



NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2 - 2010
PRIMARY 5

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2

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Class: Pr. 5 _____

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Booklet A	/ 30
Booklet B	/ 65
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Parent's Signature & Date

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

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

1. Do not turn over the page until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. Answer all questions carefully.
4. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

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 main purpose of the event is to _____.
 - 1) promote Nestle's products
 - 2) create awareness on healthy living
 - 3) inform the public of health-related contests
 - 4) encourage people who enjoy sports to join in the activities ()

2. The finals of the Milo Football Contest is held on _____.
 - 1) 3 July, from 3pm to 4.30pm
 - 2) 3 July, from 4.30pm to 6pm
 - 3) 4 July, from 3pm to 4.30pm
 - 4) 4 July, from 4.30pm to 6pm ()

3. People who would like to have their blood pressure examined at no cost should go to the _____ zone.
 - 1) Sports Wellness
 - 2) Family Wellness
 - 3) Healthy Together
 - 4) Celebrate The Good Life with Nestle ()

4. The list of winners for the lucky draw will be made known in the newspapers on _____.
 - 1) 3 July 2011
 - 2) 4 July 2011
 - 3) 8 July 2011
 - 4) 15 July 2011 ()

5. Based on the information in the poster, which one of the following statements about the event is *true*?
 - 1) Nestle is the only organiser of the event.
 - 2) Health and You 2011 will showcase 120 different products.
 - 3) One can find out tips on gaming in the Cyber Wellness corner.
 - 4) Visitors need to spend \$20 on Nestle products to participate in the lucky draw. ()

Section D – Vocabulary (5 x 1 mark)

For each question from 16 to 20, one of the four options is the correct answer. Make your choice and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

16. It was a long time since Marc woke up from a year-long coma but he still had _____ memories of his car accident.
- 1) shaky
 - 2) vague
 - 3) murky
 - 4) trailing
- ()
17. In order to _____ arrest by the police, the drug smugglers decided to leave the country by boat in the dead of night.
- 1) forgo
 - 2) forfeit
 - 3) evade
 - 4) exempt
- ()
18. Samuel is always able to complete his assignments on time, unlike us. We ought to find out how he manages his time so well and _____.
- 1) make a bee line for it
 - 2) leave no stone unturned
 - 3) take a leaf out of his book
 - 4) kill two birds with one stone
- ()
19. At the first sight of smoke spewing from the volcano, the villagers, sensing that they were in _____ danger, quickly made plans to evacuate their homes.
- 1) eminent
 - 2) imminent
 - 3) prominent
 - 4) intermittent
- ()
20. A recent increase in the number of vandalism acts committed by teenagers has prompted the police to step up action against _____ crime.
- 1) petty
 - 2) juvenile
 - 3) menacing
 - 4) incorrigible
- ()

Section E – Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Make your choice and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Edson Arantes Do Nascimento (better known as Pelé) was discovered at eleven by one of the country's (21)premier players, who declared then, "This boy will be the greatest soccer player in the world." He was right! Pelé's (22)influence in soccer proved to be legendary. At the 1958 World Cup in Sweden, seventeen year-old Pelé proved to be a (23)dominating force on the field, and helped Brazil win its first World Cup over Sweden. Pelé had great balance, which enabled him to dribble effortlessly around defenders and leaving them (24)upset on the pitch. His heading ability was also remarkable. Pelé holds the world record for scoring 97 goals on the international level. In contrast, today's top players can barely score more than 30 goals in a season. Pelé retired from the game in the 1970s. In addition to his great accomplishments in soccer, he published several best-selling (25)accounts of his life which he wrote, starred in several documentary and semi-documentary films, and composed numerous musical pieces.

