

**SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY FIVE
PRACTICE PAPER 1**

Name: _____ ()

Date: _____

Class: Primary 5 SY / C / G / SE / P

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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4. Shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

For each question from 1 to 10, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

1 The habits of the Singaporean tourist _____ over the years.
The industry is reporting more interest in adventure tours.

- (1) changes
- (2) is changing
- (3) has changed
- (4) have changed

2 The prisoner refrained _____ divulging important information to the enemy.

- (1) to
- (2) by
- (3) from
- (4) against

3 The photojournalist saw the villagers _____ the disaster area and offered his help.

- (1) flee
- (2) fled
- (3) have fled
- (4) were fleeing

4 It is hard to imagine that _____ recent times, the arid desert was a beautiful lake.

- (1) until
- (2) since
- (3) despite
- (4) although

5 The elderly woman had to give _____ to her son's demands for more money.

- (1) in
- (2) up
- (3) over
- (4) away

6 John, as well as his group of friends, _____ entitled to free hot meals at the soup kitchen this year.

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

7 "How many of the children had read these horror stories and believed _____ to be true?" Mrs Lee asked.

- (1) it
- (2) us
- (3) her
- (4) them

8 Maria's kind act _____ with a cold stare and it caught her by surprise.

- (1) meet
- (2) meets
- (3) is met
- (4) was met

9 The residents voted to merge the two town council branches _____ one single unit.

- (1) in
- (2) to
- (3) into
- (4) down

10 To everyone's surprise, the long-lost brother turned _____ at his sister's wedding.

- (1) in
- (2) up
- (3) for
- (4) over

For each question from 11 to 15, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.
(5 marks)

11 He was subjected to _____ and ridicule when he refused to join in to bully his classmate.

- (1) envy
- (2) grief
- (3) hardship
- (4) contempt

12 The victim was crying _____ after the attack. She was traumatised.

- (1) intently
- (2) explicitly
- (3) earnestly
- (4) inconsolably

13 The account provided by the eyewitness was _____ and provided the police with only one useful lead.

- (1) sketchy
- (2) detailed
- (3) exhaustive
- (4) comprehensive

14 The celebrity was so overwhelmed by the extensive media _____ of his involvement in the murder that he refused to watch the news or read the newspapers.

- (1) outlet
- (2) inquest
- (3) coverage
- (4) undertaking

15 The thought that any parent would _____ their child into seeking fame shocked me.

- (1) tease
- (2) rebuke
- (3) conjure
- (4) manipulate

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

(5 marks)

Montana in the United States is home to endless beautiful lakes. It is famous for its all-embracing, deep-seated and nationwide obsession with trout. Any kind of connection, however slight, to trout, will be of interest here. The signs of this fanaticism (16) with the fish are obvious as soon as you arrive. The state's largest airport is festooned (17) with pictures of trout and there are notices with suggestions on where you might find them. It is also filled with planeloads of city dwellers decked out in cowboy attire, carrying exorbitantly priced trout-catching equipment. However, it is only when you start talking to the locals that the extent of the trout mania becomes apparent. Their passion is (18) evident when you see young boys, no older than five, discussing with great wisdom and (19) seriousness the merits of various fishing techniques. Montana and trout are inseparable. (20)

Adapted from Trout Crazy by Rob Watson

16 (1) hobby
(2) regard
(3) interest
(4) fascination

17 (1) fragile
(2) slender
(3) negligible
(4) inadequate

18 (1) posted
(2) chained
(3) adorned
(4) peppered

19 (1) explicit
(2) obvious
(3) plausible
(4) conclusive

20 (1) clarity
(2) sagacity
(3) influence
(4) arrogance

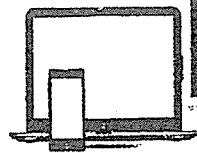
Study this text and then answer Questions 21 to 28.

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- The Family Techfest Survey forms to be filled and the boxes to drop them into are available at the front entrance.
- Just drop in the form to give us your feedback and your satisfaction level with the Family Techfest by 7pm on 20/9. (It'll be kept confidential!)
- Winners will be announced at the Survey Feedback Draw held at 8 pm on Tuesday 22 September at the Family Techfest.
- All winners will be informed by mail on Thursday 24 September.

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Put up A COMMENT on the FAMILY TECHFEST NOTICE BOARD at the information booth for a free GOODIE BAG!

★ Post by 3 pm on 20 Sep

We find it both fun and convenient to just walk around the Family Techfest going from booth to booth to look at all the available options. Best of all, we feel that we are the ones being catered to and that we are under no pressure from those manning the booths to buy their products!

Mr and Mrs Alfred Tan

I find that vendors at computer fairs have to lower their prices as much as possible due to the competition from the other booths. I was very happy to find great bargains for the items I bought at the Techfest! I know I do not have to worry about support or maintenance for my purchases since the vendors all have established stores or online sites selling such products!



