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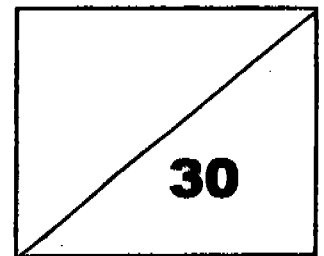
Methodist Girls' School (Primary)

Primary 5 End-of-Year Examination 2005

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

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

Name : _____ ()
Class : P 5. _____
Date : 24 October 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 questions 1 to 5.

Omni-Theatre presents

To Fly!

Celebrate the centennial of flight with the world's most popular large format film - *To Fly!*

Released in 1976, *To Fly!* is a stunning 27-minute overview of transportation and flight in America. Fly in a hot-air balloon; zoom across the Arizona skies with the US Navy's Blue Angels; soar on a hang glider off the coast of Hawaii and blast off into space on a Saturn rocket.

VISITOR INFORMATION

Admission : \$10 Adult/ \$6 Child (3 - 12 years)
Showtimes : 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

THINGS TO DO @ OMNI-THEATRE

100 YEARS OF FLIGHT EXHIBITION

- > Information panels on the evolution of powered flight
- > 16 model planes
- > 50 handcrafted dioramas of flying scenarios
- > A fighter pilot suit

GREAT PAPER AEROPLANE CONTEST Every weekend

- > Participate onsite and win instant prizes
(present your movie ticket to register)

THINGS TO DO @ SCIENCE CENTRE

- > Visit our Hall of Aviation to learn about the science of flight and Singapore's aviation industry

Rediscover the Marvels of Science with the Ultimate Giant Screen Experience
Largest Film Format • 5-storey Dome Screen • 20 000 Walls of Sound

15 Science Centre Road Singapore 609 061
Infoline: 6425 2500 Fax: 6565 9533 Website: www.science.edu.sg

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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 "To Fly" is screened as part of the celebrations of the centennial of flight. "Centennial" means _____.

- (1) 1 year
- (2) 10 years
- (3) 100 years
- (4) 1 000 years

2 While watching the film, "To Fly", the audience will not be able to experience _____.

- (1) a voyage
- (2) space travel
- (3) gliding in the air
- (4) flying in a hot-air balloon

3 To take part in the "Great Paper Aeroplane Contest", participants will be required to _____.

- (1) dress up in a fighter pilot suit
- (2) turn up with their movie tickets
- (3) bring their own model aeroplanes
- (4) register online at www.science.edu.sg

4 At the flight exhibition, visitors will be able to _____.

- (1) purchase the model planes on display
- (2) learn about Singapore's aviation industry
- (3) trace the development of flight beginning with the Wright's first flight
- (4) rediscover the marvels of Science with the ultimate screen experience

5 The Omni-Theatre boasts of an "ultimate giant screen experience" as there _____.

- (1) are lush cushion seats
- (2) are snacks and drinks served
- (3) is a state-of-the-art sound system
- (4) is a 5-storey dome surface on which pictures are shown

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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 Mrs Tong made Huiling _____ the household chores before allowing her to attend the party.

- (1) complete
- (2) completes
- (3) completed
- (4) completing

7 Neither of the cousins _____ to take part in the fancy dress contest next week.

- (1) want
- (2) wants
- (3) wanted
- (4) wanting

8 Hurry up! The school bus _____ for you.

- (1) waits
- (2) waited
- (3) is waiting
- (4) has waited

9 Ali _____ for the past three hours and he is still at it!

- (1) had read
- (2) has read
- (3) had been reading
- (4) has been reading

10 My classmates and _____ are going to Sentosa during the holidays.

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

11 A bouquet of flowers _____ presented to the guest of honour last night.

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

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12 The security guard _____ the gate every night before he leaves.

- (1) lock
- (2) locks
- (3) locked
- (4) has locked

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)

The girls sat on the sand and looked at their watches. Their timing was perfect.

"What a beautiful sunrise (13) Tina cried when she saw the first golden rays in the sky. She looked at her sister (14) Betty, who nodded in agreement.

The two girls watched the sun rise slowly. "It (15) time for breakfast. I'll race you to the food centre!" Tina shouted.

