



**HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL  
2011 SEMESTRAL EXAMINATION TWO  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
PRIMARY FIVE  
PAPER 2 BOOKLET A**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Class: P5 \_\_\_\_\_

30 QUESTIONS

30 MARKS

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 HOUR 50 MINUTES

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

Parent's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Booklet A	:	_____	/ 30
Booklet B	:	_____	/ 65
<b>TOTAL</b>	:	_____	<b>/ 95</b>

Study the advertisement below carefully and answer questions 1 to 5.

## **\$51 for 1-Day Durian Trip to Desaru with Return Coach for 1 person (Worth \$85)**

### **Highlights**

- Full day interactive tour to Desaru, Malaysia
- Perfect getaway from June to August
- Ideal for durian lovers

**Booking period is from 17 March to 20 May. Passion Card holders enjoy an additional 10% discount.**

Not valid with other promotions.

### **Departure dates:**

- June 25, 26
- July 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17
- August 6, 7, 13, 14, 20

No cancellation allowed upon confirmation of booking.

Amendment fee of \$25 per booking applies.

### **Tour includes:**

- Visit to Ostrich Farm
- Visit to Desaru Organic Fruit Farm and retail outlet
- Durian Buffet Lunch (inclusive of bee-hoon and curry chicken)
- Shopping at Jaya Jusco Mega Mall and Yong Pen Local Product Store

### **Booking:**

- Send an email regarding your travel details to [tour.orchard@ctstravel.com.sg](mailto:tour.orchard@ctstravel.com.sg)  
Include the following:  
Name:  
Passport no:  
Expiry date:  
Address:  
Contact no:  
Email address:  
Preferred date of travel: (provide 2 dates)
- In person at CTS Orchard Branch

For enquiries, call 6835 8658 or drop us an email

### **CTS Orchard Branch:**

CTS Travel & Tours Pte Ltd  
Orchard Grand Prince Hotel  
#12-04/08

### **Operating hours:**

Mon to Fri, 10.30am - 8pm

Sat 10.30am - 1pm

Closed on Sun and PH

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) in the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

1. In order to enjoy the promotion, bookings cannot be made during \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) May
  - (2) April
  - (3) March
  - (4) February
  
2. From the advertisement, we know that the Durian Tour is organised by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) Desaru, Malaysia
  - (2) Passion Card Singapore
  - (3) Orchard Grand Prince Hotel
  - (4) CTS Travel and Tours Pte Ltd
  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ card holders will get a special concession when they present their membership card.
  - (1) Desaru
  - (2) Passion
  - (3) CTS Orchard
  - (4) CTS Travel and tours
  
4. Bookings made \_\_\_\_\_ will be entertained.
  - (1) in person only
  - (2) in person or by phone
  - (3) through email or phone
  - (4) through email or in person
  
5. Based on the advertisement, which of the following statements is false?
  - (1) Cancellation is allowed before confirmation of booking.
  - (2) There will be opportunities for shopping at only one retail outlet.
  - (3) Amendment fee of \$25 will be charged upon confirmation of booking.
  - (4) The full cost of \$85 per person is chargeable if one travels on 20<sup>th</sup> May.

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. I \_\_\_\_\_ Susan, my best friend, at the shopping centre yesterday.
- (1) ran away
  - (2) ran into
  - (3) ran off
  - (4) ran over
7. The members in the team \_\_\_\_\_ to vote him as the leader since he is trustworthy.
- (1) are deciding
  - (2) has decided
  - (3) had decided
  - (4) have decided
8. "You \_\_\_\_\_ refer to the dictionary if you do not know the meaning of the words in your worksheet instead of asking me!" replied John's mother curty.
- (1) may
  - (2) might
  - (3) would
  - (4) should
9. Kim, as well as her sisters, \_\_\_\_\_ to the birthday party next week.
- (1) is going
  - (2) are going
  - (3) has gone
  - (4) have gone
10. The boy is a world class chess champion \_\_\_\_\_ being only ten years old.
- (1) but
  - (2) unless
  - (3) despite
  - (4) although

11. Hercules could not forget the princess as her beauty was \_\_\_\_\_ compare.

- (1) for
- (2) about
- (3) above.
- (4) beyond

12. "I wonder why \_\_\_\_\_ has left a present on my table," muttered Miss Tan as she picked up the beautifully wrapped gift.