John,
An IT Geek!

For each question from 21 to 28, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

21 The Family Techfest will be held _____.

- (1) on Sunday, 20 September only
- (2) on Thursday, 24 September only
- (3) during the first week of September from 10am to 9pm daily
- (4) only for two days over a weekend in September at the ExpoCity

22 What added bonuses will pioneers enjoy at the Family Techfest?

- (1) They get an extra 10% discount.
- (2) They receive free gifts for home use.
- (3) They are entitled to more lucky draw chances.
- (4) They get to purchase the most up to date gadgets at 50% discount.

23 Why is an exclamation mark used at the end of 'One Lucky Draw Coupon for every \$100 spent!?'?

- (1) It explains why the Lucky Draw is held.
- (2) It indicates that the Lucky Draw prizes are attractive.
- (3) It draws attention to the Lucky Draw prizes being worth more than \$100.
- (4) It emphasises that you can increase your chances of winning the Lucky Draw.

24 Which of the following statements is an accurate description of the Family Techfest?

- (1) Gifts will be given for every purchase made at the event.
- (2) The exhibitors at the event are only those named in the text.
- (3) There is a wide choice of products at the best possible prices.
- (4) The event is only for those who use the latest technology products.

25 Which of the following would Mrs. Lim use if she wants to send her compliments to the organisers on her satisfaction with the Techfest?

- (1) www.toggle.sg
- (2) www.nlb.gov.sg
- (3) www.techfest.com.sg
- (4) enquiry@techfest.com.sg

26 How can an enthusiastic visitor to the Family Techfest let other visitors know what he thinks of the event?

- (1) He can post his feedback online.
- (2) He can complete the survey form to give his feedback.
- (3) He can write his comments and put them up on the notice board.
- (4) He can write his comments on the form available at the front entrance.

27 How would a participant in the Family Techfest Feedback Survey Draw be disqualified?

- (1) He is not present at the draw.
- (2) His entry is put in after 7pm on 20 September.
- (3) He submits the Family Techfest Feedback form online.
- (4) He drops the survey form into a box at the front entrance.

28 What makes the comments of Mr and Mrs Alfred Tan and John similar in nature to one another?

- (1) They were happy with their purchases.
- (2) They gave similar reasons for visiting the Family Techfest.
- (3) They commented on the way the different booths were managed.
- (4) They expressed satisfaction with their experience at the Techfest.

(Go on to Booklet B)

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Parent's Signature: _____

	Marks Obtained	Highest Possible Marks
Booklet A		28
Booklet B		67
Sub-total		95

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET B

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

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4. Write all your answers in this booklet.

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 in order to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

(A) are	(D) could	(G) had	(K) if	(N) towards
(B) about	(E) for	(H) have	(L) of	(P) until
(C) although	(F) from	(J) instead	(M) their	(Q) where

Children who lose their limbs are often given prosthetic ones as a replacement.

However, what _____ a child could build and design his own Lego prosthetic arm?
(29)

It just got easier for children with prosthetic limbs to go fully bionic - with a little help from Lego. A new prosthetic arm dubbed IKO can be customised with Lego pieces so that a child can fashion his own Lego prosthetic arm. IKO is a creative prosthetic system designed _____ children to explore and empower their creativity in a playful, social and friendly

(30) way. IKO aims to give power back to the children who lost the function in one of their arms due to a congenital defect (present at birth), an accident, illness or wartime injury and help them gain back their confidence with _____ own self-designed arm.

(31) The original concept for IKO came _____ Colombian Carlos Torres. He built a set (32) of white plastic parts so that a child _____ easily swap a hand-like four-fingered claw for (33) a digital spaceship. "My friends in psychology used to tell me that when a child has a disability, he is not really aware of it _____ he faces society," Torres said. Torres's design is geared (34) to children between three and twelve years old, a broad age range covering (35) crucial self-esteem-building years.

The field of prosthetics has seen significant advances in recent years. Designers (36) harnessed new technologies like 3-D printing to make prosthetics more beautiful, fashionable, or waterproof. People with prosthetic legs can often climb stairs, walk, swim, and run as though they are using natural limbs, while prosthetic arms and hands have advanced to the point _____ they give individual control of all five fingers.

(37) Prosthetic limbs _____ among the world's truly great inventions. By boosting (38) independence, they boost optimism and dramatically improve people's lives.

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

The education system in Japan plays a tremendous role in determining the fabric of (39)

Japanese society. Tradition, the Japanese place great emphasis on the concept of wa, or group harmony. The value of the universal good is more important than valuing one's own needs. This principle is applied in schools as seen in their efforts to help Japanese (40) students grow up to be some of the most konsiencious citizens.

