



**AI TONG SCHOOL
2024
END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION
PRIMARY 5**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)
BOOKLET A**

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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Answer all questions.

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Class: Primary 5 _____

Date: 22 October 2024

Parent's signature: _____

Paper 1	Paper 2	Paper 3	Paper 4	Total Marks
50	90	20	40	200

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 The firefighters worked tirelessly to get the blaze _____ control.

- (1) in
- (2) on
- (3) under
- (4) beyond

2 "Dad said that he is buying dinner, _____ he?" asked Sandra.

- (1) is
- (2) did
- (3) isn't
- (4) didn't

3 By the time the rain stopped, the officials _____ the football match.

- (1) postpones
- (2) postponed
- (3) has postponed
- (4) had postponed

4 "Mr Lee has briefed Kenny and _____ on the instructions," Paul said.

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

5 _____ it was tiring, the hikers persevered and reached the top of the hill.

- (1) Although
- (2) Besides
- (3) Despite
- (4) Since

6 The shoplifter, _____ the police apprehended, was caught red-handed on the CCTV.

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

7 Neither Layla nor her sister _____ the party next Sunday.

(1) are attending
(2) is attending
(3) attends
(4) attend

8 "I _____ have revised for the examination last night! I can't remember anything now," sighed Roy.

(1) should
(2) would
(3) might
(4) must

9 The damage caused by the forest fires _____ so extensive that it took years to rebuild the village.

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

10 Ashley and her groupmates _____ on a coding project together last year.

(1) work
(2) worked
(3) are working
(4) have worked

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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 Lucas and his peers _____ a campaign aiming to reduce food wastage in the community.

- (1) directed
- (2) exhibited
- (3) launched
- (4) projected

12 Mrs Tan gave Mia a letter of _____ to praise her for her outstanding contributions in the project work fair.

- (1) honour
- (2) support
- (3) appreciation
- (4) commendation

13 With the _____ reminder given by his father, Jeremy managed to complete his presentation just in time.

- (1) timely
- (2) gentle
- (3) regular
- (4) friendly

14 My father decided to stop driving as he could _____ see through the thick fog on the road.

- (1) vaguely
- (2) slightly
- (3) barely
- (4) faintly

15 Despite the objections, Jane _____ her mother's advice and signed up for the competition.

- (1) went with
- (2) went past
- (3) went around
- (4) went against

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

The birthday present was meant for Chloe, Ava's best friend, who was turning ten. With great skill, Ava meticulously attached the last shell to her art piece. All (16) afternoon, she had collected pretty seashells and painted them with brilliant colours, before piecing together a stunning necklace. The shells held cherished memories (17) (18) close to her heart - the pearly white one for their first school excursion to the beach; (19) the spiky one when they got caught in the rain. Then, Ava chewed her lip. "Happy Birthday" felt too simple. She pondered over the perfect message before a smile (20) spread across her face. Beaming, she wrote – "To more adventures, seashells and secrets."

Written by: Daniel Lim

16 (1) proudly
(2) carefully
(3) thoroughly
(4) laboriously

17 (1) linking
(2) tailoring
(3) gathering
(4) assembling

18 (1) vivid
(2) fond
(3) strong
(4) lasting

19 (1) outing
(2) journey
(3) adventure
(4) expedition

20 (1) contemplated
(2) examined
(3) analysed
(4) debated

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Study the poster (Text 1) and the extract from a news article (Text 2) and answer questions 21 to 25.

Text 1

The text below shows a poster for a pet adoption drive.

**A PAWSOME CHRISTMAS
WITH PETS SOCIETY**

21 DECEMBER
9 A.M. - 4 P.M.

**READY TO PROVIDE A SECOND
HOME FOR PETS?**

**CALLING ALL
ANIMAL LOVERS!**



**THEY HAVE BEEN WAITING...
YOU COULD BE THEIR ANSWER...**

ADOPT WITH EASE IN JUST THREE SIMPLE STEPS!

1 Visit the carnival and get acquainted with the animals!

2 Complete the application process.

3 Bring your new friend home!

Text 2

This extract below is taken from a news article on caring for pets.

