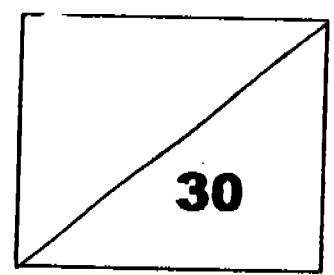


Methodist Girls' School (Primary)
Continual Assessment One 2005

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
Paper 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)
BOOKLET A

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

Name : _____ ()
Class : P 5. _____
Date : 25 February 2005



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 8 printed pages.

Study the following text and then answer the question 1 to 5.

Laugh, Gasp & Cheer

The Jurong BirdPark has some of the world's best bird shows. The secret lies in working with the birds' natural instincts for survival and play. Add the trust our trainers have earned from their feathered friends, and we have thrilling performances of flight and fun that brilliantly demonstrate how birds are very special creatures indeed.

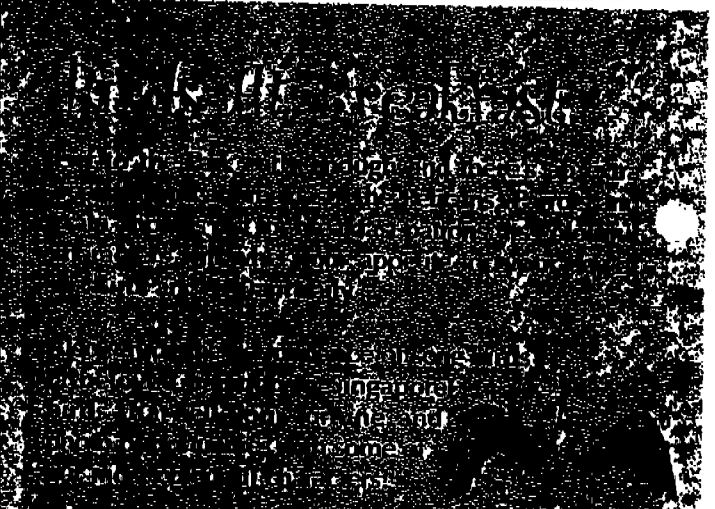
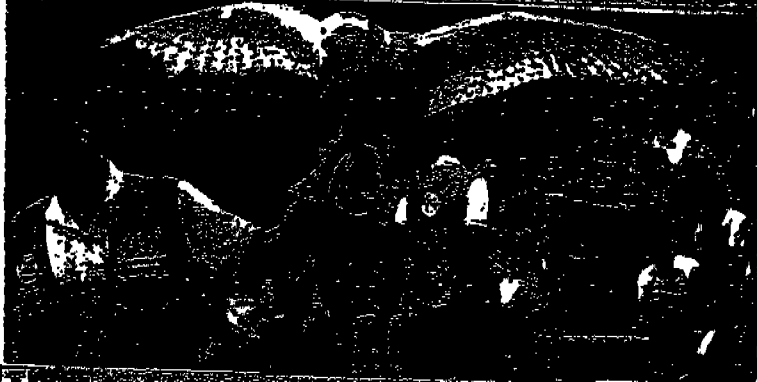
Come to the shows. Be thoroughly thrilled.



The All Star Birdshow

Never has there been such a flamboyant show of free-flying feathered characters – cockatoos, cranes, flamingos, hornbills, macaws, pelicans, pigeons and owls. Birds you'd never expect to perform together. Birds you'd never expect to fly around and up to you – and perform with you.

Our All Star BirdShow is our most dazzling and hilarious performance. If there is only one show you can catch, make this the one. At the Pools Amphitheatre, at 11.00am and 3.00pm daily.



The Art Of Falconry

Falconry is an ancient and time-honoured sport. Only a few birds are respected as the noblest of man and it is a marvel to behold. The Jurong BirdPark is one of the rare places on earth where you can see falconry practised daily.

The falcons are joined by eagles, vultures and other magnificent birds of prey as our trainers show you the exacting skills and characteristics that make these birds so lethal and exciting in the wild.

The birds of prey shows are on twice daily at the Fuji Hawk Walk: 10.00am and 4.00pm. Extra show on Sundays and Public Holidays: 2.00pm.



