



**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL  
2007 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**PRIMARY 5**

**PAPER 2: BOOKLET A**

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 min

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.

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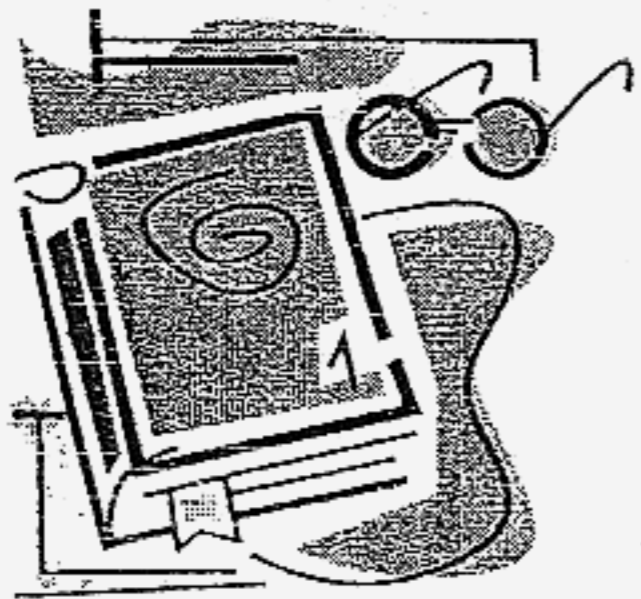
**Section A: Graphic Stimulus (5x1m = 5m)**

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

**E-BAE STORES**

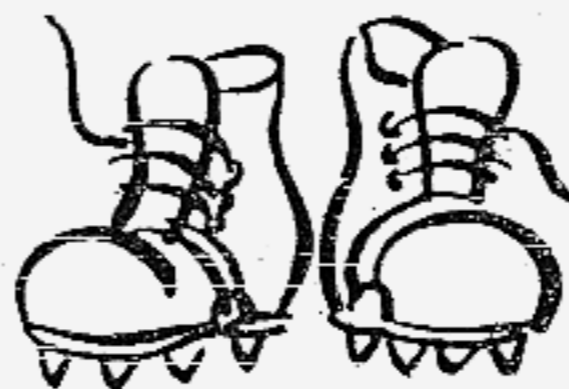
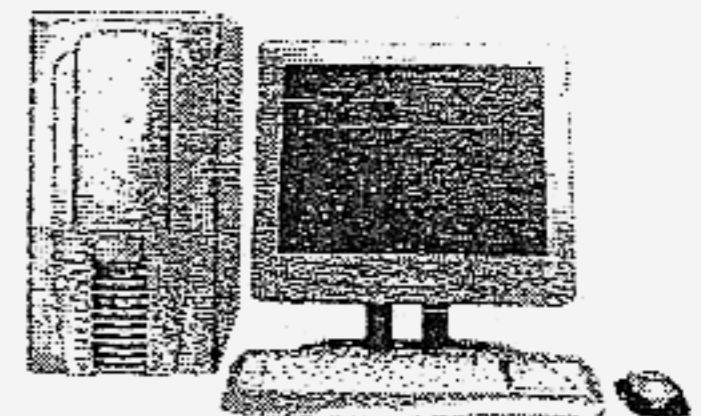
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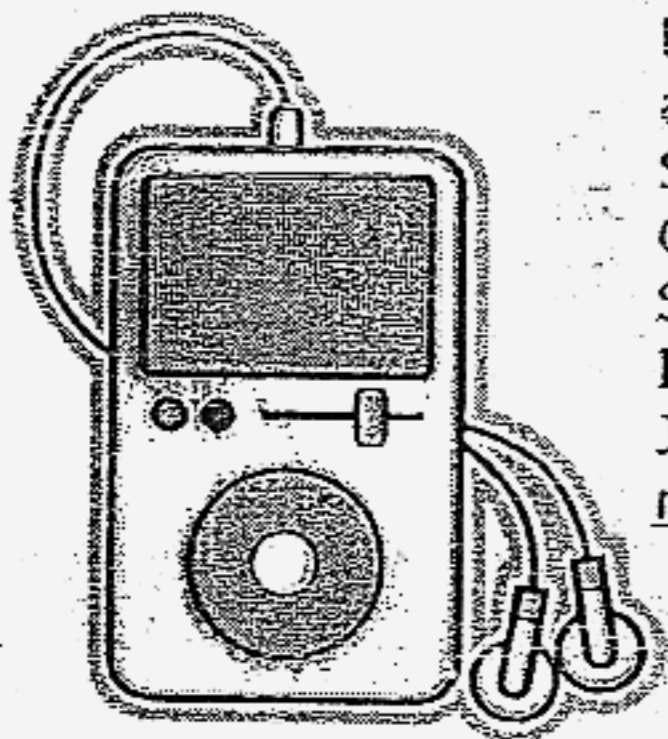


