



**NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**2023 END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION**  
**PRIMARY 5**  
**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**  
**PAPER 2 – LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION**  
**BOOKLET A**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

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Class: Primary 5 \_\_\_\_\_ E \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 23 October 2023

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

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

1. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. Answer all questions.
4. Use a 2B pencil to shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

This booklet consists of 10 printed pages and 2 blank pages.



For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.  
(10 marks)

1. "Father gave us the permission to go cycling, \_\_\_\_\_?" Michael asked his brother.

- (1) did he
- (2) had he
- (3) didn't he
- (4) hadn't he

2. My cousins introduced a friend of \_\_\_\_\_ to me during a barbeque.

- (1) their
- (2) them
- (3) theirs
- (4) themselves

3. Our art teacher instructed us to cut \_\_\_\_\_ the dotted line to get a perfect circle.

- (1) up
- (2) down
- (3) along
- (4) between

4. "Sarah, please pass me \_\_\_\_\_ books on your table," Jim requested.

- (1) this
- (2) that
- (3) these
- (4) those

5. We cheered Betty on as we watched her \_\_\_\_\_ past her competitors.

- (1) swim
- (2) swam
- (3) swum
- (4) swims

6. Jacob, as well as Benny, \_\_\_\_\_ ready to perform at the graduation ceremony next month.
- (1) is
  - (2) are
  - (3) was
  - (4) were
7. \_\_\_\_\_ his injured ankle, he was not able to complete the race.
- (1) Since
  - (2) Due to
  - (3) Despite
  - (4) Besides
8. As \_\_\_\_\_ of the work had already been done, our help was not needed.
- (1) few
  - (2) little
  - (3) many
  - (4) much
9. "You \_\_\_\_\_ have washed your own cutlery after each meal to reduce my washing load," Kelly grumbled to Lily.
- (1) must
  - (2) might
  - (3) could
  - (4) would
10. Since the visit to the veterinarian, I \_\_\_\_\_ my dog for daily walks and it is healthier now. I will continue this exercise regime as I enjoy it as well.
- (1) take
  - (2) had taken
  - (3) had been taking
  - (4) have been taking

For each question from 11 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(5 marks)

11. David and I had arranged to play football in the field last evening. Unfortunately, the plan \_\_\_\_\_ when it started raining.
- (1) fell in
  - (2) fell off
  - (3) fell out
  - (4) fell through
12. They found a \_\_\_\_\_ beach where they could enjoy some privacy and relaxation.
- (1) barren
  - (2) secluded
  - (3) restricted
  - (4) populated
13. Upon realising his mistake, he felt \_\_\_\_\_ and immediately apologised to his friends.
- (1) dejected
  - (2) conceited
  - (3) remorseful
  - (4) exasperated
14. A special queue was set up to give \_\_\_\_\_ to the elderly to enter the theatre before the other visitors.
- (1) priority
  - (2) urgency
  - (3) authority
  - (4) attention
15. Nobody likes to work with Kim who often \_\_\_\_\_, displaying a superior attitude towards others.
- (1) keeps her chin up
  - (2) gets her hands dirty
  - (3) has her nose in the air
  - (4) feasts to her heart's content

For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

Jason's inconsiderate playful nature often gets him into trouble with his friends.

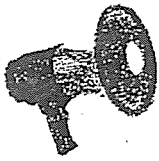
One day, Jason started taunting David with hurtful names, igniting a heated argument between the two. Fueled by anger, David pulled at Jason's shirt to throw a punch at him.

While trying to dodge the punch, Jason fell backwards. He struggled to regain his footing, slipping several times, much to David's amusement. A teacher near the scene quickly intervened and was surprised that both boys were unscathed in the event.

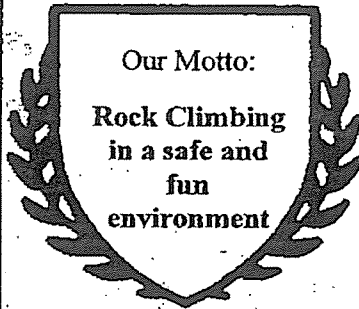
When the boys were composed, the teacher mediated between them and made Jason recognise that David did not appreciate the name-calling. Jason promised not to mock his friends anymore.

