



CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2013
PRIMARY FIVE
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)
BOOKLET A

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary Five _____

17 May 2013

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.

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

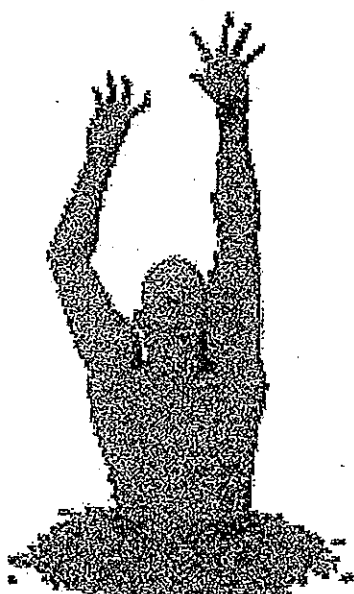
Study the following advertisement and then answer questions 1 to 5.

THE ART OF THE BLOCK

Be blown away by the marvel of LEGON bricks

23 May 2013 - 30 November 2013

@ Quirky Science Museum, Bay Sands Mall



Building dreams with LEGON!

For the first time in Singapore, New York-based artist Nate Savi will be showcasing his largest collection of 50 large-scale LEGON sculptures at the Quirky Science Museum. Deemed as one of the world's 12 'Must-see Exhibitions', The Art of the Block will treat visitors to stunning displays of intricate sculptures made from LEGON bricks.

Unlike most people, Savi never stopped building and exploring his imagination using LEGON bricks which he has been playing with since the age of 3. Here, he transforms them into awe-inspiring and thought-provoking sculptures, elevating the status of LEGON bricks from a toy to a realm of art. Hundreds of thousands of pieces of LEGON bricks will be used and an impressive LEGON sculpture of this iconic museum will also be unveiled. Mini-replicas can be purchased at the museum shop as well.

Type of Ticket	Ticket Prices	
	#Early Bird	Standard
Adult	\$20	\$25
Child (2 to 12 years old)	\$10	\$15

Tickets can be purchased on the Quirky Science Museum website www.quirkyscience.com.sg and at all Bay Sands box offices.

OPERATING HOURS

Daily: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Last admission at 9 p.m.

*COMPLIMENTARY PARKING

Mondays to Thursdays

(except public holidays)

Must be purchased before 1 May 2013

* Minimum spending of \$20 required at the mall

For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. One of them is the 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 main aim of the exhibition is to _____.
- (1) create and explore using LEGON blocks
 - (2) appreciate the use of LEGON blocks in creating sculptures
 - (3) appreciate the LEGON sculptures then purchase their mini replicas
 - (4) showcase the LEGON sculptures created by Nate Sawi and meet him in person.
2. Both Mrs Tan and her 12-year-old son bought tickets on 1 May 2013. They bought _____.
- (1) 2 adult tickets at \$20 each
 - (2) 2 adult tickets at \$25 each
 - (3) 1 adult ticket at \$20 and 1 child ticket at \$10
 - (4) 1 adult ticket at \$25 and 1 child ticket at \$15
3. You can park for free when you _____.
- (1) only visit the Quirky Science Museum
 - (2) spend \$25 at the Bay Sands Mall on a Monday
 - (3) spend \$25 at the Bay Sands Mall on a Saturday
 - (4) buy tickets on the Quirky Science Museum website
4. Tickets can be purchased _____.
- (1) at the museum shop only
 - (2) on the museum website only
 - (3) online and at the museum shop
 - (4) online and at the Bay Sands box offices
5. Which of the following statements about Nate Sawi is **true**?
- (1) He started playing with LEGON blocks recently.
 - (2) He built a LEGON sculpture live at the museum.
 - (3) He has proven that LEGON toys can be appreciated as art.
 - (4) He has been showcasing his LEGON collection in Singapore annually.

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. Alicia heard Betty _____ in terror.

- (1) scream
- (2) screams
- (3) screamed
- (4) is screaming

7. In view of the current flu epidemic, the school has _____ precautionary measures.

- (1) stepped in
- (2) stepped up
- (3) stepped out
- (4) stepped forward

8. _____ my father was ill, he reported for work.

- (1) Despite
- (2) Owing to
- (3) Although
- (4) In spite of

9. When I was younger, fish and chips _____ my favourite dish.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

10. If I had studied more diligently, I _____ my class.

- (1) will top
- (2) would top
- (3) will have topped
- (4) would have topped

11. Denise, as well as her sisters _____ visiting London during the next holidays.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

12. The man _____ you had met at Mr. Samy's office is the new director of the company.

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

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)

"I have some questions for the three of you and I think it will be best if we do it individually. If you two," he pointed at Harry and Hermione (13) can wait upstairs, I will start with Ronald."