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For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. What kind of merchandise can one find at the E-BAE Stores?
  - (1) used goods
  - (2) obsolete goods
  - (3) expensive goods
  - (4) brand new goods
  
2. Which of the following items is **NOT** sold online?
  - (1) worn-out shoes
  - (2) fashionable bags
  - (3) electronic goods
  - (4) computer accessories
  
3. Benny is looking for a portable gadget to download his songs so that he can listen to them while hiking, how much must he pay?
  - (1) \$100
  - (2) \$120
  - (3) \$159
  - (4) \$198
  
4. If Aunt Sally needs a bag for a dinner party, which email address can she use to contact the person in charge?
  - (1) [potion@yahoo.com](mailto:potion@yahoo.com)
  - (2) [quirkyfinds@yahoo.com](mailto:quirkyfinds@yahoo.com)
  - (3) [moveit@pacific.net.sg](mailto:moveit@pacific.net.sg)
  - (4) [frogprince@hotmail.com](mailto:frogprince@hotmail.com)
  
5. According to the advertisement, which of the following is a benefit of shopping online? The shopper will \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) be hassled.
  - (2) pay high prices.
  - (3) jostle with crowds.
  - (4) shop with ease and comfort.

**Section B: Grammar Discrete (7 x1m = 7m)**

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.

6. One hundred dollars \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of money to give to an eight-year old girl.

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

7. The pupils prefer English lessons \_\_\_\_\_ Health Education lessons.

- (1) to
- (2) than
- (3) over
- (4) from

8. If I \_\_\_\_\_ a butterfly, I would love to fly among the tulips in Holland.

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

9. They did not bother to lock the door of their flat \_\_\_\_\_ the recent spate of burglaries in the neighbourhood.

- (1) despite
- (2) though
- (3) because
- (4) however

10. When Ahmad was walking down a flight of steps, he heard someone \_\_\_\_\_, "Freeze!".

- (1) shout
- (2) shouts
- (3) shouted
- (4) was shouting



11. The doctors have warned that my uncle who is suffering from cancer may not \_\_\_\_\_ the night.

- (1) pull on
- (2) pull into
- (3) pull over
- (4) pull through

12. The man \_\_\_\_\_ you met at the café is my *uncle*

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

**Section C: Punctuation (3 x 1m = 3m)**

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.

"Pam's Pizza Parlour!" Pam said. "May I help you (13)

"Yes, I'd like to order a large pepper pepperoni pizza with hot peppers and green peppers," said the lady on the other end of the phone.

"Is that all (14) ma'am?" asked Pam.

"Yes, but please put the hot peppers on half the pizza and the green peppers on both halves."

"Also, I'd like the pepperoni on the hot pepper part but not on the green pepper part."

"But didn't you say you wanted the green peppers on both parts?"

"That's right," the lady replied.

"That's not possible (15) Pam pronounced.

- 13.
- (1) [ ? ] question mark
  - (2) [ , " ] comma and inverted commas
  - (3) [ . " ] full stop and inverted commas
  - (4) [ ? " ] question mark and inverted commas

14. (1) [ : ] colon  
 (2) [ , ] comma  
 (3) [ ? ] question mark  
 (4) [ , " ] comma and inverted commas
15. (1) [ , ] comma  
 (2) [ . ] full stop  
 (3) [ , " ] comma and inverted commas  
 (4) [ ! " ] exclamation mark and inverted commas

**Section D: Vocabulary (5 x 1m = 5m)**

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.

16. The quick-thinking six-year old child \_\_\_\_\_ the two conmen.
- (1) praised  
 (2) defeated  
 (3) outwitted  
 (4) challenged
17. The young man will \_\_\_\_\_ a large sum of money from his grandfather.
- (1) inherit  
 (2) possess  
 (3) transfer  
 (4) download
18. Can these shelves \_\_\_\_\_ the weight of all these books?
- (1) hold  
 (2) uphold  
 (3) sustain  
 (4) maintain

19. That house had been neglected for a long time. That accounts for it being in such a \_\_\_\_\_ state.

- (1) destroyed
- (2) demolished
- (3) dilapidated
- (4) disentangled

20. The surgery was a success. It \_\_\_\_\_ his eyesight.

- (1) revived
- (2) restored
- (3) renewed
- (4) reinstated

### Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1m = 5m)

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.