16. (1) fooling  
(2) chiding  
(3) insulting  
(4) gesturing
17. (1) Enraged  
(2) Frenzied  
(3) Astonished  
(4) Incredulous
18. (1) regularly  
(2) repeatedly  
(3) incessantly  
(4) occasionally
19. (1) saved  
(2) secured  
(3) protected  
(4) uninjured
20. (1) need  
(2) permit  
(3) accept  
(4) welcome

Study the following flyer and then answer questions 21 to 28.



## Climb with us during the school holidays!



Climbing helps to improve physical fitness, develop hand eye coordination, and build resilience. As you face and overcome each challenge, you will get a tremendous sense of achievement.

The Adventure Climbing Club caters to everyone from the age of 7. Whether you are a beginner or an experienced climber, trust us to provide the training that caters to your needs.

### HOLIDAY CLIMBING CAMPS

We have camps for children aged 7-11 and youths aged 12-16. During the camp, you will learn safety rules and basic climbing skills. There will also be fun and exciting games. No experience in climbing is required for both camps.

**Holiday Camps: 8 to 12 December 2023**

**Camp fee: \$350**

**Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**What to bring:**

1. gym attire
2. climbing socks
3. water bottle
4. towel

Visit our website for more information.

Email [admin@adventureclimbingclub.com](mailto:admin@adventureclimbingclub.com) to register.



## OTHER PROGRAMMES

### Climbing Exploration

Join us for a free 1-hour trial session. If you wish to start your rock-climbing journey, sign up for this course:

1 session (2 hours):	\$30
5 sessions:	\$135 (you can pass unused sessions to your family and friends)

### Guided Climbing Sessions

For adult climbing enthusiasts, join us at our regular climbing sessions. Each session is 1.5 hours per week, and you can choose either one-to-one or small group coaching to improve your techniques.

**Registration fee: \$20**

**4 sessions: \$200**

### Yearly Family Membership

You can bond with your family over rock climbing. If you are new to climbing, you are required to attend the Basic Climbing Course first. You and your family can then enjoy the following benefits:

- free registration
- free entry for children below 7 years old\*
- discounted entry rates for up to 4 people
- coached climbing sessions (subject to availability)

\*Adult supervision is required for children below 7 years old.

**Only \$250 per year!**

## Read what our students have to say about us!

"Coach Kim is friendly and patient. My climbing sessions are fun and challenging at the same time. Climbing has helped me become more self-confident."

– Emma, 11 years old

"I never thought I would enjoy climbing this much. I started climbing when I was 7. I was very fearful of heights at first, but Coach Jeffery guided me patiently and he made climbing very enjoyable! Whenever I overcome an obstacle, he praises me. That motivates me to do even better."

– Joshua, 12 years old

For each question from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.  
(8 marks)

21. What is the main aim of the Adventure Climbing Club?

- (1) to improve the fitness level of participants
- (2) to promote rock climbing in a fun and safe setting
- (3) to provide rock climbing training during school holidays
- (4) to help people overcome challenges during rock climbing

22. Siti wants to join the holiday camp. She should \_\_\_\_\_ to register for the camp.

- (1) visit their website
- (2) be above 16 years old
- (3) email the climbing club
- (4) have climbing experience

23. Why is the colon (:) used after "What to bring"?

- (1) to simplify the information provided
- (2) to list the items needed for the camp
- (3) to arrange information in order of importance
- (4) to suggest items participants may wish to bring along

24. Kayla is a 24-year-old climbing enthusiast who wants to improve her climbing techniques. Which one of the following is most suitable for her?