"We're not going anywhere," said Harry while Hermione nodded vigorously (14) You can speak to us together, or not at all."

"Very well, then (15) together," he said, shrugging.

Adapted from: *Harry Potter and The Deathly Hallows*

13. (1) [:] colon
(2) [,] comma
(3) [: "] colon and inverted commas
(4) [, "] comma and inverted commas

14. (1) ["] inverted commas
(2) [: "] colon and inverted commas
(3) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(4) [. "] full stop and inverted commas

15. (1) [-] dash
(2) [:] colon
(3) [,] comma
(4) [.] full stop

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. The people in the street _____ towards the shelter when there was a sudden downpour.

- (1) ambled
- (2) strutted
- (3) scurried
- (4) hobbled

17. We were in an _____ mood when we emerged as champions in the Inter-School Swimming Championship.

- (1) exquisite
- (2) extensive
- (3) exuberant
- (4) extravagant

18. The fireworks display during the Chingay parade was _____. The audience at the stadium was awestruck.

- (1) scenic
- (2) pictorial
- (3) charming
- (4) breathtaking

19. Let's go to the concert. I have two _____ tickets.

- (1) commissary
- (2) commentary
- (3) complimentary
- (4) complementary

20. The spoilt boy was throwing such a tantrum in the mall that all the shoppers _____ at him in disapproval.

- (1) ogled
- (2) beamed
- (3) squinted
- (4) glowered

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

Being a film-maker means that you have to be adventurous and a risk-taker, says Michelle Chong, (21) undoubtedly one of Singapore's top comedic talents. She is known for her spot-on impersonations of character stereotypes on the parody show 'The Moose'.

In 2011, she chose to go behind the scenes to make her (22) debut in filmmaking. It was a decision that many people had little (23) confidence in, she says. "People were wondering why I wanted to stop acting and do something so different and (24) risky like directing a movie." In fact, she was so determined that she even put in a six-figure sum to fund the movie, which earned a (25) hefty \$1.4 million at the box office.

Chong is currently working on her second feature flick '3 Peas In A Pod', which begins shooting in Australia next month.

Adapted from: *The Straits Times* on 12 February 2013

21. (1) possibly
(2) certainly
(3) probably
(4) questionably
22. (1) entry
(2) living
(3) launch
(4) progress
23. (1) assurance
(2) satisfaction
(3) determination
(4) apprehension
24. (1) safe
(2) serious
(3) dangerous
(4) detrimental
25. (1) high
(2) bulky
(3) mighty
(4) massive

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

One afternoon, Adam came home from school with a puzzled look on his face. After I had asked him what was on his mind, he asked, "Are all people the same even if their skin colour is different?"

I thought for a moment, before saying, "I'll explain if you can just wait until we make a quick stop at the supermarket. I have something interesting to show you." 5

At the supermarket, I told him that we needed to buy some apples to make a pie. We went to the fresh fruits section where we found apples of different colours – red, green, and even yellow. We bought some apples of each colour and went home. 10

As we put all the groceries away back home, I told Adam, "It's time to answer your question." I placed an apple of each colour on the table; first a red apple, followed by a green apple and finally, a yellow one. Then I looked at Adam who was sitting on a high stool on the other side of the table.

"Adam, people are just like these apples. They come in different colours, shapes and sizes. See, some of the apples have been bumped around and are bruised. On the outside, they may not even look as delicious as the others." As I was talking, Adam began examining each one carefully in an attempt to take in all that I had said. 15

Then, I took each of the apples and peeled them, placing them back on the table but in different spots. "Alright, Adam, tell me which one is the red apple, the green apple and the yellow apple." 20

He said, "I can't tell. They all look the same after you peeled off the skin!"

"Take a bite of each one. See if that helps you to figure out which one is which." 25

He took big bites but he still could not tell them apart. A huge smile spread across his face. "People are just like apples! They are all different but once you peel off the outside, they are pretty much similar on the inside."

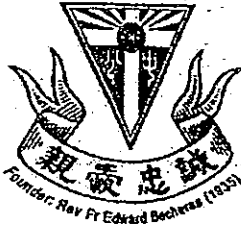
"Right," I agreed. "Just like how everyone has their own personality but are still basically the same." He understood this completely. It was the perfect analogy. 30

Now when I bite into an apple, it tastes a little sweeter than before. What a perfect fruit for thought.