For each question from 1 to 5, 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)

1. The Jurong BirdPark has some of the world's best bird shows because _____
- (1) the birds can laugh, gasp and cheer
 - (2) they have very special feathered friends
 - (3) the trainers have good rapport with the birds
 - (4) their performances demonstrate flight and fun
2. The All Star Birdshow _____
- (1) is highly recommended
 - (2) will make you dizzy as the birds fly around you
 - (3) is where you can see birds in flamboyant colours
 - (4) allows the birds to swim in the Pools Amphitheatre
3. The birds of prey does not include the _____
- (1) eagles
 - (2) falcons
 - (3) vultures
 - (4) hornbills
4. Falconry is an ancient and elite hunting sport. 'Elite' means _____
- (1) easy to follow
 - (2) dangerous and risky
 - (3) needs skills and strength
 - (4) available only to a selected group
5. Breakfast patrons at the Park will be able to enjoy _____
- (1) feeding the colourful characters
 - (2) an extra breakfast treat at 9.30 a.m.
 - (3) singing and performing with the song birds
 - (4) the exclusive Pelicans, Parrots and Prata Show

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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. "Has anyone _____ Ann this morning?" Miss Chen asked the class.
- (1) see
 - (2) saw
 - (3) sees
 - (4) seen
7. Neither Peter nor his sister _____ at home when their mother returned.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
8. All except Tom _____ to the excursion tomorrow.
- (1) is going
 - (2) are going
 - (3) was going
 - (4) were going
9. Ken hardly ever stays at home on weekends. _____ ?
- (1) is it
 - (2) isn't it
 - (3) does he
 - (4) doesn't he X
10. The sight of a dead lizard on the floor made Mum _____ hysterically.
- (1) scream
 - (2) screams
 - (3) screamed
 - (4) screaming
11. The refugees are in dire need _____ food and medical attention.
- (1) of
 - (2) for
 - (3) with
 - (4) about

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12. The key to the classroom is not in my bag. Where _____ I have left it?

- (1) did
- (2) must
- (3) could
- (4) should

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)

It was a fine day. As part of their school Community Involvement Programme, Jason and his classmates went to the East Coast Park to clean up the beach. Mr Lee (13) their teacher, told them to organize themselves into groups. Jason (14) group was the first to get ready.

The beach was littered with empty cans, plastic bags and scraps of food left behind by picnickers.

"Look at all this rubbish (15) said Jason in disgust. "Why can't people be more responsible?"

Soon, Jason and his classmates were dragging three big bags of rubbish to the collection centre.

13. (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [;] semi-colon
(4) [!] exclamation mark
14. (1) [:] colon
(2) [-] hyphen
(3) ['s] apostrophe s
(4) [s'] s apostrophe
15. (1) ["?] inverted commas and question mark
(2) [?"] question mark and inverted commas
(3) ["!] inverted commas and exclamation mark
(4) [!"] exclamation mark and inverted commas

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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 _____ old woman could not read or write.
- (1) illegible
 - (2) illiterate
 - (3) invincible
 - (4) inaudible
17. We moved slowly because the corridor was _____ with unwanted furniture.
- (1) clogged
 - (2) cluttered
 - (3) clustered
 - (4) congested
18. The remote village is _____ now that we have a motorbike.
- (1) available
 - (2) attainable
 - (3) applicable
 - (4) accessible
19. The _____ for admission to the tuition class will close on Friday.
- (1) transfer
 - (2) promotion
 - (3) application
 - (4) participation
20. The show is so _____ that it leaves the audience in stitches.
- (1) thrilling
 - (2) hilarious
 - (3) gruesome
 - (4) depressing

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

The day the incident occurred, the men must have been dreaming. They certainly did not expect the powerful blow that smashed their canoe to bits.

(21)

Frantically, the two men headed for the river bank, expecting to feel the crocodile's jaws at any moment. Just then, the huge, vicious hippopotamus came between them and took hold of the crocodile. The helpless creature struggled for its life in the hippopotamus' mouth. The men heard a loud crack when the body of the crocodile snapped.