Adapted from http://www.latinosportslegends.com/Pele_bio.htm

21. 1) best
2) strong
3) special
4) competent ()
22. 1) impact
2) implication
3) impression
4) importance ()
23. 1) popular
2) powerful
3) composed
4) cooperative ()
24. 1) baffled
2) alarmed
3) uncertain
4) frustrated ()
25. 1) diaries
2) journals
3) biographies
4) autobiographies ()

Section F – Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

Read the given passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Neptune, known as Poseidon to the Ancient Greeks, was the most important god of the seas and water in Roman mythology. Neptune was the brother of Jupiter (known as Zeus to the Greeks) and Pluto (Hades). After the defeat of their father, Saturn, the three brothers divided the world into three parts to be ruled by each of them: Jupiter took the sky, Neptune the seas and water and Pluto the underworld.

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At the Neptune festival each July to honour Neptune, Roman citizens would picnic outdoors, feasting and drinking wine. Neptune had a reputation for having a violent temper. The Romans believed that violent storms were a reflection of his furious rage. However, he could also prevent these *disasters* to protect the sailors. Such was his power over the seas and the sailors who sailed *them*.

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The Romans were seafaring people who imported many goods by ship so a sea god was important in their daily lives to ensure their safety. In those days, the ships were small and tended to capsize more easily. They also lacked modern-day navigation system and equipment found in ships today. At times, the sailors also had to fight for their lives against vicious pirates who tried to rob them of their goods.

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Neptune married a water nymph, Amphitrite, and had a child called Triton who was half man and half fish. Artists often depicted Neptune as a bearded man carrying a three-pronged spear - a trident. It is a hunting weapon popular with Mediterranean fishermen. He would be sitting in a seashell drawn by seahorses, accompanied by dolphins. In some paintings, apart from the trident, he is shown carrying a whip, to remind the people that he is also the god of horses. Many fountains in Europe have a statue of Neptune. The most famous of them all would have to be a twenty-foot high marble statute at the Trevi Fountain which was completed in 1761. Today, the Trevi Fountain remains a popular tourist attraction in Rome.

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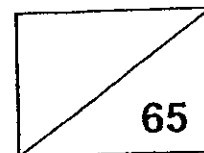
The planet Neptune, which was discovered in 1846, was named after this Roman god. It is the eighth and furthest planet from the Sun. The planet has thirteen moons orbiting around it and has a very narrow faint, ring system. The largest moon circling it was named after Neptune's son.

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For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the correct answer and shade the corresponding oval on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

26. The main idea in paragraph 2 is about _____ .
- 1) the Roman sailors
 - 2) the Neptune festival
 - 3) how powerful Neptune was
 - 4) the Romans' love for feasting and drinking ()
27. The word "*disasters*" in line 9 refers to _____ .
- 1) the fierce storms
 - 2) the pirates' attacks
 - 3) the capsizing of the ships
 - 4) Neptune's violent outbursts ()
28. The word "*them*" in line 10 refers to the _____ .
- 1) seas
 - 2) sailors
 - 3) storms
 - 4) Romans ()
29. According to the information in paragraph 3, sea travel was _____ in those days.
- 1) safe
 - 2) easy
 - 3) dangerous
 - 4) troublesome ()
30. Based on the information in the text, which one of the following sentences is **TRUE**?
- 1) The Trevi fountain was completed in 1846.
 - 2) The trident is a three-pronged spear used by nymphs.
 - 3) In some paintings, Neptune sat in shells drawn by dolphins.
 - 4) The pirates mentioned in the passage robbed and even killed people on board. ()

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Section G – Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40 in the passage below. From the list of words in the box, choose the most suitable answer for each blank and write its letter (A to Q) in it. The letters "I" and "O" have been omitted to avoid confusion in marking.

Use each word only **ONCE**.

