



NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL
CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT 2 – 2008
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
Primary 5

Booklet A
30 questions
30 marks

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary 5 _____

Date: 18 August 2008

Booklet A	/ 30
Booklet B	/ 65
Total	/ 95

Parent's Signature & Date

Total Time for booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

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FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.**

Section A – Graphic Stimulus Comprehension(5 x 1 mark)

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

Mega Health Seminar

Acquire healthcare knowledge from a team of renowned specialists from Singapore Medical Association, hospitals and health organisations.

7 September 2008
(Sunday)

Merlin Hotel
Function Room,
Level 4



The Seminar
comprises
4 sessions
@ \$25 per session

SESSION 1 (10.00 am to 11.30 am)

- Insomnia – the cause, effect and cure
- Dr Lim Beng Ying

SESSION 2 (1.00 pm to 2.30 pm)

- Eat your way to good health
- Nutritionist Chloë Seah

SESSION 3 (3.00 pm to 4.30 pm)

- Preventing and treating Breast Cancer
- Dr Kenny Yap

SESSION 4 (5.00 pm to 6.30 pm)

- Managing Chronic Backache through physiotherapy
- Physiotherapist Lim Ching Siong

Every seminar registrant will receive:

- a Goodie bag with \$100 worth of CNG health products
- a Complimentary basic health check
- a Healthy organic snack set
- the chance to win ALBA prizes worth \$800 in an on-site lucky draw



Test your fitness level on the ALBA TREADMILL CHALLENGE

Open to seminar attendees who are Singapore Citizens and Permanent Residents, aged between 18 and 45.

The participant with the best fitness test results on the ALBA treadmill will win \$1000 cash + ALBA treadmill worth \$1488!

Organised by
Fitness for Life Agency

Sponsored by
ALBA EQUIPMENT
CNG Health Supplements

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

- 1) The seminar is targeted at people who are interested in _____
- (1) achieving a slim figure through dieting
 - (2) knowing ways of cooking healthy meals
 - (3) gaining information on various health issues
 - (4) attaining mental alertness through meditation
- 2) The seminar is organised by _____
- (1) ALBA Equipment
 - (2) Fitness for Life Agency
 - (3) CNG Health Supplements
 - (4) Singapore Medical Association
- 3) Mr Lim is suffering from lower back pain and has not been able to sleep well. It will benefit him if he attends seminar _____
- (1) session 1 and 3
 - (2) session 2 and 3
 - (3) session 1 and 4
 - (4) session 2 and 4
- 4) Which of the following is eligible to take part in the ALBA Treadmill Challenge?
- (1) Peter Seah, a 60-year-old retired senior citizen
 - (2) Lim Yuan, a 16-year-old secondary school student
 - (3) Tan Wei Meng, a 20-year-old National Serviceman
 - (4) George Looney, 35-year-old tourist from New Zealand
- 5) Based on the information in the advertisement, which of the following statements is **TRUE**?
- (1) Seminar speakers include doctors, nutritionist and nurse.
 - (2) All seminar attendees will receive a free basic health check.
 - (3) Goodie bags with \$100 worth of organic snacks will be given away.
 - (4) The top lucky draw prize is \$1000 cash and ALBA treadmill worth \$1488.

Section B – Grammar Discrete (7 x 1 mark)

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) and shade the corresponding oval on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

6. Being an adventurous person, John _____ to many exotic cities over the years.
(1) travels (2) has travelled
(3) travelled (4) had travelled
7. Unlike his twin brother, Vincent prefers classical music _____ jazz.
(1) than (2) and
(3) with (4) to
8. Please do not remove the stack of magazines in the corner which _____ to Carol.
(1) belong (2) belonged
(3) belongs (4) belonging
9. The wealthy man _____ I asked donations from was very arrogant and boastful.
(1) which (2) who
(3) whose (4) whom
10. Everyone in the school _____ given a gift on National Day last year.
(1) is (2) was
(3) are (4) were
11. Although I have _____ met her before, I have heard so much about her.
(1) never (2) seldom
(3) always (4) frequently
12. I _____ very hard for the upcoming physical fitness test with the aim of getting a gold award.
(1) train (2) have trained
(3) trained (4) have been training

Section C – Punctuation Discrete (3 x 1 mark)

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

“What’s going on?” asked Henry (13) Have we won the lottery?”

“No (14) cried Aunt Agatha, doing a twirl. “But we’ve made enough money to go on a holiday! We are going to the seaside, Henry!”

Then Henry’s heart lurched because for all the years he had lived with Aunt Agatha since his parents’ death (15) he had never been on holiday. And he had never seen the sea.