(22)

Relieved, they returned to the village, wondering if anyone would believe their amazing story. They were thankful that they did not suffer the fate of the crocodile. They were just happy to be alive!

21. (1) shook
(2) broke
(3) tossed
(4) scattered

22. (1) aimed at
(2) jumped into
(3) swam towards
(4) rowed towards

23. (1) seized
(2) snatched
(3) strangled
(4) slammed

24. (1) fought
(2) fumbled
(3) wriggled
(4) competed

25. (1) tale
(2) fable
(3) legend
(4) mystery

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

It was a strange house in many ways, although nothing terrible ever happened to us while we stayed there. However, our cook, Aishah, who had lived in the nearby village all her life was quite sure that it was haunted by the prisoners of war who had been tortured by the Japanese in that very house.

From the road, you could hardly even see the house. Its gate pillars built of granite blocks loomed menacingly in the twilight. The iron gates themselves swung drunkenly on their hinges as if waiting for victims they could imprison forever. Once inside the gates, the driveway stretched ahead of you, lined on either side by huge rambutan trees whose branches formed a canopy over the driveway. In daylight it provided welcome shade from the glare of the midday heat. At night, however, it provided a sinister blanket from the gentle moonlight.

At the end of the driveway stood the house surrounded by trees which provided it with permanent shade. A wide verandah screened the interior of the house from curious eyes. The front door was positioned to the right of the verandah. It was a massive door, crafted entirely of teak and virtually indestructible. In all my years in the house I never heard it creak. It always swung smoothly open as soon as you lifted the latch.

The door opened onto a huge living room that ran the entire length of the house. While we lived there, it held two complete sets of teak furniture and still looked bare. Someone once commented that the living room alone was the size of a five-room flat. Windows occupied all three sides of the living room thus ensuring a plentiful supply of light and fresh air. Indeed, in December, the living room was positively chilly!

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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. What did Aishah believe was wrong with the house?

- (1) It was haunted by ghosts.
- (2) It could not be seen from the road.
- (3) It got the glare of the midday heat.
- (4) It loomed menacingly in the twilight.

27. The gates are built of _____.

- (1) teak
- (2) metal
- (3) blocks
- (4) granite

28. In line 10, 'it' refers to the _____.

- (1) pillar
- (2) screen
- (3) canopy
- (4) blanket

29. Which of the following was true about the door?

- (1) It was cast of iron.
- (2) It was large and heavy.
- (3) It was to imprison victims.
- (4) It was creaky when it swung open.

30. From the passage, what can we say about the house?

- (1) The house was huge and spacious.
- (2) The house was about the size of a five-room flat.
- (3) The heavy front door opened to a wide verandah.
- (4) The house was hot and stuffy because of the midday heat.

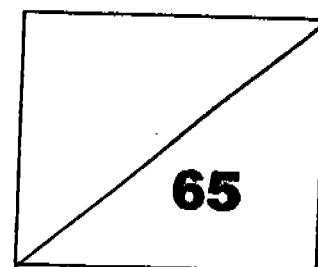
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ENGLISH LANGUAGE
Paper 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)
BOOKLET B

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

Name : _____ ()
Class : P 5. _____
Date : 25 February 2005



INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

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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 to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

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|-------------|----------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| (A) an | (D) for | (G) in | (K) the | (N) which |
| (B) against | (E) from | (H) is | (L) their | (P) who |
| (S) at | (F) if | (I) its | (M) when | (Q) until |

Among the students in northern Chinese boarding school who were required to keep journals was Ma Yan, then 12.

_____ (31) her diary and a letter to her mother, she lamented that there was no money to keep her in school.

"I want to go to school, Mother. I don't want to work _____ (32) home. How

wonderful it would be _____ (33) I could stay in school forever!" she wrote in the

letter. The journal and the letter found _____ (34) way into the hands of a group of

visitors _____ (35) Beijing and caught _____ (36) eye of Mr Pierre Haski, the Beijing correspondent of the Paris Daily Liberation.

Three years later, the accidental diary of the poor Chinese schoolgirl who struggled _____ (37) poverty to stay in school has been translated into nine languages and sold 45 000 copies in France.