A) also	D) does	G) most	K) so	N) too
B) before	E) down	H) or	J) some	P) up
C) did	F) many	I) other	M) to	Q) when

The hourglass is sometimes referred to as a sand clock or a sandglass. We often use an hourglass to keep track of time especially (31) _____ playing games. How (32) _____ an hourglass measure time? Like all (33) _____ timepieces, it needs to be carefully calibrated. There are (34) _____ factors that affect the ability of an hourglass to measure time accurately. The type and quality of the material inside the hourglass is important. Sand (35) _____ other granular materials used must be fine, dry and consistently formed to ensure a smooth flow. Fine grain sand, powdered eggshells and powdered marble are (36) _____ of the materials commonly used in hourglasses. The width of the neck of an hourglass has to be carefully calculated to control the rate of flow. Using sand that is (37) _____ coarse will wear away the glass, eventually enlarging the width of the neck. The amount of sand used, the size and angle of the glass bulbs (38) _____ affect the accuracy of an hourglass. It has to be sealed tightly (39) _____ that no moisture can get into the chambers. Moisture can add weight to the sand or clog (40) _____ the neck of an hourglass. Finally, for an hourglass to measure time accurately, it has to be placed on a flat and level surface.

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

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

(41)

The examination season is here. During this period, students' **gramming** **librees** and

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(43)

fast food eateries are a **furmeleer** sight. One tends to be more **fidget** as the examination

(44)

(45)

date draws near. What can you do to find **reljeved**? Counsellors **edvyzed** students to

manage expectations for the examinations to avoid getting too stressed. Try to spend time

(46)

talking to family and friends about all your **anxiouls**. Doing so allows them to recognise your

fears and enables them to help you more effectively. Listen to some soothing music, which

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has the amazing **able** to help calm one's nerves. Take up an activity that you enjoy and set

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away regular time for it. Do it whenever you feel stressed or are tired from studying. Exercise

and have a balanced diet. Going for a jog, swim or game of tennis helps the brain release

(49)

endorphins – our body's natural painkillers. It is **nairsirsary** to start preparations for your

examinations early. Allow time to make another plan such as prioritising the important

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subjects to study first, in case the stress gets too **overwellming**.

Section I – Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Badminton is widely played by many people around the world. The history of the sport (51) _____ back to at least two thousands years ago. It is a racket game that can be played by two to four (52) _____. The game is usually played (53) _____ rather than outdoors due to the lightness of the shuttlecock. It can be (54) _____ away very easily by even a very light breeze.

Badminton got its (55) _____ from Badminton House, Gloucestershire, England. Gloucestershire was (56) _____ to the Duke of Beaufort, who lived there for many years. The Duke and his friends were believed to have (57) _____ an earlier version of the popular game. Apparently, they derived their (58) _____ from a children's game known as "battledore and shuttlecock".

The British Army officers (59) _____ in India, too, were particularly fond of their version of "battledore and shuttlecock". They (60) _____ the game, which they called "Poona" there, by adding a net and rules to the game to make it competitive. Despite its relatively long history, Badminton was only (61) _____ in the Olympics as an official sport at the 1992 Barcelona Games. Many people started to play badminton and worldwide (62) _____ of the game surged after that.

The (63) _____ are two interesting facts about Badminton: it is the world's (64) _____ racket sport with shuttle speeds reaching nearly 320 kilometres per hour and unknown to many, the best shuttlecocks are made from (65) _____ of the left wing of a goose!

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

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. Kelly wanted to travel around the world. She resigned from her job.

_____ in order to

★ 67. Although Jerome had stage fright, he put up a wonderful performance.

In spite of _____

68. Megan left for further studies in Australia two months ago.

_____ since

69. It was the school's sports day. Hazel won a prize in the high jump event.

_____ during

70. "I was here yesterday," my uncle told us.

My uncle told us that _____

Section K – Comprehension (10 x 2 marks)

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

The air-raid siren continued to wail loudly after Lance had settled down in the bomb shelter. A short while later, the deafening zoom of the enemy's planes could be heard, followed by a **series of loud booms**. The shelter trembled and groaned, leaving its occupants terrified. Lance looked around at the people seated around him. Several villagers were staring blankly at the ceiling. Others could be heard groaning, sighing or crying. 5

Lance recalled from reading materials that this country would eventually be conquered. The reign of terror by the hostile invaders would continue for the next three years and eight months. Many people would be cruelly tortured or killed during this period of time. Lance's eyes moistened. He had not felt much when he read about it in the books. In fact, he was rather excited when he signed up for this trip in order to have a first-hand experience of World War II. 10