I entered the house easily. It was not locked. It looked filthy and there was a (21) musty smell about it that irritated my nose. I surveyed the place for a while. Satisfied that it was unoccupied, I breathed a heavy sigh of relief and sat down to rest. The rain continued to fall (22) relentlessly. Before I knew it, I fell asleep.

When I finally awoke, it was already dusk. It was then that I began to feel frightened. I wondered what my parents would feel. After a short while, darkness (23) enveloped the house and fear crept into my heart. "When can I get home?" I asked myself (24) countless times. I cringed in a little corner and hoped and prayed that dawn would come soon.

When the sun finally rose again, my joy knew no bounds knowing that I could go home and see my parents at last. However, my joy was (25) short-lived when I heard quickened footsteps approaching the house. My heart pounded as I awaited for my fate.

21. (1) stale  
(2) pungent  
(3) pleasant  
(4) aromatic
22. (1) constantly  
(2) incessantly  
(3) periodically  
(4) persistently
23. (1) filled  
(2) sealed  
(3) invaded  
(4) surrounded
24. (1) limited  
(2) several  
(3) numerous  
(4) measurable
25. (1) lengthy  
(2) enduring  
(3) steadfast  
(4) momentary



**Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1m = 5m)**

Read the passage and answer questions 26 to 30.

Upon waking up, Tien found himself lying on a stretch of sandy shore with his face half-buried in the sand. The rays of the sun beat on his face which blinded him momentarily. When he regained sight, he found, to his horror, that his clothes had been almost torn apart. They looked like rags. His limbs ached and his body was covered with bruises. He pulled himself together and tried to stand up. Before he could steady himself, he was brought to his knees due to exhaustion. As he lay on the sand, he began to scan the environment for signs of human habitation. But the area seemed barren except for a few coconut trees and a few shrubs that were scattered here and there.

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He remembered how, a few hours before, he had still been struggling for survival in the vast South China Sea. The boat that had carried his friends and him out to sea for a fishing trip had run into a terrible storm. Seng, who was the captain of the vessel, and had been at the wheel, lost control of the boat. The boat was tossed violently from side to side in the storm. Suddenly, it hit a sharp object, most probably a protruding rock from the sea, and was wrecked.

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Tien could not recall how he had managed to drift onto land. However, he was very thankful that he was still alive. He sat on the beach and looked around. His friends were not in sight. He was saddened by the fact that they might have all drowned. Then he began looking out for some source of help.

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He had almost given up hope of ever finding people around the deserted place when he suddenly spotted a thin column of smoke on the far side of a ridge which was almost hidden from view. "Could it be a mirage?" Tien asked himself. Even if it was, it gave him some fresh hope of surviving the terrible ordeal that he was going through. Though weak and drained, he struggled on towards the place from where the smoke was rising.

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After plodding on for what seemed like hours in the scorching heat, he found himself standing at the top of another hill. From there, he saw a little green valley speckled with a few huts and coconut trees in the sun. His eyes are not playing tricks on him. It is a village located at the bottom of the valley. The sight gave Tien renewed vigour. He began to run to the village with his last ounce of energy.

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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.

26. Tien found himself all alone \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) in a desert
  - (2) on the sea
  - (3) on a beach
  - (4) in an oasis
27. Which of the following statements is **TRUE**?
- (1) Tien was hit by a sharp object.
  - (2) Tien and his friends were fishing at South China Sea.
  - (3) Tien lost control of the boat he and his friends were in.
  - (4) Tien and his friends perished after their boat was wrecked.
28. In line 25, the word '**mirage**' refers to the \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) deserted place
  - (2) people in the village
  - (3) thin column of smoke
  - (4) little huts in the valley
29. What did Tien see after climbing to the top of the second hill?  
He saw \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) the far side of a ridge.
  - (2) a village in the valley.
  - (3) another hill in the distance.
  - (4) some people and coconut trees.
30. The word '**vigour**', in line ~~28~~<sup>33</sup>, has the same meaning as \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) valour
  - (2) interest
  - (3) courage
  - (4) strength



**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL  
2007 SECOND SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT  
PRIMARY 5**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**PAPER 2: BOOKLET B**

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 min

<b>Booklet A</b>	<b>/30</b>
<b>Booklet B</b>	<b>/65</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>/95</b>

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1. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. Answer all questions.