Having a pet is a big commitment that should not be taken lightly. A lot of love and attention is required in caring for a pet. When you decide to get a pet, you are responsible for another living being. It is not as simple as bringing a pet home.

Assess your readiness with a simple checklist!

Here is a checklist you should use before bringing your pet home:

- I can play, walk and care for my pet every day.
- I can afford to pay for necessities my pet needs (e.g. food, toys, vet visits).
- I can juggle between my studies and lifestyle to include a pet.
- I can get my family members to agree on pet ownership.
- I can commit to taking care of my pet for a long time.

To ensure that you can provide a loving, safe and healthy environment for your new companion, it is therefore important to carefully consider all these factors before committing to a pet. Taking the time to prepare and understand what is involved in pet ownership will help create a happy life for both you and your pet, fostering a strong bond and reducing the chances of unexpected challenges. Remember, being a pet owner is a rewarding experience that comes with great responsibility.

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For each question from 21 to 25, 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)

21 According to the poster in Text 1, which of the following statements is true about the event?

(1) The event only showcases dogs for adoptions.
(2) The event takes place in the last week of December.
(3) The event features animals looking for a second home.
(4) The event is held to celebrate Christmas with Pets Society.

22 "THEY HAVE BEEN WAITING..." The picture supports this by giving the impression that the animals are _____.

(1) cute and cuddly
(2) sad and hopeful
(3) tame and obedient
(4) curious and intelligent

23 Based on the poster in Text 1, which of the following best fits the purpose of this text?

(1) inform
(2) explain
(3) entertain
(4) persuade

24 Based on Text 2, Lily has to ensure that _____ before she decides to adopt a pet.

(1) she has stocked up on pet toys and food
(2) her family will help to take care of the pet
(3) the checklist for pet adoption is completed
(4) having a pet will not disrupt her studies and lifestyle

25 We should reconsider how adoption of pets is portrayed in Text 1 because Text 2 suggests that _____.

(1) it is expensive to care for a pet
(2) taking care of a pet is a huge responsibility
(3) time management is important in caring for a pet
(4) the entire family must agree before adopting a pet

Please note that the passage for Comprehension questions 66 to 75 is on the next page. You may now go on to Booklet B.

Read the passage below and answer questions 66 to 75 in Booklet B. (20 marks)

To me, Grandma was like a **wizard in the kitchen**. Spinning her "magic" over bubbling pots and pans, she could whip up delicious meals for the family effortlessly. Since I thought I had a talent for cooking, I asked her to teach me. Sensing my enthusiasm to learn, she accepted my request **readily**.

I could not wait to get on with the **exciting bit** immediately. As I reached out for a wooden spoon, Grandma's gaze froze me in place. She cautioned, "Cooking is fun, but it's important to put safety first, especially when fire is involved." 5

While Grandma was warning me to be **careful** around open fires, I was playing with the wooden spoon and knocked over a pan with sizzling oil. In the nick of time, she yanked me aside as the pan crashed to the ground. **Furious** with what had happened, Grandma lashed out at me instantly, "Jim, get out of my kitchen until you are more serious about learning!" 10

Feeling upset with my **punishment**, I stormed out of the kitchen. "What's so difficult about cooking? I'll learn it myself...one day!" I scoffed. Grandma shook her head in disappointment. "It's just a trivial mistake, but she had to blow it out of proportion! I can learn to cook on my own, even if it is through trial and error," I muttered, sounding a little arrogant. 15

One morning, Grandma left me some money for lunch as she had gone out with her friends. Having the kitchen all to myself, I seized the opportunity to cook my own meal. Things started off well as I was able to locate her recipe book in a corner of her drawer easily. Having watched Grandma numerous times, I was certain that I would be able to cook like her. 20

Determined to prove my cooking skills, I stood at the stove and attempted to fry noodles for the first time. I heated the oil in the pan, not realising it had gotten too hot. As I dropped the noodles in, they sizzled and sent splatters of hot oil flying in all directions! Some scalded my arm, making me yelp in excruciating pain. However, I ignored it and bravely continued, not willing to end my cooking experience in failure. 25