- (1) Climbing Exploration
- (2) Basic Climbing Course
- (3) Holiday Climbing Camp
- (4) Guided Climbing Sessions

25. Which of the following statement is true of Guided Climbing Sessions?

- (1) Each session lasts only one hour.
- (2) It is for children who know how to climb.
- (3) Participants can give away unused sessions.
- (4) There is a choice of individual or group classes.

26. A 10-year-old beginner who has a family membership must \_\_\_\_\_ before they can use the membership.

- (1) pay a registration fee
- (2) attend training once a week
- (3) have adult supervision at all times
- (4) complete the basic climbing course

27. According to Joshua, what made him want to improve in the sport?

- (1) the guidance given to him when he was seven
- (2) the self-confidence he gained under Coach Kim
- (3) the training that has made him a more patient person
- (4) the encouragement he got when he overcame challenges

28. What is the **main** purpose of this flyer?

- (1) to promote rock climbing to children
- (2) to encourage family members to climb together
- (3) to publicise the holiday camps and other programmes
- (4) to inform the public about the fees of the various programmes

Please note that the passage for Comprehension questions 71 to 80 in Booklet B is on page 10. You may now go on to Booklet B.

Refer to the passage below when you answer questions 71 to 80 in Booklet B.

During my childhood, music frequently echoed through my bedroom from our neighbour next door. The sound of piano keys pinging away as students practised was my constant companion while I played with my toys. The only break came when my father turned up the television to its maximum volume while watching football to drown out the piano sound.	5
Our neighbour, Mrs Dee, a piano teacher who worked from home, was often referred to as "Mrs Demon" by the neighbourhood kids. Her voice carried an aura of fear, sending shivers down the spines of those nearby. I often heard her reprimanding her students for not practising enough or the parents for sending their children to lessons late.	10
At the age of five, I was determined to learn how to play the piano. I was certain that I had already learned it through hours of listening to other students stumbling through their songs. I wanted to show Mrs Dee how gifted I was.	
During lessons, Mrs Dee would sit upright, tapping the beat with one finger as I played the piano. There was no doubt that she was listening intently for the slightest mistake.	15
My weekly lessons with Mrs Dee proceeded relatively smoothly. I learned one song from the piano book and then another effortlessly.	
Under Mrs Dee's strict rules, her students were allowed to work on only one song at a time. However, I was too impatient for Mrs Dee's method. I started looking ahead in the piano book, not just a few pages but deep into the more advanced songs. During one lesson, I proudly showcased one of them to Mrs Dee, but she exploded with disapproval, "Clara! You're not ready for it! That's not how you learn piano!"	20
In my defense, I retorted, "But why? I am ready. I just played it."	25
"That's not how it's done. You need to follow a proper learning progression," Mrs Dee snapped, her eyes narrowing.	
Since then, piano lessons were no longer enjoyable. I resented going for lessons and could not understand why Mrs Dee had stubbornly refused to see the value of me taking initiative in my learning.	30
One evening, over dinner, I finally poured out all my frustrations to my parents. While other parents might have scolded their child for being disrespectful to an elder, my father chuckled and said, "Well, it sounds like a lively debate going on."	
My mother chimed in, "It's good to question authority sometimes. Just remember to be respectful while <b>doing so</b> ."	35
Hearing this, I reflected on my attitude. Although I believed in my abilities, I realised my attitude was not helping me build rapport with Mrs Dee to truly gain from her <b>wealth of experience</b> . After all, it was known among the neighbours that she used to teach music at a university for decades. I decided to humble myself before her.	40
Who would have thought that, years later, I would recall that fateful evening, feeling grateful for heeding my <b>mother's advice</b> ?	

Adapted from 'Becoming' by Michelle Obama



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**BOOKLET B**

Booklet B

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Date: 23 October 2023

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This booklet consists of 8 printed pages.

There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38, 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. (10 marks)

Each word can be used only ONCE.