- (1) none
- (2) nobody
- (3) someone
- (4) everyone

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)

Sally jumped up as soon as she saw the surgeon come out of the operating room. She said (13) "How is my little boy? Is he going to be all right? When can I see him?"

The surgeon said, "I'm sorry. We did all we could but your boy didn't make it. Would you like some time alone with your son? One of the nurses will be out in a few minutes (14)

Sally asked the nurse to stay with her while she said good-bye to her son. She ran her fingers lovingly through his thick red curly hair.

"Would you like a lock of his hair(15) the nurse asked. Sally could only stare at the nurse in shock.

13. (1) [ , ] comma  
(2) [ . ] full-stop  
(3) [ ; ] semi-colon  
(4) [ ? ] question mark
14. (1) [ ! ] exclamation mark  
(2) [ . ] full stop  
(3) [ . " ] full stop and inverted commas  
(4) [ ? " ] question mark and inverted commas
15. (1) [ ! " ] exclamation mark and inverted commas  
(2) [ . " ] full stop and inverted commas  
(3) [ , " ] comma and inverted commas  
(4) [ ? " ] question mark and 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. From her conflicting statements, the detective could \_\_\_\_\_ that the witness was lying.
- (1) deduct
  - (2) deduce
  - (3) induce
  - (4) reduce
17. The cost of food has \_\_\_\_\_ over the last few months due to the drought.
- (1) decreased
  - (2) escalated
  - (3) equalised
  - (4) neutralised
18. Smoking is \_\_\_\_\_ at the MRT stations and signs are put up to warn commuters of the consequences if they are caught breaking the law.
- (1) guaranteed
  - (2) prevented
  - (3) prohibited
  - (4) promoted
19. The bully suffered the \_\_\_\_\_ of being chided in front of the whole school.
- (1) hostility
  - (2) humility
  - (3) humanity
  - (4) humiliation
20. The rich man's son squandered away his \_\_\_\_\_ and had to live a life of poverty.
- (1) allowance
  - (2) heritage
  - (3) immunity
  - (4) inheritance

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)

It was a monster! The most (21) grotesque monster he had ever beheld. Not properly shaped, as all other people were, but hunchbacked and crooked-limbed. The little dwarf frowned and the monster frowned too. He laughed and it laughed with him. He went towards it and it came to meet him, (22) copying each step that he made and stopping only when he himself stopped. He shouted with (23) amusement and reached out his hand, and the hand of the monster touched his. It was as cold as ice. The dwarf saw that the monster was shaking with (24) terror as they came face to face. He (25) struck at it and it returned blow for blow. He drew back and it retreated.

21. (1) deformed  
(2) fanciful  
(3) incongruous  
(4) surrealistic
22. (1) duplicating  
(2) imitating  
(3) replicating  
(4) reproduction
23. (1) diversion  
(2) distraction  
(3) entertainment  
(4) pleasure
24. (1) awe  
(2) dismay  
(3) fear  
(4) misery
25. (1) charged  
(2) punched  
(3) smashed  
(4) stormed



Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

### **Forest community**

A forest is not only a collection of trees, bushes, shrubs, grasses and flowers. It is also a living community of plants and a huge variety of animals as well as microscopic creatures. More than 7000 different kinds of plants and animals live in the Beech Woods of Central Europe. This richness distinguishes forests from the plantations that humankind sometimes puts in its place.

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### **The forests of Europe**

Forests occupy about thirty percent of the total land area of Europe. Deciduous woodlands are composed of trees whose leaves fall in autumn. Bare and dark brown in winter, these forests turn green and lush in spring and change to beautiful hues of yellow and gold in autumn. However, coniferous forests are made up mainly of trees that have evergreen leaves. These forests look the same throughout the year. Each type of forest owes its appearance to the climate, soil and the influence of man and his animals.