I gritted my teeth and tried to stir the noodles clumsily with a wooden spoon, but that only made things worse. The noodles became entangled and began to burn. A few pieces even flew out of the pan. I decided to soften the sticky mass with water. To my horror, smoke started to fill the kitchen. The pungent smell of charred food filled the air and made me cough. Panicking, I accidentally knocked over a bottle of soy sauce, which spilled across the counter, adding to the mess. By the time I finally turned off the stove, there were oil splatters, burnt noodles and sticky puddles of soy sauce everywhere. My cooking experience had ended in a disaster. I grabbed a sponge and started scrubbing the burnt remnants from the pan dejectedly. 30 35

As I wiped my brow and sighed in frustration, it struck me that I had underestimated the difficulty of cooking – it was not simply following a recipe but understanding how to perform the steps. More importantly, I had neglected my safety. Humbled, I realised what an **enormous mistake** I had made. I guessed I really owed Grandma an apology. 40



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A rectangular box with a diagonal line from the top-left corner to the bottom-right corner. The number "65" is written in the bottom-right quadrant of the box.

Date: 22 October 2024

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There are 10 blanks, numbered 26 to 35, 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) although	(D) be	(G) despite	(K) it's	(N) of
(B) among	(E) beside	(H) in	(L) many	(P) to
(C) around	(F) but	(J) its	(M) much	(Q) with

Whale sharks are the largest fish in the world! _____ their name, they (26) are not whales; they are actually sharks. These giants can grow to the size of a school bus and weigh as _____ as three elephants. Whale sharks spend nearly (27) eight hours a day feeding in the water. _____ their huge size, they seem (28) like they could eat whatever they want. However, they are really just after plankton – microscopic plants and animals.

Whale sharks are covered in a pattern _____ white spots and stripes, (29) making them easy to recognise. Each whale shark has _____ own unique (30) pattern, like a fingerprint. They live _____ warm waters and can be located (31) near the Philippines, Mexico and Australia.

Known to _____ very gentle in nature, these sharks often allow (32) swimmers to get close. In fact, researchers and divers often swim right _____ them, and the sharks do not mind a bit. (33)

These fascinating creatures not only aid scientists in learning more about the ocean _____ also play a key role in maintaining the balance in the (34) ecosystem. Sadly, they are endangered due _____ fishing and habitat loss. (35) Protecting them will ensure the health and stability of our marine environments.

Adapted from: <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com>

Score:

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (10 marks)

(36)

Did you know how Bird Paradise came to life in Mandai? After the close (37) of Jurong Bird Park, the birds were moved over the old park to the new

attraction across a few months.

(38)

Shifting the birds was no easy feit. Planning started a year ago to ensure (39) the best conditions for the mygrasion. Park keepers started mixing species (40) that were going to live together to confirm their compatible. This helped (41) reduce potenshial issues when the birds were released in Bird Paradise.

(42)

Some birds were also trained to volunteer enter pet crates for their (43) move. As for the bigger birds, they were first ristreined using nets before (44) being placed in crates by keepers to minnimice the risk of injuries.

(45)

All these efforts were to allow for a smooth and safer transfer of the precious wildlife. So, the next time you visit Bird Paradise, take a moment to appreciate the dedication that the keepers have put in.

Adapted from: <https://www.straitstimes.com>

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Fill in the blanks with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Clean water is essential for life. We use clean water _____ cooking, (46)
cleaning and many other purposes. Without clean water, various activities that maintain
our _____ hygiene, like bathing and brushing our teeth, would be nearly
(47) to do.
(48)

Unfortunately, most of the world's water is unusable. Sea water
_____ up about 97% of all water on Earth, leaving only 3% as clean
(49) freshwater fit for humans to use. Even _____, a large portion is locked in
the world's tallest mountains and ice caps, _____ prevents us from using
(50) it. Meanwhile, the _____ for clean water is constantly rising. This is due to
(51) several factors _____ as rising populations, more people living in cities and
(52) farms needing more water to grow their crops.

Furthermore, the world is undergoing climate change. Rising temperatures and
low rainfall have made clean water harder to _____. by. These climate
changes have a huge negative _____ on freshwater supply, reducing its
(54) (55)
availability even further.

