unwanted furniture to make way for new ones.
- (1) discard
 - (2) evacuate
 - (3) disregard
 - (4) relinquish
14. The board of directors _____ the meeting to discuss the company's future plans.
- (1) sat on
 - (2) sat out
 - (3) sat around
 - (4) sat through
15. I had saved enough money to buy this expensive bag which cost me _____.
- (1) a dime a dozen
 - (2) two cents worth
 - (3) an arm and a leg
 - (4) my bread and butter

Section C: Vocabulary Cloze (5 marks)

For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade its number on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was a prolific composer of the classical era. Born on 27 January 1756 in Salzburg, Mozart showed extraordinary ability early in his childhood.

(16)

Already competent on the keyboard and violin, he composed from a very young age and

(17)

performed before European royalty. At seventeen, Mozart was engaged as a musician at the Salzburg court but became restless and travelled in search of a desired position.

(18)

After that, he chose to stay in Vienna, the capital, where he achieved fame. Mozart is said to have written the overture for Don Giovanni in a single night, the night before the opera's

first public appearance. It is believed that he could compose symphonies in his mind

(19)

and at times did not put pen to paper until he had completed the entire piece in his mind

(20)

first. Despite the wet ink on the opera's music sheet from its last minute copying and lack of time for rehearsal, all went well.

Adapted from https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wolfgang_Amadeus_Mozart

16. (1) bizarre
(2) startling
(3) miraculous
(4) exceptional

17. (1) proficient
(2) influential
(3) compelling
(4) experienced

18. (1) popular
(2) favourite
(3) preferred
(4) confirmed

19. (1) debut
(2) tribute
(3) initiation
(4) performance

20. (1) scribe
(2) check
(3) evaluate
(4) illustrate

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Section D: Visual Text Comprehension (8 marks)

Study the brochure below and answer questions 21 to 28.



@ MARINA BARRAGE

Date: 22 March 2019, Saturday

Time: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Venue: Marina Barrage

WALK FOR WATER FROM GARDENS BY THE BAY TO MARINA BARRAGE (WALK-INS ARE WELCOME)

The *Walk for Water* aims to create the awareness of the distance people from developing countries need to walk daily to access clean water. Join the *Walk for Water* as you take in the morning view of Gardens by the Bay from Bay East to Marina Barrage.

Walk-ins are required to register by 7.45 a.m. at Gardens by the Bay East. Shuttle bus service from Stadium MRT Station to Gardens by the Bay East is available from 7 a.m..

WATER CONSERVATION EXHIBITION

Learn about domestic water conservation tips through the water conservation exhibition and the interactive activities. Enjoy the display of students' innovative projects to reduce water consumption at home. Collect six stamps from the activity booths and you stand a chance to redeem a free gift! While stocks last!

WATER AUDIT CHALLENGE



Practise the water conservation tips and monitor your water bills between January and February 2019. Submit your February 2019 household utility bill online and households with reduced water consumption in the month of February will stand a chance to win an attractive prize!

Singapore World Water Day 2019

Easy Action Matters and when it comes to Saving Water, everyone has a part to play. Drop your water usage and watch your utility bill drop. Join us in our activities and learn how you can make every drop count.

Take action now @
www.sgworldwaterday.com



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WWW.SGWORLDWATERDAY.COM

Water Is Precious

Nanyang Academy & Garden Asia Kids Present...

What better way to spend your
December holidays?



Pitter Patter Camp for children from 8 to 12 years old

PITTER PATTER – *the sound of waterfall and the sound of excited little footsteps.*

This year, we wander into the world of water, a natural resource so precious to Singapore. We have planned a series of excursions and activities for the children to learn and experience various aspects of water, and how it is vital in our daily lives. A camp not to be missed!

World Without Water

@ Nanyang Academy

Nanyang Academy hopes to create a positive social behavioural change. Short for Community Corp, "ComCorp" brings the community and corporations together through sustainable efforts of urban farming. Participants will experience the basics of gardening and reaping the fruits of their labour.

Water Wonders

@ Garden Asia Kids

Ice-Cream Making Workshop
(by Soyato)

Made in Singapore, this is a new form of premium frozen dessert. Because it is made of soy milk, Soyato is low in fat and cholesterol; high in protein and calcium. Participants will learn how this idea is derived from Japan!

Waterworks

@ Scape

Recycled Plastic Art

An initiative by *The Living Project, Luminance!* is Singapore's first youth art light festival that showcases original creations by local artists. The key element of sustainability reiterates our unique presence at SCAPE. Participants will work on a recycled plastic art masterpiece that will be put on display at *Luminance!*

Fun with Water

@ Singapore Science Centre

With more than ten galleries that cover topics from Mathematics and Science to Technology, participants will widen their imagination to explore the endless possibilities of water conservation.