(A) at	(D) are	(G) however	(K) our	(N) through
(B) about	(E) despite	(H) in	(L) so	(P) yet
(C) although	(F) how	(J) is	(M) then	(Q) your

Recycling is like a wizard's spell that helps save our planet. It is a simple \_\_\_\_\_ (29)  
powerful way to make a big difference. It is the process of turning used materials into new  
things, giving old items like cans, bottles and papers a second chance \_\_\_\_\_ life. (30)

Here is \_\_\_\_\_ it works: First, we collect recyclables in special bins. (31)  
\_\_\_\_\_, these materials are taken to a recycling facility to get sorted and cleaned. (32)  
Next, they go \_\_\_\_\_ several stages to be created into new products that (33)  
\_\_\_\_\_ functional and purposeful. It is like a magic show - old newspapers become (34)  
new paper and empty soda cans turn into shiny bicycles. \_\_\_\_\_, not all collected (35)  
recyclables can be recycled due to them being contaminated.

We all have a part to play \_\_\_\_\_ this magical act - acting as eco-warriors, (36)  
making \_\_\_\_\_ world cleaner and greener. So, the next time you see a recycling bin, (37)  
think \_\_\_\_\_ the magic it holds. Remember, you can create magic by just recycling! (38)

Score:

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (12 marks)

Dear Hector,

(39)

I want to share an interesting discovery with you! I insidentally discovered an old mansion near which I live, well-hidden within a dense undergrowth.

(40)

(41)

I only managed to check out the extirear of the mansion before the sun went down. From the looking of it, the mansion is definitely dezurted. I walked around the

(42)

(43)

(44)

(45)

mansion, trying to peep into every of the windows, but my attempts were fewtile. This,

(46)

however, only increased my curious.

(47)

So, do you want to break into this mistirious mansion with me? I know that our parents would strong oppose the idea but they would never find out so long if we do not

(48)

(49)

(50)

tell them. I have attached in this email pictures of the mansion for your referrance.

Let me know if you are interested. Reply soon!

Regards,  
James

Score:

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Humans have shared a special bond with dogs for the longest time. Dogs can tell when we are happy, angry, excited, or sad, and we, for most parts, can understand their \_\_\_\_\_ (51) too. But dogs have a superpower that we do not have: an \_\_\_\_\_ (52) sense of smell. With fifty times more smell receptors in their noses than humans, dogs can \_\_\_\_\_ (53) up scents of drugs and cancer – a feat we are \_\_\_\_\_ (54) to perform. Due to the huge difference in the sense of smell between humans and dogs, our sensing of the world \_\_\_\_\_ (55) vary greatly.

Birds, \_\_\_\_\_ (56) dogs, have a less developed sense of smell. They \_\_\_\_\_ (57) mainly on their senses of sight and hearing, much like humans. In terms of communication, there are some \_\_\_\_\_ (58) between birds and humans too. Both humans and birds can produce a wide range of sounds. Some birds can copy the horn of a car, the chime of doorbell and \_\_\_\_\_ (59) distinct human voices! Through vocals, birds can convey complex messages such as mating and warning signals. Likewise, humans use spoken language and vocals to \_\_\_\_\_ (60) our thoughts and emotions.

But \_\_\_\_\_ (61) makes birds so captivating is that they can fly. \_\_\_\_\_ (62) other animal can fly like birds do. They can soar through the sky while we remain on the \_\_\_\_\_ (63). When we see birds flying freely, it \_\_\_\_\_ (64) us dream of flying too. Imagine looking down at the land and sea beneath you without an airplane window, feeling the wind guiding you to \_\_\_\_\_ (65) your heart desires. Birds show us what it means to be free and remind us to always reach for the sky.

*Adapted from 'Better Living Through Birding' by Christian Cooper*

Score:

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. "Shall I buy this notebook?" the boy wondered.