*Adapted from Diana Hendry
Harvey Angell and the Ghost Child*

- 13) (1) [: “] colon and inverted commas
(2) [, “] comma and inverted commas
(3) [. “] full stop and inverted commas
(4) [; “] semi colon and inverted commas
- 14) (1) [, ”] comma and inverted commas
(2) [. ”] full stop and inverted commas
(3) [? ”] question mark and inverted commas
(4) [! ”] exclamation mark and inverted commas
- 15) (1) [:] colon
(2) [,] comma
(3) [-] hyphen
(4) [;] semi colon

Section D – Vocabulary Discrete (5 x 1mark)

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) and shade the corresponding oval on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

- 16) Everyone was _____ when Peter suddenly announced that he was resigning from the company.
- (1) daunted (2) desolate
(3) threatened (4) flabbergasted
- 17) Mary had been unable to sleep soundly after witnessing the _____ murder of her neighbour.
- (1) gripping (2) gruelling
(3) grotesque (4) gruesome
- 18) The health inspectors were horrified when they discovered that the filthy kitchen was _____ with cockroaches.
- (1) infected (2) infested
(3) inhibited (4) inhabited
- 19) With his _____ PSLE results, he did not get into the secondary school of his choice.
- (1) medium (2) insufficient
(3) mediocre (4) inadequate
- 20) Mr. and Mrs. Wong spent a fortune, hosting a _____ dinner at the grand Raffles Hotel to celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary.
- (1) lavish (2) valuable
(3) palatable (4) scrumptious

Section E - Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1mark)

For each question, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

For centuries, the rhinoceros roamed the plains of African savannas and the tropical forests of Asia. However, in recent years, their (21) ability to live and exist has been threatened by man (22) all the time.

The greatest threat to the rhinoceros populations is poaching. They are hunted by poachers for their horns which are mistakenly believed to be of great medical value. At the same time, their natural habitats are rapidly (23) becoming smaller in size as forest and plains are cleared for timber, cash crops and human settlements. This habitat loss makes reproduction and genetic mixing difficult for the rhinoceros.

Some measures have been (24) carried out to protect the species. Rhinoceros are now (25) officially stated as an endangered and protected species. In addition, the trading of rhinoceros has been made illegal.

- (21) (1) fatality
(2) survival
(3) mortality
(4) livelihood
- (22) (1) steadily
(2) gradually
(3) constantly
(4) occasionally
- (23) (1) fading
(2) shrinking
(3) minimising
(4) decreasing
- (24) (1) applied
(2) required
(3) discharged
(4) implemented
- (25) (1) admitted
(2) declared
(3) revealed
(4) confessed

Section F- Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage below and answer Questions 26 to 30.

Robert Peary had always excelled at whatever he did. Not only was he an accomplished athlete in sports, he also won scholarships and graduated second in his college class. In 1881, he entered the U.S. Navy as a lieutenant and was sent to work on a canal project in Nicaragua.

Peary had always wanted to perform a feat that would live long after he was gone. While he was on assignment in Greenland, it came to him: he would be the first man to stand at the North Pole! Many thought the idea of going to the North Pole, an icy barren speck in the middle of the Arctic Ocean, was crazy. However, Peary was obsessed with the dream of "immortality". He knew that he would enjoy eternal fame if he was the first man to reach that spot. "Ninety North!" became his motto.

By 1905, Peary had tried to reach Ninety North five times, and each time he failed. With the wind blowing relentlessly and the temperature hovering around 30 degrees below zero, frostbite was a constant danger. Peary had already suffered the amputation of eight toes because of frostbite. However, his five attempts had won him countless fans around the world.

In 1905, when he was fifty years old, Robert Peary tried again. As he fought the ice and snow, he dreamed of unfurling the American flag at the North Pole. But the closer he got to Ninety North, the colder it became — 40, 50, 60, 70 degrees below zero. At the same time, his men and dogs were starving. They had no choice but to turn back when they were only 170 miles south of the Pole. Disheartened, Peary felt his dream of ever conquering the North Pole was slipping away.

Then four years later, he tried once again. In his diary for April 7 1909, Peary wrote "The Pole at last! The prize of three centuries, my dream and ambition for twenty-three years. Mine at last.."