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### **A resource to be preserved**

A forest is not simply a 'wood factory' from which timber can be removed regularly. It has a number of vital functions. In mountainous countries, forests prevent landslides and avalanches. They also help to reduce soil erosion caused by heavy rains. Everywhere, forests also provide us with life-giving oxygen. It is therefore essential that we protect forests from destruction. While we cut down timber for furniture and paper products, we must make sure that for every tree that is cut down, another is allowed to grow. In this way, the forests can go on serving us forever.

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### Friends and enemies

Woodland vegetation is a source of food for numerous animals, especially the hordes of insects, which attack the trees and other plants at all stages and seasons. On the other hand, the plants depend on the animal community for its continuity. The pollination of many flowers depends on the bees and other insects while the distribution of seeds is carried out by insects, rodents and birds. The greatest menace to the forest is undoubtedly humans, for they can eliminate it entirely with fire and machines. A forest can also be weakened through indiscriminate use or overuse by their animals. Overgrazing and trampling can damage flowering plants and kill seedling trees, preventing them from growing up to replace those that are felled or that died from natural causes.

Adapted from Woods and Forests by Michel Cuisin

For each question from 26 to 30, 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)

26. According to the passage, what is the main distinguishing feature between plantations and forests?
- (1) Plantations house a large collection of trees unlike forests that are composed of vegetation.
  - (2) Plantations make up thirty percent of the total land area in Europe and forests make up the remaining 70 percent.
  - (3) Plantations do not support a wide diversity of plants and animals, unlike forests.
  - (4) Plantations are man-made whereas forests are products of nature.
27. Forests that are populated with \_\_\_\_\_ remain similar in appearance throughout the year.
- (1) plantations
  - (2) vegetation
  - (3) coniferous trees
  - (4) deciduous trees

28. According to the passage, forests should be protected because they

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- (1) provide life-giving oxygen.
- (2) occupy thirty percent of the total land area of Europe.
- (3) owe their appearance to the climate, soil and humans.
- (4) provide raw materials for the production of furniture and paper.

29. Plants owe their existence to the animal community because they

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- (1) help animals to prevent soil erosion.
- (2) are a source of food for numerous animals.
- (3) prevent insects from attacking their seeds and seedlings
- (4) depend on animals to help scatter their fruits in the forest

30. What is the most violent change and/or action that could ultimately destroy a forest?

- (1) the change in climate
- (2) the occurrence of natural disasters
- (3) the use of fire and machine by humans
- (4) the overuse of the forest by woodland animals

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**HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL  
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PRIMARY 5  
PAPER 2 BOOKLET B**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (    )                      Class: P5. \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Duration of Paper: 1h 50 min**

<b>Section</b>	<b>Marks</b>
Grammar Cloze	10
Editing for Spelling and Grammar	10
Comprehension Cloze	15
Synthesis / Transformation	10
Comprehension Open Ended	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>65</b>

There are 10 blanks in the passage below. From the list of words in the box, choose the most suitable one and write its letter in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion. (10 marks)

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) and	(B) are	(C) other	(D) on	(E) but
(F) of	(G) little	(H) in	(J) all	(K) to
(L) by	(M) more	(N) is	(P) these	(Q) the

The Mona Lisa is a famous picture by Leonardo da Vinci. The woman's smile has captured people's imagination and (31) \_\_\_\_\_ picture has been admired, copied and caricatured by many. Scientists have used the latest technology to study the picture (32) \_\_\_\_\_ closely. Ultra modern cameras have been used to digitise The Mona Lisa (33) \_\_\_\_\_ high resolution. This means they can remove layers (34) \_\_\_\_\_ protective varnish without touching the painting. Beneath the varnish, they found the real colours like red, blue, yellow (35) \_\_\_\_\_ vermilion that were used (36) \_\_\_\_\_ the great artist. Incredibly, there (37) \_\_\_\_\_ no traces of a paintbrush or fingerprints on the painting. This is surprising because on (38) \_\_\_\_\_ works by Leonardo, scientists have found fingerprints using digital media. Despite (39) \_\_\_\_\_ the modern technology available (40) \_\_\_\_\_ us, we still do not know everything about the mysterious painting. It will take much more than modern technology to uncover the secrets of The Mona Lisa.

