

SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)
SECOND SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2007
PRIMARY FIVE

Name: _____ ()

Date: _____

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

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET A

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

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 9 printed pages

Study the following advertisement and answer questions 1 to 5.

Geronimo Internet

Blazing a Trail across the World Wide Web!

*Make the right
choice with
Geronimo's Fiery
Broadband!*



~~Offer ends 31 December 2007~~



Ask our friendly operators
about our great deals today!
~~The first 50 callers each day
will get an extra 50% off our
already great prices!~~

Check out our fabulous free gifts!



Terms and Conditions :

Minimum contractual period of 24 months applies. ~~Early termination penalties apply.~~ One-time start-up fee of \$190 (w/GST) applies. Geronimo Internet is not liable for any failure to provide the stated discount due to conditions not being met. Geronimo Internet reserves the right to change the free gifts given.

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. What is the purpose of this advertisement?
It is to get people to _____
 - (1) blaze a trail across the World Wide Web
 - (2) call Geronimo Internet and talk to its friendly operators
 - (3) win handphones, plasma televisions or digital cameras
 - (4) sign up for Geronimo Internet's Broadband access plans

2. How can a caller get 50% off Geronimo Internet's access plans?
He / she can _____
 - (1) call them
 - (2) e-mail Geronimo Internet
 - (3) go to the Geronimo Internet shops
 - (4) be among the first 50 callers each day

3. Which of the items below is not a free gift provided by Geronimo Internet?
 - (1) handphones
 - (2) video cameras
 - (3) digital cameras
 - (4) plasma televisions

4. What incentives will Geronimo Internet use during the promotion period to entice customers?
 - (1) free gifts only
 - (2) 50% discount only
 - (3) 50% discount and free gifts
 - (4) friendly operators and free gifts

5. Jerome signed up for an Internet broadband plan but wants to terminate the plan after 15 months. Which of the statements below is true?
He will _____
 - (1) not get a free gift
 - (2) have to pay for the free gift
 - (3) not have to pay any penalties
 - (4) have to pay an early termination penalty

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. Neither Joanne nor Kelly _____ interested in going for the dance.
- (1) am
 - (2) are
 - (3) is
 - (4) were
7. Tanny is not allowed to go shopping _____ she finishes her work.
- (1) because
 - (2) unless
 - (3) regardless
 - (4) while
8. Her mother told her that she ought to help _____ friends whenever they needed help.
- (1) its
 - (2) her
 - (3) his
 - (4) their
9. Jonathan exclaimed to Anne, "Your car is so advanced! You use a card to _____ the engine instead of a key!"
- (1) start in
 - (2) start of
 - (3) start on
 - (4) start up
10. Karen reported Ken to the police because she saw him _____ an old lady.
- (1) assault
 - (2) assaulted
 - (3) assaults
 - (4) was assaulting

11. Serene is a member of the club that _____ to discuss famous literary works every Thursday.

- (1) gather
- (2) gathers
- (3) gathered
- (4) is gathering

12. The baby crawled _____ the cobwebs under the bed to reach her favourite toy.

- (1) in
- (2) on
- (3) over
- (4) through

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For each question from 13 to 15, 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. (3 marks)

Somewhere inside her (13) Joelle could feel a huge sob welling up. Summoning a huge effort, she stopped it before it could come out. Groping around in the dark, her hand touched something that felt cold and slimy.

Suddenly a voice boomed in the darkness, "Stop moving (14)"

Shocked, Joelle immediately stopped her movements. "Who is that speaking? I am lost and I need help (15) she said into the darkness.

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| 13. | (1) | [.] | comma |
| | (2) | [!] | exclamation mark |
| | (3) | [.] | full stop |
| | (4) | [-] | hyphen |
| 14 | (1) | [.] | comma |
| | (2) | [!] | exclamation mark |
| | (3) | [.] | full stop |
| | (4) | [?] | question mark |
| 15. | (1) | [.] | comma |
| | (2) | [,"] | comma and inverted comma |
| | (3) | [!] | exclamation mark |
| | (4) | [,"] | full stop and inverted comma |

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. General Lee won the war because of his military _____. He deployed his soldiers well.