The schools are teaching children a simple lesson; how to clean up after themselves. The practice starts when students are in first grade and continues right (41) through high school. "We did it because it was an obligecion," said Yumi Tagawa, who recalled cleaning duties such as sweeping the classrooms and the hallways, emptying trash cans, cleaning restrooms, cleaning chalkboards and chalk erasers and picking up trash from the school grounds.

Tagawa now works as a business development manager in the United States. She (42) revealed that osoji was not a foreain idea until she moved to her present location.

(43) (44) Tagawa's experience tapping into a national trend. Japan has no national mendate but numerous schools in the country require students to clean their schools daily.

The Japanese believe that if students are personally required to take care of their
 (45)
 surroundings, they will waste less and treat their environment with more respect. The

group cleaning also creates an equalising sense of purpose and community among those who
 (46)
participates.

(47)

When seeing their national soccer team being defeated during the 2014 World Cup,

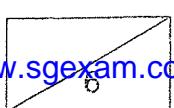
the Japanese fans showed others how to lose graciously. Armed with bin liners, they
 (48)
patrol their side of the stadium and gathered up discarded litter after the match. While

gathering waste after a sporting event is customary in Japan, the spectators' actions came

(49)
 as a shock for football fans from other countries. It is evident that Japan's model
 (50)

teaches fundamental life skills which go far beyond Mathematics and Science. An approach that ignores this by focusing solely on "education" does its students a great disservice.

Adapted from <http://mic.com/articles/118030/look-at-what-students-in-japan-are-doing-that-the-u-s-would-never-consider#.3pD7Gwvb6>



Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

I grew up in a middle-class family. _____ my parents were well-off, they _____ (51) trained my brothers and me to be frugal from young. We had to turn off water taps _____ (52). If my parents found a _____ tap, we would be reprimanded. (53) When we left a room, we had to switch off lights and air-conditioners. My father's frugality extends beyond lights _____ (54) air-conditioners.

When he travelled abroad, he would wash his own inner garments, or my mother did so when she was alive. He would complain that the cost of laundry at five-star hotels was so _____ (55) he could buy new ones for the price of the laundry service. One day, in 2003, the elastic band on my father's old running shorts _____ (56) way. My mother had mended that pair of shorts many times before, so my father asked _____ (57) to change the band. Luxury is not a priority. The house we had _____ (58) in all my life is more than 100 years old. We were perfectly comfortable with our old house and our old furniture.

A male _____ (59) from the Chinese newspaper, Lianhe Wanbao, sought to interview me about my father. This was two weeks after Papa died, yet the display _____ (60) affection and admiration from usually unemotional and often undemonstrative Singaporeans remained unabated. There were long _____ (61) to see Papa's memorabilia at the National Museum. Stories and anecdotes about Papa were in the media.

At the funeral, it _____ (62) relentlessly. We proceeded with the _____ (63), just as Papa had decided to do in 1968 when there was a downpour during the National Day Parade. Just as he and his Cabinet members stood in the rain that day, his family walked through the rain at his funeral.

I saw school children looking _____ despite wearing their ponchos.
(64)

Their faces were contorted by crying although it was impossible to see any tears through such heavy rain. Tens of thousands of regular Singaporeans, including children and the elderly, stood in the rain, some with inadequate umbrellas or ponchos, bareheaded and seemingly

_____ to the rain. His insistence on honesty, character, integrity and
(65)
incorruptibility is now more clear and resonant than ever.

Adapted from *A Hakka Woman and Her Singapore Stories* by Lee Wei Ling

For each of the following questions, 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 He refuses to change his attitude. He will not get the part in the play.

_____ unless _____

67 The champion race horse died suddenly. The jockey was distressed.

Due to the _____

68 Sarah asked her classmate if he had seen her library book.

Sarah asked her classmate, " _____
_____ ?"

69 They jumped to their own conclusions. They did not find out the truth.

Instead _____

70 Paul was selected to be a class monitor. He had leadership qualities.

On account of _____

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Read this passage and answer Questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

I was kicked hard in the shin while playing football in school. I was confined to bed for weeks afterwards and my mother proposed we go to Ganesh, a pundit, who had a gift of healing. It was a long drive to his house in Fountain Grove. It was a strange name. There was no fountain or water anywhere. For miles around, the land was flat, treeless and hot. Beharry's shop was the one sign of social life in the sad little village. It was a wooden building and the corrugated-iron roof was warped and rusted. Beharry lowered his newspaper and asked if it was the pundit we were looking for. Our taxi driver said sarcastically, "Nah. We come all the way just for the scenery." 5

Beharry was not prepared for this rudeness. "Look for the house which has a mango tree in the yard," he fumed. 10