Usefulness of Water @ Marina Barrage

Here, participants will go on a guided tour of the *Sustainable Singapore Gallery*, learning about our country's efforts towards environmental sustainability through innovative and fun multimedia.

Proudly brought to you by:



NANYANG ACADEMY



GARDEN ASIA KIDS PTE LTD
240 Neo Tiew Crescent
Singapore 718898
Tel: 6886 5335



For each question from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade its number on the Optical Answer Sheet.

21. The events at Marina Barrage on 22 March 2019 are organised by _____.

- (1) Nanyang Academy
- (2) Gardens by the Bay
- (3) Garden Asia Kids Pte Ltd
- (4) Singapore's National Water Agency

22. Participants for *Walk for Water* at the Gardens by the Bay _____.

- (1) can register for the walk at 8 a.m.
- (2) walk to enjoy the morning view of Gardens by the Bay
- (3) will learn that clean water is hard to get in some countries
- (4) can enjoy the free shuttle bus service to Stadium MRT Station

23. Which of the following does not take place at Marina Barrage?

- (1) activities on water conservation
- (2) sharing of water conservation tips
- (3) workshops on monitoring utility bills
- (4) display of students' water conservation projects

24. Families can win a prize when they _____.

- (1) submit their February household utility bill online
- (2) pay their household utility bills before February 2019
- (3) reduce their household water usage in February 2019
- (4) monitor their household water usage over two months

25. For more information on Water Audit Challenge, John may _____.

- (1) call 6886 5335
- (2) visit Marina Barrage exhibition
- (3) sign up with Nanyang Academy
- (4) log on to www.sgworldwaterday.com

26. Pitter Patter Camp aims to _____.

- (1) give children the opportunity to carry out hands-on activities
- (2) occupy children meaningfully during their December holidays
- (3) teach children the importance of water as it is a scarce natural resource
- (4) create awareness in children of the challenges faced by people living in developing countries

27. _____ teaches participants to think of creative ways to conserve water.

- (1) Waterworks @ Scape
- (2) Water Wonders @ Garden Asia Kids
- (3) World Without Water @ Nanyang Academy
- (4) Fun with Water @ Singapore Science Centre

28. Which of the following is true?

- (1) Pitter Patter Camp is suitable for all primary school students.
- (2) Garden Asia Kids is the sole organiser of Pitter Patter Camp.
- (3) Soyato, which is made from soy milk, is imported from Japan.
- (4) Participants of Pitter Patter Camp will have a chance to have their art work displayed.



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Name : _____ () Marks : _____ / 67

Class : Primary 5 _____

Date : 25 October 2018

Setter : Mdm Lee Chin Chin

52 Questions

Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1 Hour 50 Minutes

Instructions to Pupils:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
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3. Answer all the questions.
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Section E: Grammar Cloze (10 marks)

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.

EACH WORD CAN ONLY BE USED ONCE.

(A) about	(D) at	(G) for	(K) is	(N) was
(B) and	(E) but	(H) from	(L) to	(P) when
(C) are	(F) by	(J) in	(M) over	(Q) with

"We want people to lead active and meaningful lives," said Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong. Singapore's first retirement kampong in Woodlands – bringing together public housing for seniors (29) _____ healthcare, wellness and eldercare facilities – was officially opened yesterday.

The 11-storey Kampung Admiralty is the first Housing Development Board project to co-locate childcare (30) _____ senior centres under one development, aimed (31) _____ encouraging inter-generational bonding. At the launch, Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong said, "This is a small kampong that is modest in scale (32) _____ bold in ambition. We will make it succeed and (33) _____ it's successful, we will build more kampongs like this." The pilot project (34) _____ conceived more than four years ago (35) _____ recognition of Singapore's ageing population.

HDB has sought to develop new designs for the elderly population, and build flats, common areas and neighbourhoods (36) _____ promote strong social support and community bonding. The facilities at Kampung Admiralty (37) _____ meant to encourage seniors to step out of their homes and socialise with their neighbours and friends. "I've tended to the gardens in this area for (38) _____ 20 years," said retiree, Oh Kee Swee, 62. He is among those already enjoying the new facilities.

Adapted from The Straits Times, Modern 'Kampung' in Woodlands Opens, 13 May 2018

Section F: Editing For Spelling and Grammar (12 marks)

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

(39)

Dawan walked home, deep in thoughts. She aproched her house haltingly. She

(40)

heard the fameelier sounds of her mother singing tunelessly to the baby, and of chickens

(41)

clucking and they pecked the dirt underneath the stilts of the house. "Is Kwai home yet,

(42)

Grandma?" Dawan asked, carefully putting away her old schoolbag on a low workbench.