- (1) abilities
- (2) options
- (3) tactics
- (4) uses

17. Larry said _____, "I do not believe that you own twenty dogs!"

- (1) disbelievingly
- (2) patiently
- (3) shockingly
- (4) seriously

18. It is a / an _____ sight to see someone who looks exactly like you, or what is known as a "doppelganger".

- (1) cheery
- (2) jovial
- (3) obvious
- (4) uncanny

19. Tiana is a good friend to have, as she is honest and without _____. She is always frank about her opinions.

- (1) ability
- (2) faith
- (3) guile
- (4) talents

20. The class was very upset when they learnt that one of their classmates had _____ leukemia.

- (1) accepted
- (2) contracted
- (3) limited
- (4) tolerated

For each question 21 to 25, choose a suitable answer to replace the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (5 marks)

I wish I could say I had a rapturous return. Instead, Nani Flowers growled at me with a fearsome look on her face, saying, "I don't know why you had to go away in the first place."

Before Nani Flowers could explode, I gathered her bulky body in my arms and kissed her. "Well," I said, "I don't care if you're not glad to see me, because I'm just in seventh heaven to be home. I feel like I've been away for ages!"

Adapted from "The Whale Rider" by Witi Ihimaera

21. (1) carefree
(2) dangerous
(3) depressing
(4) joyful
22. (1) fiery
(2) formidable
(3) scared
(4) withering
23. (1) blow up
(2) detonate
(3) get angry
(4) get bigger
24. (1) compact
(2) large
(3) soft
(4) unwieldy
25. (1) dying
(2) ecstatic
(3) unfortunate
(4) unlucky

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)

The stench of ammonia rising off bat guano burns my nose, and the acrid vapours nearly choke me. A muffled roar rises from deep inside the abyss below me. Listening carefully, I can distinguish myriad clicks and squeaks amid the rush of beating wings. I peer down the beam of my headtorch into the 20m shaft and see blurred movement. In a moment, 110,000 little bent-wing bats will begin an evening's hunting. They will emerge en-masse from Bat Cleft, where I sit, a small, 2.5m by 9m fissure in the limestone sidewall of Mount Etna, Queensland, Australia.

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At 7pm sharp, the first bats spiral upwards and out of the cleft and disappear into the waning twilight. The furore has begun. Soon hundreds are fluttering around me, their wing tips touching my face and arms as they burst up from the chambers 22m below. Bat Cleft is so narrow that bats must fly zigzag from one end of the cleft to the other to get enough altitude on each pass before they reach the open sky. So many bats spiralling upwards create a continuous wind in my face and a low-pitched roar such as you hear in a conch shell.

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Slithering over the boulders close by is a small, dark snake about 80cm long - a spotted python *Liasis maculosus*. A big, green tree frog is already positioned on one of the boulders that the snake passes. The snake crawls over my boot and finally stops on a jagged rock that juts into the cleft. It anchors itself by gaining purchase on the pitted, rough limestone, and then stretches the upper half of its body into the air of the abyss. Bats make their turn at this point and bump into the rock, and the snake. The little python soon nabs a bat by biting from side to side when it feels touched. It pulls the bat into its constricting coils.

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While watching this drama, I forget to check the frog. I look down, aghast at the amazing spectacle below me. The posterior of a little bent-wing bat hangs out of the mouth of the frog. In the next two minutes, the frog makes three gulping movements, and its bat disappears.

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Adapted from an original article in the March 2003 issue of BBC Wildlife Magazine

26. What was most likely the reason why the author was unable to see the bats clearly at first?
- (1) The torchlight was weak.
 - (2) He had night blindness.
 - (3) The bats were too deep in the shaft.
 - (4) He could smell the stench of ammonia.
27. Which word from the passage has the same meaning as the phrase "a sudden outburst?"
- (1) "furore"
 - (2) "myriad"
 - (3) "muffled"
 - (4) "en-masse"
28. What created a continuous wind in the author's face? (from line 13)
- (1) It was the acrid vapours from the bat guano.
 - (2) It was from the active volcano which was Mt Etna.
 - (3) It was from the bats fluttering around the author's face.
 - (4) It was from the bats trying to get enough space to gain altitude.
29. How is the snake able to catch bats?
- (1) It squeezes the bats.
 - (2) It stops on a jagged rock.
 - (3) It launches itself into the air.
 - (4) It uses its upper body to grab hold of the bats.
30. What is the "amazing spectacle" mentioned by the author in line 24?
It refers to _____
- (1) a tiny bat
 - (2) the frog eating a bat
 - (3) the snake catching bats
 - (4) a bat flying into the frog's mouth