Upon arrival, a young man came out to the verandah. He was a six-footer and I looked up at him in amazement. He was dressed in an ordinary way - trousers and vest. I did not think he looked particularly holy sans the *dhoti, koortah and turban that I had expected. I was slightly reassured when I saw that he was holding a big book. 15

As soon as we entered Ganesh's house, my mother's eyes widened in surprise, and even the taxi driver was fighting to control his astonishment. There were books galore. Books piled crazily on the table, books rising in mounds in the corners and books covering the floor. I stuttered, "How many books do you have, pundit?" 20

Leela, Ganesh's wife, replied, "Four hundred *Everyman*, two hundred *Penguin*, one hundred *Reader's Library* – make that seven hundred. I think the grand total should be about fifteen hundred good books here. My husband has read them all." 25

Ganesh started examining me. From time to time, he thumped my leg and I gave a great yelp of pain. When he was done, he rose and said, "Nothing's wrong with the boy. He just has a little bad blood. I shall prescribe something for him." He began mumbling a Hindi couplet over me. 25

My mother asked Ganesh in a querulous way, "You are sure there is nothing wrong? The foot looks very bad to me. ~~You must be a fake doctor.~~" Dissatisfaction gleamed in her eyes as her penetrating stare pierced through Ganesh. 30

Despite my mother's grumbling, I was ready to believe in him. I took the prescribed mixture from him and apologised for my mother's insensitive remark. Strangely, I held no ill-will against him. He had earned my utmost respect. In fact, the little man locked away with those fifteen hundred books in Fountain Grove had quashed my initial doubts about his medical abilities. He must have amassed a wealth of knowledge on medicine after reading all the books he had in his house. 35

A few days after taking the prescribed mixture, the swell went down and the pain ceased. A frown was sealed on my mother's forehead as she examined my shin carefully. She looked at me and muttered, "What sorcery is this? Your shin is completely healed after a few days. He is indeed a gifted healer." 35

dhoti – men's garment

koortah - loose-fitting tunic or shirt

Adapted from *The Mystic Masseur* by V.S. Naipaul

71 Why did the writer's mother decide to take him to Ganesh for treatment? [2m]

72 Why did the writer think that Fountain Grove was a strange name? [2m]

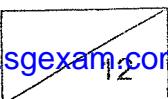
73 Which three-word phrase in Paragraph 1 tells us that Beharry's shop was old? [1m]

74 How was the taxi driver rude in his behaviour towards Beharry? [2m]

75 What did the writer expect a holy man to wear? [2m]

76 Choose words in the passage which have similar meanings to the words below. Write each word in the appropriate box. [3m]

stacks	
learned man	
complaining	



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

	True / False	Reason
Ganesh was small in stature compared to the writer.		
The writer's mother did not expect to see so many books in Ganesh's house.		
The writer was in pain when he was being examined by Ganesh.		

78 Why did the writer believe in Ganesh's medical abilities?

[2m]

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

_____ The writer collected his medication.

_____ The writer's mother glared at Ganesh.

_____ The writer found out how many books Ganesh possessed.

80 Did the writer's mother have a ~~change of~~^{change of} impression of Ganesh in the end? Support your answer with evidence from the text. [2m]

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

29	K	30	E	31	M	32	F	33	D
34	P	35	N	36	H	37	Q	38	A

39	Traditionally	40	conscientious	41	obligation	42	foreign
43	taps	44	mandate	45	environment	46	participate
47	despite	48	patrolled	49	to	50	fundamental

51	although	52	completely	53	dripping	54	and	55	high
56	gave	57	her	58	lived	59	reporter	60	of
61	queues	62	rained	63	ceremony	64	drenched	65	oblivious

Q66	He will not get the part in the play unless he changes his attitude.
Q67	Due to the fact that the champion racehorse died, the jockey was distressed.
Q68	Sarah asked her classmate, "Have you seen my library book?"
Q69	Instead of finding out the truth, they jumped to their conclusions.
Q70	On account of Paul's leadership qualities, he was selected to be a class monitor.
Q71	The writer's mother decided to take him to Ganesh for treatment as the writer was kicked hard in the shin and he was confined in bed for weeks.

Q72	There was no fountain or groove and for miles, the land was flat, treeless and hot.
Q73	warped and rusted
Q74	The taxi driver was sarcastic and said that they came from far away just for the scenery.
Q75	The writer expected a holy man to wear a dhoti, koortah and a turban.
Q76	Mounds pundit querulous/grumbling
Q77	False. Ganesh was a six-footer. True. My mother's eyes widened in surprise. True. He gave a great yelp of pain when his leg was thumped.
Q78	He was impressed with the fact that Ganesh was well-read.
Q79	3 2 1
Q80	Yes, she did. She thought that Ganesh was a fake doctor. However, after her son was healed, she said that he was indeed a gifted healer.