- 13 (1) ["?"] inverted commas and question mark
- (2) [?"] question mark and inverted commas
- (3) ["!"] inverted commas and exclamation mark
- (4) [!"] exclamation mark and inverted commas

- 14 (1) [:] colon
- (2) [,] comma
- (3) [.] full stop
- (4) [!] exclamation mark

- 15 (1) [:] colon
- (2) [-] hyphen
- (3) ['s] apostrophe s
- (4) [s'] s apostrophe

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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 While waiting for the ambulance to arrive, the injured man _____ because of the severe pain in his leg.
- (1) passed by
 - (2) passed up
 - (3) passed off
 - (4) passed out
- 17 Uncle John is _____. No one is able to change his mind once he has made his decision.
- ~~(1)~~ fixed
 - ~~(2)~~ definite
 - ~~(3)~~ adamant
 - (4) immovable
- 18 Before the examination began, the _____ are advised to read the instructions and answer the questions carefully.
- ~~(1)~~ nominees
 - (2) examiners
 - ~~(3)~~ invigilators
 - ~~(4)~~ candidates
- 19 The flood water did not subside and many pupils were _____ in school, unable to return home.
- (1) deserted
 - (2) stranded
 - (3) grounded
 - (4) marooned
- 20 Many visitors _____ in and out of the museum, admiring the latest exhibits from the Ming Dynasty.
- ~~(1)~~ spilled
 - ~~(2)~~ flowed
 - ~~(3)~~ streamed
 - (4) cascaded

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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)

It was the last day of the holidays. No matter how hard Kirsten tried, she could not come to a decision. What should she do today?
(21)

Kirsten stared absent-mindedly out of the window. Miss Tan was tottering down the street. "She's so frail," she thought. Suddenly, a wild image flashed across Kirsten's mind: Miss Tan waving frantically as a big gust of wind carried her over the rooftops!
(22)
(23) (24)

Something in the old lady's walk brought Kirsten's thoughts back to earth. She was limping worse than usual today. Kirsten felt sorry for Miss Tan who lived all alone in the huge, old house.

Suddenly, to Kirsten's surprise, she saw her little sister racing towards Miss Tan. Sally held up a bouquet of flowers. Miss Tan's face glowed. She took the bouquet in one hand and held Sally's little hand in the other and went home.
(25)

- 21 (1) be mindful
(2) spring to mind
(3) make up her mind
(4) be in the right mind

- 22 (1) strolling
(2) ambling
(3) shuffling
X (4) staggering

- 23 (1) weak
(2) fragile
(3) flimsy
(4) shabby

- 24 (1) a significant
(2) an incredible
(3) an uncivilized
(4) an outstanding

- 25 (1) became fair
(2) became pale
(3) became radiant
(4) became dazzling

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Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

The Aloe Vera was called the "wand of heaven" by the American Indians and the "potted physician" by Christopher Columbus. Marco Polo observed the Chinese using it as medicine and as a beauty potion. Cleopatra was said to attribute her beauty to it and Alexander the Great conquered an island to obtain it for his soldiers.

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The Aloe Vera was one of about 220 species of aloe and is the only true healer. Accounts of its miraculous healing powers have been handed down for more than 3 500 years.

People who have probably walked right past this member of the lily family without a second glance are now swearing by it as an aid to everything, from acne to kidney problems. Indeed those who have benefitted from its use had elevated it to international superstar status.

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Numerous tales of extraordinary cures using the Aloe Vera have sparked scientific curiosity. Research programmes using the latest technology were carried out to scrutinise this ancient "miracle worker". The most remarkable discovery appears to be finding the "wound hormone" that ~~accelerates~~ the rate of healing of injured skin surface. No wonder those who have scalded themselves report no scars or blisters after applying the sap of the Aloe Vera.

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Only leaves from a mature and healthy Aloe Vera plant should be used. Aloe Vera is at its best when fresh. Unused portions should be refrigerated immediately. As the gel of the Aloe Vera leaves loses its potency hours after harvesting, a method of preservation is necessary. Researchers have now developed a method of stabilization to ensure that the contents of bottled and capsuled Aloe Vera products are just as potent as the fresh gel of the newly harvested leaves. In this way, a means is found to capture its properties whereby mankind can benefit from this wonderful plant.

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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 The Chinese used the Aloe Vera plant as _____.

- (1) food for the army
- (2) a cure for illnesses
- (3) as the physician's pot
- (4) a weapon to conquer lands

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27 The phrase "without a second glance" (line 10) tells us that people _____.

- (1) did not take a close look at the Aloe Vera plant
(2) were unable to distinguish it from the 220 species
(3) only looked at the Aloe Vera plant once in their lives
(4) were often unable to get up close to an Aloe Vera plant

28 Scientists carried out experiments on the Aloe Vera plant because they wanted to _____.

- (1) research and write papers on it
(2) test out the latest technology available
(3) work miracles on the international superstars
(4) verify the claims that it was able to cure and benefit many

29 "Wound hormones" (line 16) are able to _____.

