

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION (2008)
PRIMARY FIVE
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)
BOOKLET A

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary Five _____

30 Questions
(30 Marks)

Total Time for Booklets A and 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 in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) using 2B pencils.

This booklet consists of 9 printed pages, excluding the cover page.

Study the following page taken from a magazine and then answer questions 1 to 5.

Exclusively for POPULAR
Card members
– absolutely free!



16 May – 30 June 2008

Dear Valued Members,

The June School Holidays are here once again and it is time to start the mid-year break with *The Great POPULAR Sale* featuring unmatched bargains and fantastic discounts at all POPULAR outlets!

In appreciation to all members for your continued support, we are pleased to present a 20% Storewide Discount Gift Certificate and a CD-RAMA 5% Discount Gift certificate for your use at any POPULAR Bookstore or CD-RAMA outlet.

Food connoisseurs rejoice! POPULAR is proud to present the new Dining Privileges pages that offer great gourmet cuisines at some of Singapore's most loved restaurants. Check out the fantastic offers and promotions on pages 15-20 that will surely delight everyone in the family.

Here's wishing everyone a magical and exciting mid-year break!

POPULAR Book Company

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- 7 **Eat your Way to Younger Looking Skin!** In this issue, we focus on our "inner beauty" where we explore ways to stave off the inevitable signs of ageing by loading up on "good" food.
- 12 **Brace Yourself for the Perfect Smile** Have you been putting off your own dental care? Is it time to give your pearly whites a treat?
- 15 **Members' Specials Dining Privileges** at some of Singapore's best restaurants.

Gift Certificate

20% Storewide Discount

Present original coupon with Popular Membership Card for verification upon payment • Valid at POPULAR Bookstores in Singapore only • Not valid with any other discount (card, voucher or promotion) • Not valid for application, renewal and replacement of POPULAR Membership Card • Valid from 16 May to 30 June 2008.

For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

1. The purpose of the magazine is to encourage POPULAR card members to _____
 - (1) make use of the special privileges
 - (2) rejoice in having received the magazine
 - (3) have a magical and exciting mid-year break
 - (4) commence the mid-year break with the Great Singapore Sale

2. Mrs. Tan is keen to learn about the damage we do to ourselves through poor food and lifestyle choices. Which one of the following articles should she read?
 - (1) Members' Specials
 - (2) A Brush with Death
 - (3) Brace Yourself for the Perfect Smile
 - (4) Eat your Way to Younger Looking Skin!

3. How can one get a copy of the "POP Club" magazine?
 - (1) Subscribe to the magazine.
 - (2) Apply for the POPULAR Membership Card.
 - (3) Ask for a free copy at POPULAR Bookstore.
 - (4) Purchase the magazine at POPULAR Bookstore.

4. In order to use the gift certificate, one has to produce the _____
 - (1) coupon only
 - (2) POPULAR card only
 - (3) POPULAR card and the coupon
 - (4) POPULAR card and a photocopy of the coupon

5. The contents page tells us what a publication contains. What kind of texts would you expect to find in this magazine?
 - (1) Poems
 - (2) Biographies
 - (3) Information reports
 - (4) Narratives such as legends

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. We _____ for treasure in the island when we stumbled upon a carcass.

- (1) hunt
- (2) hunted
- (3) were hunting
- (4) have been hunting

7. Mrs. Sam watched the old lady _____ her hard-earned money to the conman.

- (1) gave
- (2) gives
- (3) giving
- (4) was giving

8. I haven't been to Beijing, and my brother hasn't _____.

- (1) also
- (2) alike
- (3) either
- (4) neither

9. You aren't good at solving puzzles, _____ ?

- (1) is it
- (2) isn't it
- (3) are you
- (4) aren't you

10. This is between my sister and _____ . We will work out the differences ourselves.

- (1) I
- (2) me
- (3) mine
- (4) myself

11. James, _____ we were talking about, is walking towards us now.

- (1) that
- (2) who
- (3) which
- (4) whom

12. Ahmad is very timid. He usually gives in _____ his elder brother's unreasonable demands.

- (1) at
- (2) to
- (3) with
- (4) from

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)

A night shift taxi driver started suffering from unexplained lethargy three years ago. "I slept about six hours in the day but still felt very tired. My family doctor prescribed vitamins to pep me up but they did not help (13)

Alarm bells rang when the 55-year (14) old started having close shaves on the road. The taxi driver was promptly referred to the Sleep Disorders Clinic. He was prescribed the Airway Pressure therapy which is used with a nasal mask to help keep his airway open during sleep.