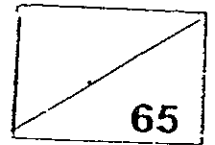
For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the corresponding oval on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

- 26) Young Peary wanted to _____
- (1) be a lieutenant U.S. Navy
 - (2) be an accomplished athlete in the
 - (3) work on a canal project in Nicaragua
 - (4) become the first person to stand at the North Pole

- 27) The word "immortality" in line 9 refers to Peary's wish to _____
- (1) live to see his dream come true
 - (2) be known to people in the world
 - (3) be remembered long after his death
 - (4) go on indefinitely till he reached his goal
- 28) During his exploration in 1905, Peary had to turn back because _____
- (1) he was getting old
 - (2) he felt disheartened
 - (3) of the danger of losing more toes
 - (4) food had run out and it was freezing
- 29) Peary succeeded _____
- (1) in 1909
 - (2) on his fifth try
 - (3) after four years
 - (4) when he was fifty years old
- 30) Which of the following is the most suitable title for the passage?
- (1) Robert Peary's Diary
 - (2) The life of Robert Peary
 - (3) Robert Peary's pursuit of his dream
 - (4) The hardships encountered by Robert Peary

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Section G- Grammar Cloze (10 x 1mark)

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.

Use each word only ONCE.

(A) an	(D) by	(G) in	(K) on	(N) was
(B) and	(E) for	(H) little	(J) so	(P) were
(C) because	(F) from	(I) of	(M) some	(Q) who

The Ancient Egyptian civilisation began about 5000 years ago. The Egyptians believed (31) _____ life after death so corpses were mummified to preserve them (32) _____ the afterlife. The body was then wrapped in linen bandages (33) _____ placed in a coffin in a tomb. The pyramids were built as tombs for the Pharaohs who (34) _____ thought to be gods.

We know about the lives of the Ancient Egyptians (35) _____ archaeologists have explored these tombs. We would know more had they not been plundered (36) _____ grave robbers over the years. The tombs and temples in the Valley of the Kings attract thousands (37) _____ interested tourists every year.

(38) _____ of the great achievements of the Ancient Egyptians (39) _____ lived so long ago include the creation of a 365-day calendar and the invention of papyrus, a kind of paper made (40) _____ the stem of plants.

Section H - Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1mark)

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

41)

The Singapore dragon boat team lost five of it members in a river race in

42)

Cambodia on 22 Nov 2007. An inquiry **commitee** set up to look into the cause of the

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deaths has found the team to be unprepared for the event. The decision to **partisepaté**

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in the race was made relatively late. That leaves the team little time to train. Arriving in

45)

Cambodia only a day before the race, they did not have **practise** sessions in the Tonle

46)

Sap river and were not at all **furnilar** with the type of boat used in the race.

47)

After lost the race to the Cambodians on that fateful day, the team decided to row

48)

back up the river to the docking area when their boat sank. Five rowers in the front are

49)

sucked under a pontoon by strong currents. The tragic accident **rised** many questions

50)

over the safety of dragon boat racing which has gain popularity over the years.

Section I - Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1mark)
Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Did you know that in ancient times the owls were considered unlucky? The Romans hated them (51) _____ much that when one was seen and caught, it would be (52) _____ and its ashes scattered in the river.

Yet, elsewhere, the owl is often (53) _____ as "the wise old bird". However, there is no (54) _____ that they are really wise. Their large eyes seem to be looking at you as (55) _____ they are deep in thoughts. It is probably (56) _____ of this appearance that owls appear wise.

The eyes of most owls are very sensitive (57) _____ daylight. They are unable to move their eyes within their sockets to a great extent; (58) _____ means that they must turn their entire head to see in a different direction. While some owl species are active in the day, most owls hunt during the (59) _____. They use their extraordinary night vision and excellent hearing to locate their prey with ease. They (60) _____ their preys with their powerful claws which close over the animal like the jaws of a trap. Animals as large (61) _____ the squirrel and the rabbit are hunted. If the prey is small (62) _____, it is swallowed whole. (63) _____ the owls tear the larger prey into small pieces using their strong, hooked beak before swallowing.

Special adaptations (64) _____ as wide wings, lightweight bodies and unusually soft, fluffy feathers allow them to fly as silently as the breeze. Their feathers are so loose and fluffy that they appear larger than they really are.

Owls pose no (65) _____ to humans. However, the adult owls will defend their territory and their young against any intruders, human or otherwise.

Section J – Synthesis /Transformation (5 x 2marks)

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

- 66) I took a picture with Mr Devan. His daughter won the first prize in the writing competition.

_____ whose

- 67) Kelvin was very disappointed when he was not chosen as the head prefect. He did not show it.

_____ however,

- 68) Jack left home early this morning. He would not want to be caught in the traffic jam.

_____ so that

- 69) That was the forest. The hikers got lost there.

_____ where

- 70) There was a heavy thunderstorm. They continued their search for the missing hiker.