Adapted from: *Chicken Soup for the Preteen Soul*

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. Adam came home with a puzzled look on his face because he _____.
- (1) could not see how apples are similar to people
 - (2) was worried about being treated differently in school
 - (3) needed to understand what exactly makes people different
 - (4) was pondering over the relationship between skin colour and people
27. The purpose of the author highlighting "even yellow" in line 9 is to show that _____.
- (1) yellow apples are not common
 - (2) the freshest apples are certainly yellow
 - (3) apples turn yellow when overripe or rotten
 - (4) yellow apples are not ideal for making pies
28. Adam examined each apple carefully (line 18) as he was trying to _____.
- (1) look for flaws in the apples
 - (2) guess which was the most delicious apple
 - (3) comprehend what the author had explained
 - (4) memorise details in the appearance of each apple
29. What does the author mean by, "Now when I bite into an apple, it tastes a little sweeter" in line 31? She _____.
- (1) thinks that the apple is truly sweet.
 - (2) recalls this lesson she taught Adam.
 - (3) is making a conscious effort to savour the apple.
 - (4) is admiring her own wisdom in forming the analogy.
30. What is the moral of the story?
- (1) Racism should not be condoned.
 - (2) People are just as colourful as apples.
 - (3) Everyone is the same yet special in his own way.
 - (4) We should use apples to teach children about skin colour.



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BOOKLET B

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary Five _____

17 May 2013

50 Questions
(65 Marks)

Components	Marks
Booklet A	30
Booklet B	65
TOTAL	95

Parent's
Signature: _____

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

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Write your answers in this booklet.

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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.

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| (A) all | (D) another | (G) can | (K) or | (N) this |
| (B) among | (E) any | (H) from | (L) that | (P) to |
| (C) an | (F) but | (J) of | (M) their | (Q) with |

A former fishing village turned British military base, Sentosa was transformed into an idyllic island resort in 1972 for the enjoyment and recreation of everyone. To describe Sentosa as merely just (31) _____ resort would do no justice to the multiple faces of (32) _____ island jewel half a kilometre south of Singapore. After all, it is the variety and versatility (33) _____ make Sentosa different and special for millions of visitors (34) _____ all around the world. Unlike (35) _____ other vacation destination, you are right on the fringe of the city's buzz, which is just minutes away either by cable car, ferry (36) _____ through a 700-metre road link.

Once you step foot on the island, you (37) _____ find your own slice of paradise (38) _____ the many exciting attractions where history and culture come alive: Lush green surroundings allow you (39) _____ explore nature, admire the dancing fountains and international golf courses (40) _____ scenic views. Today, Sentosa is a recreational haven, boasting a kaleidoscopic range of attractions and activities that cater to a wide audience.

Adapted from: The Straits Times June 2012

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

Anyone who has experienced an earthquake at least once in their lifetime will

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never forget the natural **penomenon**. The first reaction to the sudden, violent

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shaking is usually panic. Then as plates tumble on shelves and crash to the floor and

lights overhead begin to sway, one begins to comprehend what is happening. Even

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though scientists have learned a great deal about the cause of earthquakes it

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remain as one of the most unpredictable of all naturally **ocuring** events. After

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pondering about the pattern of earthquakes for long periods of time, we do know that

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earthquakes are not simply **randám** events. Instead, they generally happen at what

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are referred to as fault lines. We also know that certain areas were more likely to

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have earthquakes than others. One of the most **devesteting** earthquakes in

recorded history happened on 23 January 1556 in the Shaanxi province, China,

killing more than 830,000 people. Most of the population in the area at the time lived

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in **artifichal** caves in cliffs, many of whom collapsed during the catastrophe with

great loss of life.

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

When he was 7, Brian played his first computer game. At 12, without his parents' permission, he would (51) _____ to the hall in the middle of the night to play computer games. Brian was on a straight path to computer gaming (52) _____ until he was diagnosed by a doctor. Brian then decided to get rid of his computer. Brian is the typical gaming addict, said Laura Bensen, who works for the Swiss-based 'Lost in Mars' project.

People who end up in (53) _____ with the condition usually only admit themselves as patients after they have lost nearly everything including their family. Most people affected by the condition said that they prefer the virtual (54) _____ to the real one as they can instantly gratify their needs for friendship and recognition.

Brian, now in his 20s, said he realised his problem when he found himself barely (55) _____ living off iced tea because he did not want to (56) _____ gaming time to prepare a meal. His case is not unusual.

Addiction is not determined by the (57) _____ of hours one plays a game. However, if someone gets aggressive because he cannot (58) _____, that is a sure sign of addiction. Going cold turkey is not (59) _____ to handle addiction. That is because the addiction is usually masking larger (60) _____ in the person's life and allowing the person to forget his worries. That is how the vicious cycle begins. Playing means problems can be (61) _____ but disregarding the problems usually makes them worse. Many need (62) _____ help to break the cycle. Most usually turn to addiction centres which are equipped to deal with their addiction problem.