"The mask looks like those worn by fighter jet pilots. When I first saw it, I wondered, how I was going to sleep with that (15)

13. (1) [.] full stop
(2) [!] exclamation mark
(3) [".] inverted commas and full stop
(4) [."] full stop and inverted commas
14. (1) [:] colon
(2) [-] hyphen
(3) [,] comma
(4) [;] semi colon
15. (1) [.] full stop
(2) [?] question mark
(3) [."] full stop 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. His talent in dancing is _____. No wonder he can learn to waltz in such a short time.
- (1) inset
 - (2) inborn
 - (3) induced
 - (4) inanimate
17. Going by this route _____ too much time. We should take the short cut instead.
- (1) takes in
 - (2) takes up
 - (3) takes off
 - (4) takes down
18. "Stay away from him as he is not a good influence," cautioned my father. "He is a _____."
- (1) bad egg
 - (2) greenhorn
 - (3) white elephant
 - (4) green-eyed monster
19. The murder suspects were _____ by the police officers for further interrogation.
- (1) accused
 - (2) detained
 - (3) restrained
 - (4) prohibited
20. You will need to research _____ on this topic if you want to score good grades for this project.
- (1) explosively
 - (2) extensively
 - (3) expansively
 - (4) expressively

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)

For many ex-offenders, release from imprisonment brings on a new set of problems. Besides overcoming (21) bias and regaining trust, they have to grapple with finding jobs and a place to stay as well as resist, in (22) hopelessness, returning to old ways.

The Singapore Prison Service is not just about safe-custody of (23) prisoners and "in-house" rehabilitation because that would be a self-limiting objective. What is more (24) significant is its work to help ex-offenders return to society as changed individuals who are better-equipped with life skills. The purpose is to help them make more (25) careful choices and contribute to the well-being of their families.

21. (1) prejudice
(2) preference
(3) presumption
(4) predisposition
22. (1) agony
(2) misery
(3) suffering
(4) desperation
23. (1) villains
(2) victims
(3) inmates
(4) hostages
24. (1) trivial
(2) central
(3) important
(4) remarkable
25. (1) tactless
(2) prudent
(3) practical
(4) intelligent

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

"But Mum," I pleaded, "please can I go?" On an icy, painfully cold February day in 1975, my father and two older sisters were heading out with a local birding group to Maryland. They were going to see a rare snowy owl.

"No, you might get a cold and ruin the trip for others," my mother replied matter-of-factly. I was the youngest of seven children. 5

"I can stay as warm as Elaine and Cynthia and I will wear all my clothes," I countered.

"You can stay home and we can read books together or you can play with your brothers," she offered gently but firmly.

"But mum, it's a snowy owl, and I have been waiting my whole life to see one," I stressed, thinking she must not have understood the serious nature of the situation. 10

"I am sure another will come along when you are older. Waiting will make it much more special," she said, and I knew there was no more bargaining. I settled on reading books, although I was sure it was not my most gracious acceptance. I felt even worse when my father and sisters returned hours later, victorious from an encounter with the owl. 15

Thus began a nearly 30-year odyssey to see my first snowy owl in the wild. During those years, the snowy owl took on a new meaning, from something I was deprived of to something I knew I would see when the time was right. 20

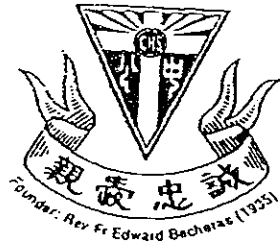
In 2004, my husband and I flew to spend New Year with my parents. I asked them if we should go and try to find the owl, and they readily agreed. We spent a few hours looking around the marsh as the sun began to set, and I saw something white on a post. My heart beat faster. It was a snowy owl. I set up the telescope with shaking hands and the four of us enjoyed views of the owl perched and then flying low across the marsh and rosy sky. 25

My mother said, as if to no one in particular, "Now I can finally erase that black mark from my record."

Adapted from Trevor, K. Lessons from a Bird Not Seen, *Bird Watcher's Digest*, Jan/Feb 37-39, 2008.