Despite _____

Section K - Comprehension Open-ended (10 x 2marks)

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow

Andre had always trusted Somchat, his Thai employee who spoke halting English. Always diligent and helpful, he was very well-liked by Andre's clients and business contacts.

When Andre's business was hit by recession, he had to downsize his operation by moving to a cheaper office premise. On the day before moving, Andre stayed later than usual. While moving around the office cluttered with boxes of office property and personal belongings, something shiny in one box suddenly caught his eye. It was all wrapped up except for a tear in the protective brown paper. But Andre recognised it instantly. It was his missing antique Chinese sailing boat given by Mr Chin Wu, a client whom Andre had looked after very well with Somchat's help. Andre's eyes rested on the wordings on the box – it read: "Somchat – personal".

"I...Sorry! That junk is mine...Mr Chin gave me. That one not yours!" Somchat stammered in confusion when he was confronted the next day. He became even more incoherent and finally completely tongue-tied when his colleagues wagged their fingers at him and joined in to reprove him. Andre felt angry and betrayed. Unable to trust Somchat anymore, Andre made up his mind.

"I don't know how to explain, Mr Andre...But someday, somehow, I will come back and explain..." Somchat was still struggling to clear his name when he was sacked on that day. But Andre shrugged that off.

A few months later, Andre heard that Somchat had started working in a five-star hotel in Indonesia. He wrote a few letters to Andre but he tore them all up without reading any. Then came the tragic news: The hotel where Somchat worked had been bombed by the terrorists. Unfortunately, he was among the casualties. Andre felt sorry for the poor man. Except for the theft, Somchat had been a likeable fellow.

That evening, when Andre was alone in his office, he sorted out some of the boxes which had been left unpacked. While rummaging through them, his eyes caught a glint of metal. He could not believe his eyes when he yanked it from the box. It was a boat identical to the one displayed on his desk, the one which Chin Wu claimed to be "one of a kind". Unknown to Andre, Chin Wu had also presented Somchat with a similar junk. Andre's heart sank when he realised what terrible thing he had done. The last words of a friend now dead came back to him once more:

"Someday I will come back and explain..."

Adapted from *The Angel of Changi and Other Short Stories*
By Goh Sin Tub

For each question 71 to 80, write your answer in the space provided.
ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES

71) Why was Somchat popular among the clients and business contacts?

72) Why did Andre have to downsize his business?

73) How do you know that the office was in a mess on the eve of moving?

74) Where did Andre find his "missing antique Chinese sailing boat" (line 9 -10)?

75) Why did Andre feel angry and betrayed?

76) What did Andre make up his mind to do after confronting Somchat?

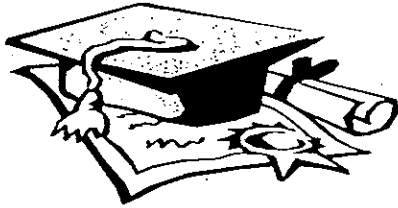
77) What was "the tragic news" mentioned in line 24?

78) Which word in the passage has the same meaning as "criticize someone for something that they have done"? *criticize*

79) Who was the actual owner of the first Chinese sailing boat that Andre found?

80) What was the terrible thing that Andre realised he had done?

End-of-Paper



ANSWER SHEET

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Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
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2	3	1	2	3	2	4	2	4	3	4	1	3	G	E	B	P

Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
C	D	J	M	Q	D

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|-------------|--------------|----------------|------------|
| 41)its | 42)committee | 43)participate | 44)left |
| 45)practice | 46)familiar | 47)losing | 48)were |
| 49)raised | 50)gained | 51)so | 52)burnt |
| 53)known | 54)proof | 55)if | 56)because |
| 57)to | 58)that | 59)night | 60)catch |
| 61)as | 62)enough | 63)otherwise | 64)such |
| 65)thread | | | |

66)I took a picture with Mr Devan whose daughter won the first prize in the writing competition.

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- 68) Jack left home early this morning so that he would not be caught in the traffic jam.
- 69) That was the forest where the hikers got lost.
- 70) Despite the heavy thunderstorm, they continued their search for the missing hiker.
- 71) Somchat was diligent and helpful.
- 72) Andre's business was hit by the recession.
- 73) It was cluttered with boxes of office property and personal belongings.
- 74) He found it in somchat's box.
- 75) He though somchat whom he trusted had stolen his antique Chinese sailing boat.
- 76) Andre decided to fire somchat.
- 77) Somchat had did when the terrorists bombed the hotel where he worked.
- 78) The word is "reproved."
- 79) Somchat was the actual owner.
- 80) He wrongly accused somchat of stealing.