The boy wondered \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

67. Sandra needs to return the library book tomorrow, or else she will incur a fine.

If \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

68. The cake is drizzled with chocolate sauce by me.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

69. The two friends did not speak to each other because they misunderstood each other.

\_\_\_\_\_

due to a \_\_\_\_\_

70. Singapore is known for its exciting food culture and amazing shopping experience.

Besides \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Read the passage on page 10 of Booklet A and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

71. Based on the first paragraph, why did Clara's father turn up the television to its maximum volume? [1m]

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72. a) Give an adjective to describe how the children felt about Mrs Dee from the nickname "Mrs Demon". [1m]

b) Based on lines 6-10, explain why this nickname was appropriate for Mrs Dee. [1m]

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73. Which **two** words from lines 11-13 show Clara's confidence in doing well in Mrs Dee's class? The words are found in two separate sentences. [2m]

74. Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. [3m]

Word(s) in the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
a) Mrs Dee's method (line 20)	—
b) them (line 22)	
c) doing so (line 36)	

Score:

75. Refer to lines 6-18. State whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

Statement	True / False	Reason
a) Punctuality was important to Mrs Dee.		
b) Mrs Dee was highly focused during lessons.		
c) Clara had to practise very hard to learn the songs during Mrs Dee's lesson.		

76. Pick out **two** words from lines 28-30 which signal the change in how Clara felt about her piano lessons with Mrs Dee. Each word is found in a separate sentence. [2m]

Before Clara was reprimanded

After Clara was reprimanded

Score:

77. Based on lines 19-25, the table below shows certain events which happened and their consequences. Fill in the blanks using information from the story. [2m]

Cause	Effect
	Clara looked ahead in Mrs Dee's piano book.
Clara did not expect Mrs Dee's strong reaction of disapproval.	

78. Circle **one** word that best describes the tone Clara's mother would have used in lines 35-36. DO NOT CIRCLE MORE THAN ONE WORD. [1m]

understanding / humorous / impatient / sarcastic

79. From lines 37 - 41, give an example of Mrs Dee's "wealth of experience" (line 39). [1m]

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80. a) Which value did Clara learn from her "mother's advice" (line 43)? [1m]

b) Explain clearly how Clara benefitted from this value she had learnt from her "mother's advice" (line 43). [2m]

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End of Paper

Score:



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Booklet A

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
3	3	3	4	1	1	2	4	3	4
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
4	2	3	1	3	3	1	2	4	4
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28		
2	3	2	4	4	4	4	3		

Booklet B

Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
P	A	F	M	N	D	G	H	K	B

Q39	incidentally	Q40	where	Q41	exterior
Q42	look	Q43	deserted	Q44	all
Q45	fertile	Q46	curiosity	Q47	mysterious
Q48	strongly	Q49	as	Q50	reference
Q51	emotions	Q52	extraordinary	Q53	pick
Q54	unable	Q55	may	Q56	unlike
Q57	rely	Q58	similarities	Q59	even
Q60	express	Q61	what	Q62	no
Q63	ground	Q64	makes	Q65	where

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Q68	I drizzled the cake with chocolate sauce.
Q69	The two friends did not speak to each other due to a misunderstanding.

Q70)	Besides its exciting food culture, Singapore is known for its amazing shopping experience.
Q71)	To drown out the piano music.
Q72)	<p>a) Fearful</p> <p>b) Mrs Dee's voice carried an aura of fear, sending shivers down the spines of those nearby.</p>
Q73)	Certain / Gifted
Q74)	<p>(line 20) --- Mrs Dee only allowed her students to play a time</p> <p>(line 22) --- The more advanced songs</p> <p>(line 36) --- Questioning authority</p>
Q75)	<p>a) True --- Mrs Dee would reprimanded the parents for sending their students to lessons safe.</p> <p>b) True --- During lessons, Mrs Dee would upright, tapping the beat with one finger.</p> <p>c) False --- Clara learned one song after another effortlessly.</p>
Q76)	<p>Enjoyable</p> <p>Resented</p>
Q77)	<p>Clara was impatient</p> <p>Clara retorted</p>
Q78)	Understanding
Q79)	Mrs Dee used to teach music at a university for decades.
Q80)	<p>a) Humility</p> <p>b) Helped her build rapport with Mrs Dee's wealth of experience.</p>