(43)

(44)

Grandmother, sprinkled millets for the chickens and watching Dawan's father repairs the

chicken coop, glanced at her grandchild. The old woman was about to answer when

(45)

Dawan's mother walked out, her baby balanced komfortably on one hip. She called out

to her daughter, "Dawan, will you be a good girl and help me to ..." But Dawan was not

(46)

listening. She gazed beyond the fields at her brother sitting under tall tree and sighed.

(47)

"Child, is there anything wrong?" asked her sharp-eyed grandmother. Dawan skeratched

(48)

her knee. A million thoughts raced in her mind. She wished she did not have to fight for

(49)

(50)

the chance to persue her studies. She hated konfrontasions. Dawan tried to speak, but

no words came out. Fear had chained them.

Adapted from 'Sing to the Dawn' by Minfong Ho

Section G: Comprehension Cloze (15 marks)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

A strange noise brought Alistair fully awake. He (51) _____ heavy breathing and plodding footsteps. They were moving towards him. Craning his (52) _____, he made out a set of enormous curving horns and the vast bulk of the last animal he had expected to see – a Cape buffalo! Alistair thought, "A lone bull buffalo is one of the (53) _____ feared and treacherous animals in Africa."

Standing a distance away in the clearing, it (54) _____ its muzzle to catch Alistair's scent. Its enormous horns spanned more than one metre. He knew that one hook of those horns could send a man (55) _____ into the air. Alistair also knew that the hunting world was full of stories of hunters gored or (56) _____ to death by these behemoths. Unable to run, Alistair sat up painfully and lobbed a stone, (57) _____ the beast on the head. But it merely shook its head as if bothered by a fly and stepped nearer. It gazed at Alistair before it carefully folded its front legs and (58) _____ a grunting sigh, plopped down its great (59) _____.

Astonished, Alistair (60) _____ as the buffalo placidly chewed cud, its gaze fixed in the same direction that Alistair had been watching all night. After puzzling (61) _____ it for some time, Alistair came to realise that the buffalo was actually guarding him! He wondered if he was benefiting from an extraordinary instance of one animal (62) _____ its life to help another being. Whatever the reason, Alistair was thankful.

Suddenly, the buffalo lurched to its (63) _____ and ran off, crashing through the scrub. Alistair became alert instantly. Squinting into the brilliant light on the river, Alistair counted four figures. Help eventually reached him that dawn.

After (64) _____ from his injuries months later, Alistair returned to work as a guide but with a renewed (65) _____ of wonder. He says, "After being injured and stranded, a buffalo helped me survive. I don't suppose anyone will ever be able to explain that act of mercy – something I'll never forget."

Adapted from The Reader's Digest Classic Reads 2016, 'Encounter in the African Bush'

Section H: Synthesis (10 marks)

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).

66. We forgot to wash the laundry before leaving home.

None of _____

67. My younger brother refused to take his medicine. Mother was frustrated.

_____ frustrated at

68. Donna is very excited and is looking forward to her trip to the zoo.

with _____

69. My cousin was surprised. She passed her driving test in her first attempt.

Much to _____

70. Josephine asked, "Will you accompany me to the concert tomorrow?"

Josephine asked _____

Section I: Open-Ended Comprehension (20 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

As a civil engineer, Lim Suet Fong is used to planning and directing others to construct buildings. However, she has found herself getting her hands dirty building hospitals and septic tanks.

Lim, 39, is a volunteer with the humanitarian group 'Doctors Without Borders'. When asked about her motivation for joining the group, Lim said, "It's just the feeling you get when you watch the news about these places and you know something can be done to make people's lives better."

She signed up to be a field worker in 2009, and when a call came in 2010 offering her the role in a mission, the Singaporean agreed readily. "I didn't even know where it was to, but they later told me it was to South Sudan," said Lim, who then resigned from her job at a local company. Getting to South Sudan involved weeks of preparations and briefings.

Lim had never been on any kind of volunteer trips. "I didn't know what to expect. I tried to imagine what the work would be like based on images from the news. But I did not imagine the reality of life there. It was 45 degrees Celsius outside; you were in the middle of nowhere and there was no power or necessities."

When she reached her accommodation and saw her bedroom, she burst into tears. "My bed was there, along with a kitchen sink and a cabinet. I looked at it and thought to myself, 'What should I do?'"

"But I got over it. And the next time I cried was when I was leaving South Sudan because I was already missing the place and the people."

Lim never feared for her safety despite the unstable political climate and hostile situations during her missions. She arrived in South Sudan shortly before the independence vote where it separated from the North after decades of conflict driven by religious and ethnic divides.

When she was in Afghanistan, which was experiencing armed conflict, she could hear the sounds of blasting and bombing nearby.

To reassure her family at home, Lim made sure to call them often. "But I never really told them exactly what was going on because I didn't want them to worry."