**Section G: Grammar Cloze (10 X 1m = 10m)**

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

**Use each WORD once ONLY**

A) an	D) at	G) is	K) over	N) which
B) are	E) by	H) it	L) the	P) who
C) as	F) from	J) its	M) their	Q) with

A radio station of their own by year's end – that is one of the aims as Northlight School teams with MediaCorp's Singapore Media Academy to learn \_\_\_\_\_ finer points of broadcasting, podcasting and film-making.  
(31)

Besides learning the basics such \_\_\_\_\_ creating a podcast, students will also pick up scriptwriting skills and pronunciation tips \_\_\_\_\_ industry experts at the academy, \_\_\_\_\_ hopes to train 200 students from the school \_\_\_\_\_ the next three years.  
(32)  
(33)  
(34)  
(35)

This is the first time the academy \_\_\_\_\_ reaching to school, as part of \_\_\_\_\_ community outreach effort.  
(36)  
(37)

Northlight School caters to students \_\_\_\_\_ have difficulties handling mainstream education. It adopts \_\_\_\_\_ experiential approach in teaching and learning.  
(38)  
(39)

Emphasis is given to nurturing the students' socio-emotional development by recognising \_\_\_\_\_ achievements, encouraging peer support, and creating conditions to promote self esteem.  
(40)

(Adapted from *Today*, 6 September, 2007)

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**Section H: Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1m = 10m)**

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar.

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There it was! The old, **antick** shop with the bay window lit up in the moonlight so that everything was clear as day. There were the old oak table, the blue-and-white saucers and a string of dusty beads.

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He found himself wondering **wether** they were magic beads – and

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what would happen if he bought it.

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Nothing was changed, nothing at all, **exept** that there was clear space on

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the dusty old table which a little ship had once stand. Peter put his hand to the door. It opened easily at his touch. "Almost as if someone was expecting him,"

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he thought, a little **frigthed**. A faint tinkle sounded at the back of the shop. He

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stood alone in the moonlight among objects that might be **preceous** beyond any

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counting, or mere junk that nobody wanted at all. He ~~dared~~ not moved in case he

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swept something of his elbow, or trod on something with his foot.

He stood there with the little boat in his hand, and wanting more than anything in the world to run right away with it.

(Adapted from *The Ship That Flew* by Hilda Lewis)

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**Section I: Synthesis/Transformation (5 x 2m = 10m)**

For each of the questions 51 to 55, 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).

51. The children will be late for the concert if they do not hurry.

Unless \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

52. The man is a famous artist. Sean spoke to him just now.

\_\_\_\_\_ whom \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

53. Aisha apologised to her mother. She spilled the bowl of soup.

\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

54. My father would like to join us for this trip to England. His schedule simply does not permit it.

Much as \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

55. The tourist asked, "Which bus can I take to Vivo City?"

The tourist asked me \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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**Section J: Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1m = 15m)**

In the following passage, there are 15 blanks numbered 56 to 70. Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

A boy was watching his grandmother write a letter. At one point, he asked, "Are you writing a story about what we've done? Is it a story about me?"

His grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ writing her letter and said to her  
(56)

\_\_\_\_\_, "I am writing about you, actually, but more important.  
(57)

\_\_\_\_\_ the words is the pencil I'm using. I hope you will be like this  
(58)

pencil when you grow up." Intrigued, the boy looked at the pencil but it did not seem very \_\_\_\_\_. The boy scratched his head in bewilderment.  
(59)

"That depends on how you look at things. It has five \_\_\_\_\_ which,  
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if you manage to hang on to them, will make you a person who is always at peace

\_\_\_\_\_ the world," the grandmother continued to explain.  
(61)

"First quality: you are capable of great things, but you must never forget that there is a \_\_\_\_\_ guiding your steps. We call that hand, God.  
(62)

Second quality: now and then, I have to stop writing \_\_\_\_\_ use  
(63)

a sharpener. That makes the pencil suffer a little, but afterwards, it is much

\_\_\_\_\_. You, too, must learn to bear certain pains and sorrows  
(64)

\_\_\_\_\_ they will make you a better person.  
(65)

Third quality: the pencil always allows us to use an eraser to rub out any \_\_\_\_\_. This means that correcting something we did is not  
(66)

necessarily a bad thing; it \_\_\_\_\_ to keep us on the road to justice.  
(67)

Fourth quality: what \_\_\_\_\_ matters in a pencil is not its wooden  
(68)

exterior, but the lead \_\_\_\_\_. So always pay attention to what is  
(69)

happening inside you.

\_\_\_\_\_, the pencil's fifth quality: it always leaves a mark. In  
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just the same way, you should know that everything you do in life will leave a

mark, so try to be conscious of that in your every action."

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**Section K: Comprehension Open-ended (10 x 2m = 20m)**

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

In ancient China, a certain prince from the region of Thing-Zda was about to be crowned emperor; however, according to the law, he first had to get married. Since this meant choosing the future empress, the prince needed to find a young woman whom he could trust absolutely. On the advice of a wise man, he decided to summon all the young maidens of the region so as to find the most worthy candidate. An old lady, who had served in the palace for many years, heard about the preparations for this gathering and she was very upset, for her daughter nurtured a secret love for the prince.