Adapted from *The Mona Lisa Question, Discovery Box, Oct 2010*



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

Ever wondered how Man used to create houses two million years ago? The

(41)

types of houses built depended on the **enviroment** that Man lived in. Most humans

(42)

often slept in treetops, building nests of trees and moss. There, they were safe by

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predators that romed the forest at night. Man also used **naturel** shelters such as

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caves. Hides hung at the entrance kept out the cold and wind. Sometimes, much family

groups shared a large cave. For those who lived near a forest, they built huts of

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branches or leaves. When they travelled across the savannahs, where branches were

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scarce, they used huge **mammoth** bones for a framework. They then covered the huts on

(49)

animal hides. The hides were all they had to carried with them when they moved on.

When they stopped to camp, they could always find more bones and quickly put up

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another **shelltor**. Such were the primitive ways of Man!

Adapted from *Searching for Human Origins*, 1997



Read the passage carefully and then fill in each blank with a suitable word of your own. (15 marks)

We were all ready for the great Antarctic expedition on *Endurance*. Although we were (51) \_\_\_\_\_ for a hazardous journey to the South Pole, none of us could guess what was in store. On 5 December, we (52) \_\_\_\_\_ our way through the deep ocean. Two days later, we encountered heavy packs of ice. Some chunks were huge, others (53) \_\_\_\_\_. Many were sharp-edged. However, *Endurance* managed to split the (54) \_\_\_\_\_ with her strong bow, slowly shouldering her way through.

Trouble began when we tried to steer south where too much ice was building up. Despite our pleas, our captain (55) \_\_\_\_\_ to head north where the ice was not as thick, insisting that we had to stick to the route that was planned. Soon, the ice grew (56) \_\_\_\_\_ and the weather grew worse. Gales were followed (57) \_\_\_\_\_ blizzards. Large glaciers sliding off Antarctica blocked our way, making it (58) \_\_\_\_\_ for *Endurance* to sail through. She could neither move forward (59) \_\_\_\_\_ backward. We were (60) \_\_\_\_\_ in the ice!

For a month, we (61) \_\_\_\_\_ to break the *Endurance* out of the ice (62) \_\_\_\_\_ it was no use. We occupied our time by (63) \_\_\_\_\_ ice hockey and ice soccer. We hunted seals (64) \_\_\_\_\_ meat and saved blubber for fuel. We kept ourselves as busy as possible so that we would not have time to (65) \_\_\_\_\_ about danger and death. Only time could tell how long more we had to endure such hardship before we were saved.

Adapted from *Escape from the Ice-C&P, Roop*



**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 given one(s). (10 marks)**

66. "Why were you late for class this morning?" Mrs Lee asked Tom.

Mrs Lee asked Tom \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

67. If he does not come soon, I am going to the theatre without him.

Unless \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68. John and James did not qualify for the finals.

Neither \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. All the contestants were given a certificate of participation for the Art Competition.

Every \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70. She was lazy. She did not perform well for the exams.

Due to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_





**Read the passage carefully and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)**

For several hours, Vanash wandered around the city centre, not daring to leave it since it was the only place he had come to know. The villagers had melted away down the many roads that led to the docks. No one had asked him to come with them. He was left behind.

Now that he was alone, he became aware that he was dreadfully thirsty. He saw a man sitting beside a barrow heaped with coconuts and went towards him, feeling his pockets for the few coins he had brought with him. 5

"How much?" he asked. Never having bought a coconut before, he had no idea of the price and nearly fainted when the man said, "Two rupees." The man had a sharp, stern face, but when he saw Vanash's face, he laughed kindly. "What's the matter? Don't you know how much **these things** cost in the city? No, I can see that you don't. Here, I'll find you a cheaper one!" He searched the pile for a small coconut and cut the top off with one blow from his curved knife and handed it to Vanash. While Vanash drank, he watched amused and said, "You look as if you haven't eaten or drunk all day." 10 15

"I haven't," Vanash admitted, wiping his mouth and reaching for the top of the coconut to scoop out the sweet flesh. "I am hungry and thirsty."

"I can see that," nodded the man. "Run away from your village, have you?"