- (1) prevent people from being scalded
(2) cure people of existing scars and blisters
(3) shorten recovery time of injured skin surfaces
(4) use the latest technology in its healing process

30 Unused portions of Aloe Vera should be refrigerated because it _____.

- (1) should be allowed to mature
(2) is more effective when chilled
(3) should be preserved to maintain its strength
(4) has to be stabilized before it can be beneficial to mankind

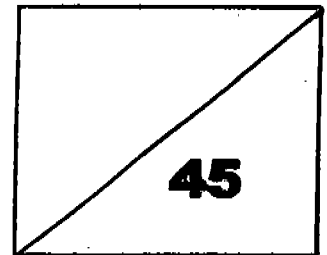
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ENGLISH LANGUAGE
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BOOKLET B

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Date : 24 October 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 5 printed pages.

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) also | (S) by | (Q) of | (K) since | (N) until |
| (B) among | (E) from | (H) on | (L) through | (R) where |
| (C) between | (F) its | (J) over | (M) to | (Q) with |

Fifty-six-year-old Chang Yang Fa still has his first toy, a Matchbox truck given to him when he was six. The father _____ three also has other playthings - more than 50 000 in fact, dating _____ the 1850s to the 1950s, and they are worth more than \$5 million.

Mr Chang's collection was built up _____ a period of 25 years. He is now preparing to share his toys _____ the public by moving them to a toy museum, the first in Singapore. The collection, now split _____ Mr Chang's home, office, his siblings' homes and rented storage space, will be housed in a \$2 million premises in Seah Street.

"It's every toy collector's dream to open a museum _____ he can share his passion with other people," said Mr Chang. The toys can be traced back _____ toy makers from more than 25 countries. They were bought from auctions, junk stores and dealers _____ Mr Chang.

The collection includes a 1903 Steiff bear, a Batman dispatched in Superman packaging by mistake and a 1930s plush Mickey with creator Walt Disney's signature on _____ sole. Many pieces are still in mint condition.

"The museum is supposed to invite people _____ a journey of rediscovery. It's meant to appeal to the child in every one of us," said Mr Chang, seated among golliwogs and bears in his semi-detached house.

(Adapted from *The Straits Times*, 5 August 2005)

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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)

A Persian king wanted to give his throne to one of his three prince. He asked his (41)
(42) (43)
ministers to decided who the most suitable person was. After much dileberation, they still
could not come to an agreement.

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The king thinks of a plan himself. He sent his three sons out of the country to achieve
something before returning in a month's time.

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Within the steepulated time, the three sons returned one after another. First, it was
the eldest son who helped a poor man by giving him money. Then came the second son
(46) (47)
who achievement was to rescue a drowning boy without expecting any repay from the boy's
parents.

(48)
Finally, the youngest son returned to give his report. He said he saw an anarmy
(49)
sleeping on the age of a cliff. He woke him up and saved his life instead of pushing him down
the cliff.

The king was pleased with all three sons' achievements. However, to him, it was
not enough to be brave and kind-hearted to be a king. A king should also be broad-minded
and able to forgive and forget. The youngest son fitted the bill and hence suceded the
(50)
throne.

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Leave out the "lors" and "lahs" and use proper English. Then it becomes

_____ nature and will bring a host of advantages.
(51)

It is also easier to speak proper English all the time _____ to
(52)
speak sloppily most of the _____ and then switch to proper English on
(53)
formal occasions.

It would be almost like learning two _____, Prime Minister Lee
(54)
Hsien Loong said at the launch of the *Speak Good English Movement 2005*.

Addressing 500 teachers, students and other invited _____, he
(55)
encouraged Singaporeans to consciously use full sentences, with proper sentence structure,
at home, _____ and social gatherings.
(56)

English teachers should also inject more creativity into their _____
(57)
he said, applauding Mother Tongue _____ who had made lessons
(58)
interesting with songs, drama and _____ recitations.
(59)

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Even pop songs, hip hop or rap can be used as a medium for

_____ good English," he said.
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He cited a Japanese organisation that teaches English through the

_____ of English pop songs. The textbook, naturally, is a songbook.
(61)

Singapore is not _____ in pushing for the use of good English, he
(62)

said. China, Korea and Thailand have also launched ambitious plans to do so.

"Foreigners find it difficult to understand Singlish," he said, citing comments by the
son of an Australian friend. The Melbourne youth said Singaporeans at his school spoke "a
strange type of English among _____". It sounded like English, but he
(63)

could not _____ out the meaning at all.
(64)

The Speak Good English Movement, celebrating its 5th anniversary this year, aims to
help Singaporeans be more confident in using proper English so they can be better

_____. The tag-line this year is "Speak up, speak out and speak well".
(65)

(Adapted from The Straits Times, 14 May 2005)

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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. You must not annoy the cat, otherwise it will scratch you.

_____ unless _____

67. Melvin was interested in the movie. The rest of us were not.

Except for _____

68. Sue is excited about the trip to Disneyland. Anne is excited about the trip too.

Both _____

69. My neighbourhood is flooded because of the heavy rain.

Due to _____

70. "Mother, where are my keys?" asked Mark.