To tackle the _____ of the lack of freshwater, one simple way is
(56) to conserve water. This can be done _____ individual actions such as
fixing leaky taps and taking shorter showers. In _____, we can reuse water
(57) (58)
we have retained after washing our fruits and vegetables for watering plants. On rainy
days, some people even _____ rainwater in large buckets so that they can
(59) use it to clean the floor later. Finally, we can _____ awareness about this
(60)
matter amongst our family and friends. In doing so, more people will take actions that
will ensure freshwater remains available for our future generations.

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Score:

For each of the questions 61 to 65, 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 in the given sentence(s). (10 marks)

61 We had built a sandcastle. Then, the tide came in.

Before _____

62 Tiffany hid all the cookies in the cabinet because she was mischievous.

Out of _____

63 Alan encouraged the group and they finally figured out the puzzle.

Thanks to _____

64 You must finish all your vegetables. If not, there will be no dessert for you.

Unless _____

65 "Did you throw out the rubbish last night?" Mother asked me.

Mother asked me _____

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Score: _____

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Read the passage on page 10 of Booklet A and answer questions 66 to 75.
(20 marks)

66 How was Grandma like "a wizard in the kitchen" (line 1)? [1m]

67 Why did Grandma accept the writer's request "readily" (line 4)? [1m]

68 Explain fully why Grandma was "furious" (line 10). [2m]

69 Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story. [1m]

_____ Grandma was disappointed with the writer.

_____ Grandma cautioned the writer about fires.

_____ Grandma glared at the writer.

70 Based on lines 8-22, state whether each statement in the table below is true, or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	True/False	Reason
a) Grandma prevented the writer from getting injured.		
b) Grandma wanted the writer to cook lunch for himself.		
c) The writer had trouble looking for Grandma's recipe book.		

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this space.

71 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) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
a) the exciting bit (line 5)	
b) punishment (line 13)	
c) it (line 27)	



72 Based on information from lines 23-36, fill in the following table. [2m]

What the writer did	What happened as a result
overheated the oil in the pan	a)
b)	noodles were stuck together



73 From lines 28-36, pick out two separate words to show the writer's feelings and explain why he felt that way. [4m]

A word that shows that the writer was feeling anxious	Reason for the writer's feelings
a)	b)
A word that shows that the writer was feeling hopeless	Reason for the writer's feelings
c)	d)



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write in
this space.

74 Pick out two words from lines 13-41 which signal how the writer's attitude had changed before and after the cooking experience. Each word is found in a separate sentence. [2m]

Before the cooking experience

After the cooking experience

75 State what the "enormous mistake" (line 40) was. [1m]

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

26	G	27	M	28	Q	29	N	30	J
31	H	32	D	33	E	34	F	35	P
36	closing	37	from	38	feat	39	migration	40	compatibility
41	potential	42	voluntarily	43	restrained	44	minimize	45	smoother
46	for	47	personal	48	impossible	49	makes	50	so
51	which	52	demand	53	such	54	come	55	impact
56	issue	57	through	58	fact	59	collect	60	raise

61	Before the tide come in, we had built a sandcastle.
62	Out of mischief, Tiffany hid all cookies in the cabinet.
63	Thanks to Alan's encouragement, the group finally figured out the puzzle.
64	Unless you finish all your vegetables, there will be no dessert for you.
65	Mother asked me if I had thrown out the rubbish the previous night.
66	Spinning her "magic" over bubbling pots and pans, she could whip up delicious meals for the family effortlessly.
67	She senses the writer's enthusiasm to learn.
68	The writer was playing with the wooden spoon and knocked over a pan with sizzling oil.
69	3, 2, 1
70	a) True. In the nick of time, Grandma yanked the write aside as the pan crashed onto the ground. b) False. Grandma left the writer some money for lunch as she had gone out with her friends. c) False. Things started off well as the writer was able to locate her recipe book in a corner of grandma's drawer easily.
71	a) The exciting bit (line 5): cooking

	b) Punishment (line 13): having to leave the kitchen c) It (line 27): excruciating pain.
72	a) Noodles sizzled and sent splatted of hot oil frying everywhere. b) Stirred noodles with a wooden spoon
73	a) Panicking b) The pungent smell of charred food filled the air. c) Dejectedly d) His cooking experience had ended in a disaster.
74	Arrogant Humbled
75	He had neglected his safety.