Ma Yan's Diary: The Daily Life Of A Chinese Schoolgirl _____ (38) now

helping its author, now 16, to help 250 Ningxia youngsters, mostly girls, to continue studying.

The diary, _____ (39) was written between September 2 and December 28,

2000, showed Ma Yan's strong character, _____ (40) an older boy beat her brother, for example, she vowed, "If I study hard and make daily progress, I'll go to university and become a policewoman. And if those boys bend the law even a tiny little bit, I won't fail to have them punished."

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

(41)
Once, there was a poultry farmer. He was renowned for producing big fat chickens. All the people called him "King of the poultry farmers".

(42)
The king of the country was very angry when he came to know that someone else had also used the word "king". He order his soldiers to bring the poultry farmer to him.

(43)
(44) (45)
When the poultry farmer appeared before the king, the king said, "How dared you call yourself a "king"? If you are really a king, I want you to give me a rooster that can lay eggs. If you can't produce such a rooster, you must die."

The farmer returned home, not knowing what to do. When his ten-year-old grandson saw (46) that he was so sad, he asked him what is wrong. The poultry farmer told his grandson what had happened. The boy told his grandfather not to worry. He asked his grandfather to stay at home (47) where he himself went to see the king.

When the boy came before the king, the king asked, "Where is your grandfather?"

(48)
"My grandfather is at home," the boy replied. "He is giving birth to a baby."

(49)
The king was surprised. "How can your grandfather, a man, give birth to a baby?" he asked.

The boy answered, "If a man cannot give birth to a baby, then how can a rooster lay eggs?"

(50)
The king was impressed with the boy's clever answer. He let the boy go and pardoned the poultry farmer at the same time.

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Each morning, Alyssa Tan, 16, rouses herself at 5. The Secondary Four student does not go for a run, instead, she settles on the sofa to _____ television.

(51)

Gershon Ho is a Primary Six pupil. The _____ he gets home from school each day, he turns on the goggle box. Say hello to Singapore's teenage couch potatoes. A

(52)

recent _____ 'by the Singapore Sports Council shows that 92% of kids aged between 7 and 14 tune into television _____ on a typical day. They spend 2.3

(53)

(54)

hours, or half of their leisure time glued to the tube. In comparison, only 32% take part in leisure sports, while 41% _____ their free time to read each day.

(55)

Gershon, who spends four hours in front of the telly each day, bears out the findings. He prefers watching television programmes _____ engaging in sports. Once you play sports, you will _____, and then you will have to bathe. I don't like to sweat," the chatty boy says.

(56)

(57)

Teenage couch _____ watch all sorts of programmes - from day-time cartoons to late-night drama serials. Parents interviewed say they have no problem with the amount of television their children watch as long as their _____ is completed and school grades do not slide.

(58)

(59)

Mrs Janet Ho, Gershon's mother, says, "I sometimes pity my son. He seldom has time to _____, he has supplementary classes and tuition almost every day, so I let him watch television."

(60)

Dr Lionel Lim, a consultant psychiatrist, points out that while watching television in itself is not a bad thing, it becomes a problem if it affects the children's ability to study and their health.

"It's a question of balance. If the child does not read or _____, but only watches television, that's unhealthy," he adds.

(61)

Dr Lim also notes that the content of the shows makes a difference. "There are some programmes that are very beneficial, _____ as National Geographic and

(62)

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Discovery Channel. However, if the child spends hours watching _____ serials
(63)
for entertainment, that could be detrimental."

Observing that many children have television sets in their rooms, he suggests parents
remove them to wean children off television and parents should _____ what
(64)
their children watch. Most importantly, parents have to be _____ models. "If
(65)
Daddy and Mummy watch 20 hours a day, who's to say that TV is no good?" he asks.

Adapted from The Sunday Times, 8 August 2004

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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. Mrs Lim is a very good cook. Everyone enjoys whatever she prepares.