She said the field workers' movements were confined to the base, hospital and main city, which were relatively safe. Moreover, the hospitals and their compounds have a strictly no-weapons policy. "But, I always knew at the back of my mind that the situation was volatile." In Afghanistan in December 2011, for the first time Lim witnessed an explosion occur close to a market in Kunduz. People with blast-related injuries, started streaming into the hospital. "You suddenly realise the reason you're there," she said. "I see injured civilians being rushed into the hospitals that we've built and leave after they're well with smiles on their faces." Some things Lim has learnt to appreciate are the simple conveniences of a developed country like Singapore, such as toilets that flush. "We have to dig trenches for the filtration system," said Lim, who returned to Singapore in late 2011. While she has readjusted to "normal" life and returned to work almost immediately, she hopes to go back to the field. "A lot of people thought I have sacrificed a lot. The fact is that I have gained a lot more than what I have given. The friendship, the experience, even the opportunity to realise that the world is far from perfect, are things I've gained. There is still a lot of work to be done." "It's true that people don't thank us directly. But as a logistics person, you're working in the background. I know I have done my job when the medical operations go smoothly. A good logistics team is successful when people don't know you exist. It means nothing went wrong during the mission." <i>Adapted from The Straits Times, 'Volunteer Happy to be in the Background', 28 May 2018</i>	35 40 45 50
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71. What was Lim's occupation before she became a volunteer? [1m]

72. According to Lim, what were the two incidents that made her cry? [2m]

73. List the two safety conditions that were provided for the field workers. [2m]

(i) _____

(ii) _____

74. Look at the table below. What do you think 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. [2m]

Word from the passage	What the word refers to
there (line 15)	South Sudan
agreed (line 9)	
it (line 20)	

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

	Lim experienced and witnessed political unrest.
	Lim found employment in Singapore in 2011.
	Lim imagined what volunteer work was like while watching news.

76. For each of the words below, choose a word/phrase from the passage which has similar meaning to it. [3m]

flooding	
restricted	
lodging	

77. What did Lim experience that reaffirmed her belief in being a volunteer? [2m]

78. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false. Then give one reason from the passage to support your answer. [3m]

	True/False	Reason
Lim found life in South Sudan inconvenient.		
Lim felt that she had sacrificed a lot in order to be a volunteer.		
Lim knew that she situation was volatile when she was volunteering in Afghanistan.		

79. Based on the passage, what does the phrase 'never feared for her safety' (Line 23) tell us about the type of person Lim is and how did she stop her family from worrying too much about her? [2m]

80. In the last paragraph, did Lim feel that she had fulfilled her role in the mission well? Support your answer with evidence from the passage. [2m]

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Booklet A

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

Booklet B

Q 29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
Q	B	D	E	P	N	J	L	C	M
Q39)	approached	Q43)	sprinkling	Q47)	scratched				
Q40)	familiar	Q44)	repair	Q48)	through				
Q41)	as	Q45)	comfortably	Q49)	pursue				
Q42)	down	Q46)	towards	Q50)	confrontations				

Q51)	heard	Q56)	trampled	Q61)	cover
Q52)	neck	Q57)	hitting	Q62)	risking
Q53)	most	Q58)	heaving	Q63)	feet
Q54)	lifted	Q59)	body	Q64)	recovering
Q55)	flying	Q60)	stared	Q65)	sense
Q66)	None of us remembered to wash the laundry before leaving home.				
Q67)	Mother was frustrated at my younger brother's refusal to take his medicine.				
Q68)	Donna is looking forward to her trip to the zoo with excitement.				
Q69)	Much to my cousin's surprise, she passed her driving test at her first				

	attempt.
Q70)	Josephine asked if I would accompany her to the concert the next day.
Q71)	She was a civil engineer.
Q72)	She cried when she saw the bare necessities in her bedroom and when she was leaving South Sudan and its people.
Q73)	i) The movements of the field workers were confined to the base, hospital and main city. ii) No weapons were allowed in the hospital and their compounds.
Q74)	agreed → It refers to her signing up to be a field worker in 2009 and offering her role in a mission when a call came in. It → her bedroom
Q75)	2, 3, 1
Q76)	flooding → streaming into restricted → confined lodging → accommodation
Q77)	She experienced bombing and witnessed explosion close to a market and seeing injured people streaming into the hospitals which they had built and leaving with smiles on their faces upon recovery.
Q78)	True → When Lim was in a mission, they had to dig trenches for the filtration system. False → She felt that she had gained a lot more than what she had given. True → Lim knew at the back of her mind that the armed conflict was volatile.
Q79)	Lim is a courageous person. She called her family more often to stop her family from worrying too much about her.
Q80)	Yes, she did. She believes that when the medical operations go smoothly, Lim has done her job and nothing went wrong during the mission because of a good logistic team which has logistics person to work in the background.