"I came with the procession," said Vanash proudly. "You saw the procession that was here just now? We came from Alibagh this morning." 20

"Oh, to ask the King for what – food, palaces, jewels?"

Vanash tried to explain that he and his fellow villagers came to Bangada to offer a special tribute to the King but the coconut seller did not seem interested. He only said, "Do you think the King cares? Don't ask him for anything. Don't depend on him for anything! Be a man and depend on yourself. I tell you my father and my mother abandoned me when I was six years old and I have been earning my own living ever since." 25

Vanash listened in awe and nodded. He was ready to learn more from this wise and admirable man. However, the man did not seem to be interested in saying more. He had turned to opening coconuts for a young man and woman while they stared at Vanash's rags and tattered shoes in disdain. Vanash knew he ought to move out of their way and quickly headed down the pavement.

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Suddenly, he heard a voice say, "Don't listen to that Mullau. By day, he uses his knife on coconuts but by night, he uses it in gang fights." Vanash turned around and saw the speaker draw his finger across his throat and stick out a betel-stained tongue. Vanash was so startled that the beggar laughed opening his mouth wide and showing that all of it was stained with betel juice.

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Adapted from *The Village by the Sea: An Indian Family Story* by Anita Desai.

**For each question from 71 to 80, write your answer in the space provided. All answers must be in complete sentences.**

71. Why did Vanash nearly faint when he heard the price of the coconut?

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72. Why did the coconut seller choose a smaller coconut for Vanash?

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73. What do 'these things' in Paragraph 3, Line 11 refer to?

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74. State one reason from the passage to explain why the coconut seller thought that Vanash had run away from his village.

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75. Where did Vanash come from?

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76. What was the purpose of the procession?

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77. What happened to the coconut seller when he was a child?

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78. What was Vanash's opinion of the coconut seller?

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79. What caused Vanash to move out of the couple's way?

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80. What do you think the beggar was suggesting to Vanash about the coconut seller?

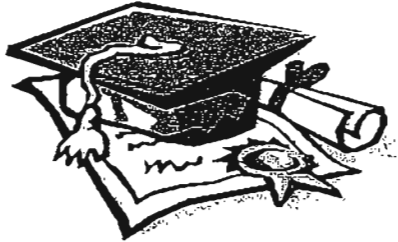
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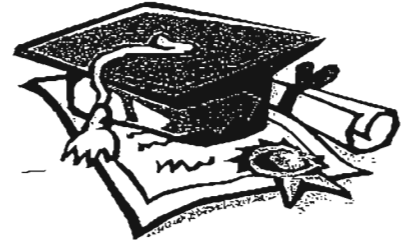


# ANSWER SHEET

**EXAM PAPER 2011**

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**TERM : SA2**



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- 41)environment      42)from      43)roamed      44)natural      45)many
- 46)and      47)mammoth      48)with      49)carry      50)shelter
- 51)ready      52)made      53)small      54)ice      55)refused
- 56)thicker      57)by      58)difficult      59)nor      60)trapped
- 61)tried      62)but      63)playing      64)for      65)think
- 66)Mrs Lee asked Tom why he had been late for class that morning.
- 67)Unless he comes soon, I am going to the theatre without him.
- 68)Neither John nor James qualified for the finals.
- 69)Every contestant was gives a certificate of participation for the Art competition.
- 70)Due to her laziness, she did not perform well for the exams.
- 71)Vanash had no idea of how much a coconut cost and he thought that the price was too expensive.
- 72)The coconut seller knew Vanash do not have enough coins by the look of his face and gave him a cheaper one.

**73)It refers to the coconuts.**

**74)He thought that Vanash had run away from his village because Vanash did not know how much things cost in the city.**

**75)Vanash came from Alibagh.**

**76)The villagers and Vanash went to Bangada to offer a special tribute to the king.**

**77)He was abandoned by his parents and had been earning his own living ever since.**

**78)He thought the coconut seller was a wise and admirable man.**

**79)The couple stared at Vanash's rags and tattered shoes in disdain.**

**80)The beggar was suggesting to Vanash that Mullau was a dangerous man who participated in gang fights by night.**