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When the old lady got home, she told her daughter and was horrified to learn that she intended to go to the palace. The old lady was desperate. She knew that her daughter would not stand a chance. All the richest and most beautiful girls from the region would be present. She did not want her daughter's suffering to turn into madness. However, her daughter turned a deaf ear to her advice. She knew that she would not be chosen but it was her only chance to spend at least a few moments close to the prince, and that would make her happy.

That night, when the young woman reached the palace, all the most beautiful girls were indeed there, wearing the most beautiful clothes and the most beautiful jewels, and **prepared to do anything to seize the opportunity on offer.** Surrounded by the members of his court, the prince announced the challenge. He gave each maiden a seed and said that the young woman who brought him the loveliest flower would be the future empress of China.

The girl took her seed and planted it in a pot. She took care of it with great patience and tenderness. Three months passed and no shoots had appeared. She tried everything she could; she consulted the farmers and peasants, who showed her the most varied methods of cultivation, but all to no avail.

At last, six months were up, and still nothing had grown in her pot. Even though she had nothing to show, she knew how much effort and dedication she had put in during that time, and so she told her mother that she would go back to the palace on the agreed date and at the agreed hour. Inside, she knew that this would be her last meeting with her true love, and she would not have missed it for the world.

The day of the audience arrived. The girl appeared with her pot, and saw that all the other candidates had achieved wonderful results: each girl bore a flower lovelier than the last, in the most varied forms and colours.

Finally, **the longed-for moment came.** The prince studied each of the candidates' pot with great care and attention. Having inspected them all, he announced the result and chose the servant's daughter as his new wife. All the other girls present protested, saying that he had chosen the only one of them who had failed to grow anything at all. In response, the prince calmly explained the reasoning behind the challenge.

"This young woman was the only one who cultivated the flower that made her worthy of becoming the empress: the flower of honesty. All the seeds I handed out were sterile."



**ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.**

71. Why did the prince decide to get married?

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72. Why was the old lady upset when she first heard that the prince was getting married?

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73. List two things the old lady's daughter did to make her seed grow.

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74. With reference to the phrase "**prepared to do anything to seize the opportunity on offer**" (line 20), what was **the opportunity** the writer was referring to?

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75. Quote the sentence to show that the old servant's daughter finally gave up hope of ever marrying the prince.

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76. How long were the maidens given to grow the seed that was given to them?

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77. In line 40, what does the phrase "the longed-for moment came" refer to?

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78. Why did the other maidens protest when the prince chose the old servant's daughter to be his bride?

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79. Which word in the last paragraph suggests that nothing could have ever grown from the seeds?

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80. From the passage, what is the main quality that the prince looked for when he was choosing his future empress?

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END OF BOOKLET B



## Nanyang Primary School

Primary 5 English SA2 Exam (2007)*Answer Keys*

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7
1	1	1	2	4	1	1
Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14
4	1	1	4	3	4	2
Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21
4	3	1	3	3	2	1
Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28
2	4	2	4	3	2	3
Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35
2	4	L	C	F	N	K

36. G      37. J      38. P      39. A      40. M  
 41. antique      42. whether      43. them      44. except      45. where  
 46. stood      47. frightened      48. precious      49. move      50. with  
 56. stopped      57. grandson      58. than      59. special  
 60. qualities      61. with      62. hand      63. and      64. sharper  
 65. as      66. mistakes      67. helps      68. really      69. inside  
 70. Lastly

51. Unless the children hurry, they will be late for the concert.  
 52. The man whom Sean spoke to just now is a famous artist.  
 53. Aisha apologized to her mother for spilling the bowl of soup.  
 54. Much as my father would like to join us for this trip to England his schedule simply does not permit it.  
 55. The tourist asked me which bus he could take to Vivo City.  
 71. He was about to be crowned emperor but according to the law, he first had to get married.  
 72. The old lady's daughter nurtured a secret love for the prince.  
 73. She took care of it with great patience and tenderness and consulted the farmers and peasants who showed her the most varied methods of cultivation.  
 74. The writer was referring to the opportunity to become the Prince's new wife.  
 75. The sentence is "Inside, she knew that this would be the last meeting with her true love, and she would not have missed it for the world."  
 76. They were given six months to grow the seed that was given to each of them.  
 77. It refers to the Prince's decision on which his bride would be.  
 78. Her pot was the only one that had failed to grow anything at all.  
 79. The word is "sterile".  
 80. He wanted an empress who was honest.