Brian realised his problem when he almost (63) _____ to complete his studies because of his gaming. A doctor (64) _____ him with depression and gaming addiction. Brian got rid of his (65) _____ wrote a list of 200 things he should have done long ago and began working on the list. His story had a happy ending. Today, he has managed to continue with his studies and is also in charge of a few self-help groups for gaming addicts.

For each of the questions from 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. "You must bring your assessment book tomorrow," Mrs Tan told Jason.

Mrs Tan told Jason that _____

67. The teacher marked these books yesterday.

These books _____

68. This man owns the flat. You saw him just now.

_____ whom

69. We cannot watch the concert. We do not have tickets.

_____ unless

70. James would rather play basketball. He does not like volleyball.

_____ prefers

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

"As you can see before you," the ferry captain said over his bullhorn, "a plane has crashed into the World Trade Centre!"

It was 8.48 a.m. and our commuter boat had just left Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey, for New York City. It was the kind of morning pilots usually referred to as "severe clear". We could see the skyscrapers of lower Manhattan – still 40 minutes away – with aching clarity.

Like everyone else, I watched in horror as smoke spewed from the upper floors of the north tower. Metal strips that had encased the building began to unfurl like cans of tuna, putting it in a precarious position. The fact that my brother, Michael, was somewhere inside that 110-storey building, made me even more terrified.

A week earlier, Mike had joined one of his best friends, Spike Tucker, at Cantor Fitzgerald, an international law firm. Before that, Mike had worked at Prudential, an insurance company for 18 years. Mike and Tucker took the same bus each morning, reaching their desks by 7.30 a.m. without fail.

I knew they would be in their office, but I was not aware of which floor it was located on. I tried to call Mike then his wife, Lynn and then my brother, Nick. No one answered.

Just as I looked up, a second plane sliced through the upper floors of the south tower. My fellow commuters and I gasped as it was not a usual sight. That ruthless smack **knocked the wind out of all of us**. This was no accident. America, we realised, was under attack!

Still, we sailed on. We hurriedly passed the Sandy Hook Lighthouse and the Statue of Liberty, all eyes glued on those twin towers. We watched in disbelief as shards of glass and paper rained down on the streets below. I tried to imagine Mike and Tucker running down the stairs to safety.

As we approached New York Harbour, the captain announced that no one could disembark. Instead, we would pick up those who had fled office buildings near

the World Trade Centre.

Black soot and ash now cloaked much of the sky. The smell of burning plastic and rubber soured the air. Already, thousands of people had crammed the pier looking eagerly, hoping to see their loved ones. Hoping against all hope, I looked for Mike's face in the crowd.

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As we headed back to Atlantic Highlands, I went up to the top deck. Lower Manhattan looked ghastly. However, **nothing could prepare me for what came next:** the collapse of the south tower. Within seconds it seemed, a huge swirl of ash and debris took down the once soaring skyscraper, changing a landscape I had known and loved since childhood.

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Adapted from: Reader's Digest Apr 2002

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. What did the passengers on the ferry witness when they first set sail that morning?

72. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'passenger'?

73. Explain fully why the writer felt particularly horrified watching the upper floors of the north tower in lines 7-8

74. Give one reason why the writer was sure that Mike was in the building when the incident occurred.

75. What does "it" in line 19 refer to?

76. What does the phrase 'knocked the wind out of all of us' in line 20 tell you about the writer's feelings?

77. Which three-word phrase in paragraph 7 shows that the passengers on the ferry were shocked by the incident?

78. How do we know that the writer was hoping that Mike would still be alive?

79. What does the writer mean by the phrase "nothing could prepare me for what came next"? (lines 34 - 35)

80. According to the passage, in what way did the landscape change after the incident?

END OF PAPER

ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2013

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SUBJECT : PRIMARY 5 ENGLISH

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E	K	G	B	P	Q

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46)random 47)are 48)devastating 49)artificial 50)which
51)sneak 52)addiction 53)hospital 54)world 55)eating
56)waste 57)number 58)play 59)enough 60)problems
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66)Mrs Tan told Jason that he had to bring his assessment book the next day.
67)These books were marked by the teacher yesterday.
68)This man whom you saw just now owns the flat.
69)We cannot watch the concert unless we have tickets.

70) James prefers playing basketball to volleyball.

71) They witnessed a plane crash into the World Trade Centre.

72) The word is "commuter".

73) The writer was horrified as the metal strips that had covered the building began to unfold, causing it to be in a dangerous position and because the writer's brother was something inside the building.

74) Mike would reach his desk by 7.30 a.m every morning without fail.

75) It refers to a second plane sliced through the upper floors of the south tower.

76) It tells me that the writer was shocked.

77) The phrase is "watched in disbelief".

78) She was looking for Mike in the crowd at the pier.

79) The writer did not expect the south tower to collapse.

80) The once soaring skyscraper was not there anymore.