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. The author's mother would not allow her to join her father and her two sisters on the trip to see the snowy owl because she _____.
- (1) was younger than her siblings
 - (2) wanted her to play with her brothers
 - (3) was worried that she might go missing
 - (4) might be a burden to the rest of the group
27. The word " _____ " in the passage has the same meaning as rebutted.
- (1) offered
 - (2) perched
 - (3) stressed
 - (4) countered
28. The author _____ accepted her mother's suggestion to stay at home and read.
- (1) happily
 - (2) willingly
 - (3) graciously
 - (4) grudgingly
29. The author's heart beat faster probably because she was _____.
- (1) tired
 - (2) scared
 - (3) excited
 - (4) worried
30. The ~~word~~ ^{phrase} "black mark" in line 28 refers to the _____.
- (1) family seeing the snowy owl perched on the post
 - (2) family seeing the first snowy owl in Maryland in 1975
 - (3) author's mother not allowing her daughter to go on a birding trip
 - (4) author's mother depriving her daughter from spotting the snowy owl



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BOOKLET B

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary Five _____

50 Questions
(65 Marks)

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

Components	Marks
Booklet A	/30
Booklet B	/65
TOTAL	/95

Parent's
Signature: _____

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Write your answers in this booklet.

This booklet consists of 7 printed pages, excluding the cover page.

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) as	(D) also	(G) of	(K) to	(N) when
(B) at	(E) for	(H) off	(L) than	(P) with
(C) and	(F) from	(J) so	(M) that	(Q) yet

Steven Galster loves flirting with danger. (31) _____ he was a young man, the American security expert spent a decade monitoring uprising, arms trafficking (32) _____ the war in Afghanistan.

Today, the 47-year-old animal lover plays a different (33) _____ equally dangerous ball game. (34) _____ director of field operations (35) _____ a Thailand-based nature conservation organisation, he also contributes (36) _____ the ASEAN Wildlife Enforcement Network Support Programme.

His job: help police conduct investigations, find poachers better jobs as wildlife protectors, and persuade consumers (37) _____ buying illegal wildlife products.

His weapons: hidden cameras and a quick wit to get out (38) _____ sticky situations. Environmentalists do not arm themselves (39) _____ guns, although they risk being shot (40) _____. Perhaps that is why Steve remains single – it is easier to ignore death threats without family commitments.

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

The clever thing about all penguin species – and all seabirds – is that, unlike **humans**, they can drink seawater with no ill effects. This
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adeptasion is essential if you spend most of your life in a saltwater
42. 43.
anviroment. Penguins in the Antarctic are occasionally see eating snow,
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but this meaning that they have to use to precious body heat to melt it,
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so it is not an **effisioant** way to rehydrate.

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Penguins cope with **access/salt** in their diets by means of special
filtering glands. These are located just above their eyes and function like
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mini desalination plants. The work rate of the glands varied depending
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on the **kwanntity** of salt in the birds' bloodstreams, keeping things at just
50.
the right levels. The surplus salt is disposed off via secretions. This run
down the penguins' bills and often form droplets at the tips of their beaks.

This is why they sometimes look like they have "runny noses".

Fill in the blanks with the most suitable answer. (15 marks)

Taxi driver Mr. Leong, 58, suspected a problem when in 1994 he started suffering from headaches, severe weight loss and lethargy. When his urine looked bubbly, he listened to his friends' (51) _____ and saw Chinese physicians who then sent him to a doctor because his blood pressure (52) _____ dangerously high. He was then (53) _____ for a week for hypertension and was also diagnosed (54) _____ kidney disease.

For eight years, Mr. Leong was (55) _____ medication to stem the progress of the disease. However, his world came crashing down in 2002 when his (56) _____ told him that he would need dialysis because his kidneys had (57) _____. Mr. Leong's eyes (58) _____ up with tears as he recalled that day, "I was devastated. All I could think about (59) _____ the many potential problems that could arise from going on dialysis."

But, with the (60) _____ of his family, Mr Leong finally came to terms with his condition and (61) _____ to undergo dialysis.

With the flexible dialysis schedule, the taxi driver of 28 years can now continue making a (62) _____ despite his condition. On most days, he gets up, has breakfast and takes his medication before setting out of the house at 8 a.m. to pick up (63) _____.

At present, Mr. Leong's health has greatly improved as a result of the dialysis. No longer easily tired, he now has enough (64) _____ to keep up with Isaac, his active two-year-old grandson. Although he has few dietary restrictions, the highly disciplined man with a healthy appetite sticks mostly to a (65) _____ low in protein and salt, with only the occasional treat.

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. Jane comforted me. She saw that I was disappointed.