Mark asked his mother _____

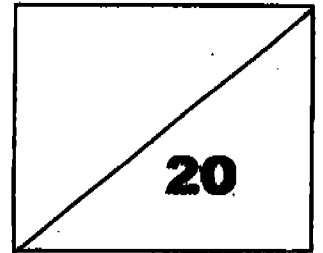
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Methodist Girls' School (Primary)
Primary 5 End-of-Year Examination 2005

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
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BOOKLET C

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Date : 24 October 2005



INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

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Answer all questions.

This booklet consists of 3 printed pages.

Mother had repeatedly warned us never to play hide-and-seek after the sun had set. Evil spirits roamed the earth during this time and if we were caught lurking in the shadows, we would be spirited away, never to be seen again.

I could not help remembering her warning as I flattened myself against the wall. My heart thudded painfully against my chest. The sound of my own heart beat filled my ears and seemed to echo round the darkened room. 5

I thought of the many times we children had played hide-and-seek in our huge, family home when the sun had set and enormous shadows filled every nook and corner. None of us had ever been spirited away and this fact made us laugh at Mother's old-fashioned beliefs. The thrill was in the flight from the seeker and the dark shadows added a sharp, spicy tang of terror to our game. 10

(We slipped silently from shadow to shadow, flattening ourselves against the wall or simply lying down in a terrified heap on the floor amidst the deepest shadows.)
Silently, we hoped that the seeker would not step on us while creeping around in search of his victims. 15

We were allowed to move around in the dark to escape the seeker when he came to look for us after he had counted up to twenty. In this way, a game would last for many tense minutes until the grown-ups came upstairs and switched on all the lights.

We have never quite recovered from the fright we had when Second Uncle came silently up one evening and blundered into the whole group of us while we were fitting like ghosts around the rooms and across the landing. Second Uncle has not quite recovered from his fright, either. Since then, he has never ventured upstairs without stomping on the stairs to warn us of his presence. We were glad it was not Grandpa that first time. We would have been up to our necks in trouble if he had passed out on us. 20

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Our games of hide-and-seek graduated from the first, noisy game when we blundered into tables, chairs and cupboards into silent, exciting ones as we became experts in finding our way around in the dark.

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No game was ever dull. Our scalps prickled with fear and sometimes the hair on the nape of our necks stood on end in the swirling darkness around us. We had a lot of fun and a lot of frights, too, when we groped about in the dark and clutched an arm or a leg.

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(Adapted from *Grandpa's Remedy* by Jessie Wee)

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. From the passage, what was one superstition held by the writer's mother?

72. How do you know the children did not heed Mother's warning?

73. What does the phrase "this fact" in line 9 refer to?

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74. Which group of words tells us that playing hide-and-seek at night added excitement?

75. Give two strategies the children used to avoid being found by the seeker.

76. When would the game cease?

77. What evidence shows that Second Uncle never "quite recovered from his fright"? (lines 21 - 22)

78. What would happen to Grandpa if he had blundered into the children during one of their games? What health problem do you think Grandpa could have?

79. (Why) were the games of hide-and-seek no longer "noisy"? (lines 25 - 27)

80. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as "felt the way with the hands"?

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Answer Sheets

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41	princes	46	whose	51	second	56	school/work/ meetings	61	use
42	decide	47	repayment	52	than			62	alone
43	deliberation	48	enemy	53	time	57	lessons/teaching	63	themselves
44	thought	49	edge	54	languages	58	teachers	64	made
45	stipulated	50	succeeded	55	guests	59	poem	65	understood/ speakers/ communications
						60	teaching		

66. The cat will not scratch you unless you annoy it.
67. Except for Melvin, the rest of us was not interested in the movie.
68. Both Sue and Anne are excited about the trip to Disneyland.
69. Due to the heavy rain, my neighbourhood is flooded.
70. Mark asked his mother where his keys were.
71. Evil spirits roamed the earth after sunset.
72. They killed played hide-and-seek after the sun had set and shadows filled every nook and corner.
73. The phrase refers to none of the children had ever being spirited away when they were playing hide-and-seek in the dark.
74. The group of words is "the dark shadows added a sharp spicy tang of terror".
75. The children slipped silently from shadow to shadow, flattening themselves against the wall or lying down in a heap on the floor among the shadows.
76. The game would cease when the adults came upstairs and switched on all the lights.
77. Second uncle had never come upstairs without stomping on the stairs to warn the children of his presence.
78. He could have fainted. He could have a weak heart.
79. The children become familiar with the layout of the furniture in the dark and hence they no longer blundered onto them.
80. The word is "groped".