_____ so good a _____

67. He jumped into the pool to save the drowning boy. He could not swim well.

Despite not _____

68. Sue has bought the flowers. Her sisters have bought the flowers.

Either _____ or _____

69. That old house has been demolished. We once lived there.

_____ in which

70. Raja is not good at Mathematics. His brother is also not good at Mathematics.

_____ both _____

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Charles Dickens, the author of *Oliver Twist*, was a very well-known writer. He put some of his own unusual childhood experiences in this story. Charles Dickens was born in England in 1812. Although he had very little schooling, he wrote many books such as *David Copperfield*, *Great Expectations* and *A Christmas Carol*. Many people enjoy reading about some of his characters like Scrooge and Miss Havisham. His books were written for grown-ups, but children too find in them excitement and fun. They say they can't put a Dickens book down without knowing how the story ends. This is because Charles Dickens was a great storyteller and readers always wonder how things turn out. 5

In those days, the road by which Charles Dickens walked home every night was only half lighted, and sometimes boys of his age were kidnapped and sent to sea. On some occasions they were robbed and if they had nothing, they would be killed. As young Dickens walked home through the dark streets late at night, he held his head high, but tears were running down his cheek. He was crying because his father was in prison. Every morning, Charles would walk to the prison to visit his father and every night he would return to a tiny miserable room miles away. When his father could not afford to pay the rent for the place where they lived (that was the reason he had been put in prison), his family moved into prison to stay with him. But there was no proper room for Charles, so he had to live away by himself in a little garret, which was a very, very small room at the top of a house. He felt unloved and unwanted. What was worse was that Charles had to leave school. He was only twelve years old then. Charles later wrote about those dark walks in his book *David Copperfield*. 10 15 20

After ^{leaving} school at the age of twelve, Charles went to work for his uncle in a shoe-blackening shop. His job was to wrap pots of blacking. Blacking is a type of polish that was used long ago to make shoes and metal objects, such as stoves, blacker. Charles was such a fine-looking boy with curly hair and blue eyes that his uncle made him sit in a show window and pack the blacking. The sight of his lovely face drew the crowd. However, Charles found it most humiliating! 25

The young men he worked with spoke roughly, but Charles spoke like an educated boy. They respected his knowledge and called him "the little gent". Although Charles was poor and he had a difficult life when he was a boy, he was determined to be successful in life. As a young man, he worked very hard, first as a clerk in a lawyer's office and later as a reporter for many years. Charles Dickens wrote many books in his lifetime and some of his books have even been made into films.

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

- 71. Where did Dickens get his ideas from when he wrote *Oliver Twist*?

- 72. Why do children like reading Dickens' stories although they were written for grown-ups?

- 73. Why was Dickens called a great storyteller?

- 74. What THREE things could happen to the boys who walked the dark streets in those Dickens' days?

- 75. Why do you think young Dickens held his head high as he walked home through the dark streets?

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76. Why was Dickens' father in prison?

77. Which phrase in the passage has a similar meaning to "abandoned"?

78. Why did Dickens' uncle make him sit in a show window to pack the blacking?

79. Which sentence in the third paragraph tells you that Dickens did not like his first job?

80. How was Dickens different from the other young men working in the shoe-blackening shop?

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66. Mrs Lim is so good a cook, everyone enjoys whatever she prepares.
67. Despite not being able to swim well, he jumped into the pool to save the drowning boy.
68. Either Sue or her sisters have bought the flowers.
69. That old houses in which we once lived has been demolished.
70. Raja and his brother are both not good at Mathematics.
71. Dickens got his ideas from his own childhood experiences.
72. Children like reading Dickens' stories because they also find in his stories excitement and fun.
73. He was called a great storyteller because people could not put his books down without knowing how the story ended.
74. The boys could get kidnapped, robbed or killed when they walked the dark streets in those Dickens' days.
75. H held his head high because was trying to cry.
76. Dickens' father was in prison because he could not afford to pay the rent for the place where the lived.
77. The phrase is "unloved and unwanted".
78. His uncle made him sit in a show window to pack the blacking because Dickens was good-looking boy and his uncle wanted to attract people.
79. The sentence is "However, Charles found it most humiliating!"
80. Dickens spoke like an educated boy while the other young men spoke roughly.