Pressing a button on his wristband, Lance was immediately transported to the next scene – people scavenging for food. Most people were living in poverty in this country and the war had only worsened the situation. The people were looking for sweet potatoes and tapioca to supplement their main staple, rice, which was being rationed. As he walked through the almost deserted street, a father and his young son hurried past him. Worry was clearly written on their faces. Lance decided to quicken his pace to follow them. Soon the **trio** reached a barricade. Father and son bowed dutifully to the guards on duty. "G...good even..." the man's greeting was interrupted by a stinging slap across his cheek. It sent him flying to the ground. His son stood still, biting his lower lip fearing that his cries would land his father in greater trouble. 15 20

A burly guard bellowed, "What kind of a greeting was that? You need to be taught a lesson before you learn how to greet properly!" His partners chuckled. As they moved in towards the man and his young son menacingly, Lance could feel anger rising up his throat. 25

"Don't hurt them, you bullies!" Lance screamed. His cries were futile – nobody could hear him. The guards were totally oblivious to his presence. He had forgotten he could not be seen or heard at all. At this moment, Lance's wristband started beeping continuously, signalling an end to his experience. 30

"No, not yet..." Lance cried helplessly as the scene in front of him faded away.

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

71. What was the purpose of the air-raid siren?

72. What could have caused the 'series of loud booms' mentioned in line 3?

73. How long would the country be in the hands of her enemies?

74. Which **sentence** in the text tells you that Lance began to cry?

75. Do you think Lance felt sorry for the people in that country? Why do you think he felt so?

76. How did the people overcome the problem of rice shortage?

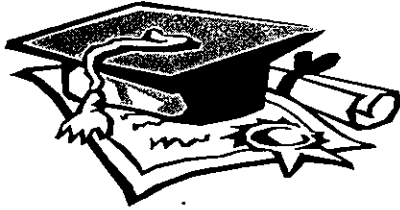
77. Who does the word "trio" in line 19 refer to?

78. Explain clearly how the man landed on the ground in line 21.

79. Which *word* in the passage has the same meaning as “not aware”?

80. Where do you think Lance would be after his experience ended (line 31)?

End-of-Paper

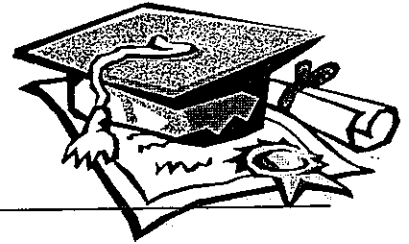


ANSWER SHEET

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

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
3	2	2	1	1	2	4	4	3	1	1	3	4	Q	D	J	F

Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
H	L	N	A	K	P

- 41) libraries 42) familiar 43) fidgety 44) relief 45) advised
- 46) anxieties 47) ability 48) aside 49) necessary
- 50) overwhelming 51) dates/goes 52) players 53) indoors 54) blown
- 55) name 56) name 57) invented 58) idea 59) stationed
- 60) adapted/modified 61) played 62) popularity
- 63) following 64) fastest 65) feathers

66) Kelly resigned from her job in order to travel around the world.

67) In spite of his stage fright, Jerome put up a wonderful performance. / In spite of the fact that Jerome had stage fright, he put up a wonderful performance.

68) It has been tow months since Megan left for further studies in Australia.

69) Hazel won a prize in the high jump event during the school's sports day.

70) My uncle told us that he had been there the day before.

- 71) It was to alert people that the enemy's planes were approaching.
- 72) The explosion of the bombs could have caused the 'series of loud boom'.
- 73) She would be in the hands of her enemies for three years and eight months.
- 74) The sentence is "Lance's eyes moistened".
- 75) Yes, he did. He knew that many of them would be cruelly tortured or killed.
- 76) They substitute rice with sweet potatoes and tapioca.
- 77) It refers to the father, his son and Lance.
- 78) A guard gave the man a stinging slap across his cheek that sent him flying to the ground.
- 79) The word is "oblivious".
- 80) He would be in the present.