Seeing my _____

67. This drink does not contain alcohol. It does not have artificial colouring.

_____ neither

68. Although he was careful, he fell into the pit.

Despite _____

69. Jill must attend all the lessons. She will receive her certificate of participation.

Unless _____

70. "Did you attend the NE Show yesterday?" Mrs. Tan asked Fatimah.

Mrs. Tan asked _____

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

The big boat was bobbing gently in the water. I had just finished "suiting up" and I was standing at the edge of the dive boat looking down at the water two metres below me. My knees were about to buckle from the weight of the huge air tank and 6-kilogramme weight belt I was carrying as I staggered to the side of the boat. My instructor beside me leaned over and calmly said, "Okay, jump!"

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Jump? That was a good one! I thought to myself. If my eyes had not been covered by my mask, he would have seen me rolling them. With my instructor beside me and my gear on, I took a deep breath. I placed one hand on my face mask to keep it from ripping off my face as I fell into the water and the other hand on my mouth piece. I took one giant step forward and felt myself airborne and falling before my body hit the water, creating a mini tsunami.

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Within a few seconds, I was bobbing on the surface of the water, waiting for the next diver to enter. At the signal, we depressed the valve to release the trapped air that was keeping us buoyant and slowly but surely, we started sinking under. As the cool water enveloped me, I tentatively took my first breath below the ocean. The next thing I noticed, I was suspended in mid-water, weightless. I felt like having entered a gigantic cavern in space, my movements slowing as I looked around and saw the other divers around me sinking below, each suspended in mid-water too, weightless and unrestrained by gravity.

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The endless stretch of beautiful reddish coral appeared below me like a red carpet being rolled out in every direction. We followed our instructor awkwardly as we started to tour the ocean floor, each of us trying our best to maintain our buoyancy to keep us hovering just slightly above the seabed. Fishes of every shape, size and colour swam inquisitively near us, sea urchins peppered the sandy bottom with their menacing spikes forming a protective shield about themselves.

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Suddenly, we heard an insistent, metallic clanging sound reverberating through the water. We paused, looked up and tried to locate the sound. A few metres ahead, we saw our instructor knocking a carabiner against his air tank. It was time for us to head back to the surface. Excited, exhilarated and exhausted. That was how I felt after my first foray into the depths of the ocean.

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Adapted from Lim, J. Dive In! *Ezyhealth & Beauty*, May 2008.

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Which word in the first paragraph tells us that the narrator had difficulty walking straight?

72. Why did the narrator roll his eyes when he was asked to jump into the water?

73. What created the mini tsunami?

74. What did the narrator do to stop himself from floating on the surface of the water?

75. What made the narrator feel as though he was in space?

76. What does the "red carpet" (line 20-21) refer to?

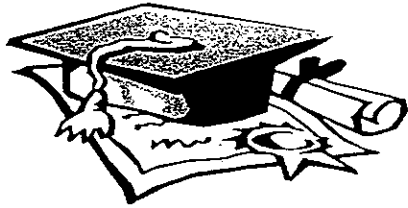
77. Do you think the narrator should drag himself along the seabed? Why or why not?

78. Which two-word phrase in the passage has the same meaning as defensive armour?

79. What was the cue for the narrator to end his diving session?

80. Based on the last paragraph, do you think the narrator was an experienced diver? Why or why not?

END OF PAPER



ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2008

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TERM : SA 2

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Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
E	K	F	G	P	B

- 41)adaptation 42)environment 43)seen 44)means
45)too 46)efficient 47)excess 48)varies
49)quantity 50)These 51)advice 52)was
53)hospitalized 54)with 55)given 56)doctor
57)failed 58)lit 59)were 60)support
61)agreed 62)living 63)passengers
64)energy 65)diet
66)Seeing my disappointment, Jane comforted me.
67)This drink contains neither alcohol nor artificial colouring.

- 68) Despite being careful, he fell into the pit.
- 69) Unless Jill attends all the lessons, she will not receive her certificate of participation.
- 70) Mrs Tan asked Fatimah if she had attended the NE show the day before.
- 71) The word is "staggered".
- 72) When he was asked to jump into the water, he thought that was a good one.
- 73) The narrator's body hitting the water created the mini tsunami.
- 74) He depressed the valve to release the trapped air that was keeping him buoyant.
- 75) He was weightless.
- 76) It refers to the beautiful reddish coral.
- 77) No, I think he should not because he might step on the sea urchins that have menacing spines.
- 78) The two-word phrase is "protective shield".
- 79) It was an insistent, metallic clanging sound reverberating through the water.
- 80) No, he was not. It was his first foray into the depths of the ocean.