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PAPER 2

BOOKLET B

Total Time for Booklet A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

Maximum Marks: 65 marks

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Write all your answers in this booklet.

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)

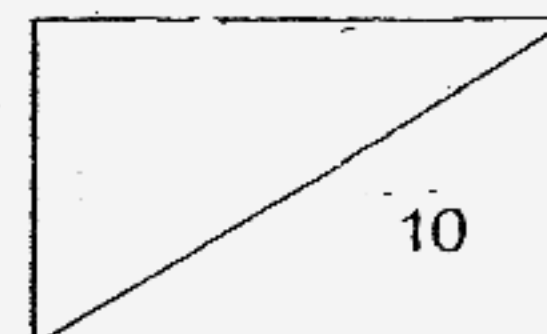
EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

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| ✓(A) a | ✓(D) it | ✓(G) its | ✓(K) to | ✓(N) but |
| ✓(B) as | ✓(E) this | ✓(H) from | ✓(L) by | ✓(P) that |
| ✓(C) is | ✓(F) when | ✓(J) for | ✓(M) had | ✓(Q) of |

The pufferfish is truly unique and special. Just (31) _____ looking at a pufferfish, you can tell that it (32) _____ no ordinary fish. Some have likened the pufferfish (33) _____ underwater hamsters or even panda bears. Regardless (34) _____ what you see when you look at the pufferfish, you cannot help (35) _____ notice their expressive faces that sometimes even appear to be smiling.

Aside (36) _____ the pufferfish's unique looks, pufferfish have very interesting personalities. Pufferfish are said to be able to recognize their care givers. I have watched first hand (37) _____ a puffer fish wiggled at the front of the tank begging for food, watching (38) _____ owner carefully. Porcupine puffers are even said to spit water out of the top of the tank when they want food. I would not believe it if somebody had told me but I watched a puffer fish come out of its hiding spot (39) _____ it heard its owner singing to it. It stayed at the front of the glass appearing to be listening, and left to return to its nook only after its owner had stopped singing. I do not have an explanation (40) _____ this but it was incredible. It confirmed for me that the pufferfish is no ordinary fish!

Adapted from www.pufferfish.net



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

Dr Larson's latest book , "The Chocolate and the Brain "is

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the latest best seller. It is a well ~~writen~~ book. It has wit and content that

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the layman will have no ~~difikulty~~ understanding.

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In his book, Dr Larson deai briefly with the history of chocolate. He

talks of how chocolate is made from cocoa beans.

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The second part of his book is fascination. He talks of the research

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that has been done on chocolate. ~~Acordding~~ to Dr Larson, chocolate contains

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about 380 chemicals. ~~Sciencitists~~ have tried to find out which so these

chemicals make people so happy. It is hard to know because these chemicals

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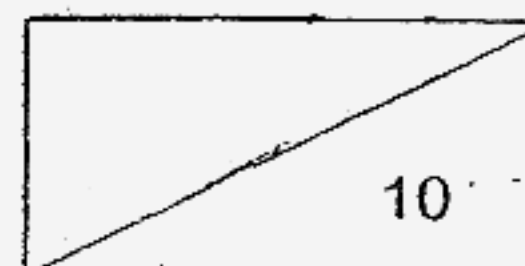
can be found within ~~other~~ foods as well. Finally, he talks about the ~~benifeets~~

(51)

of eating chocolate. He also warns of the dangers of ~~eat~~ too much eating

chocolate.

This book is a must read for all -especially chocolate lovers.



Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

When I was very young, I believed sisters were sent as a punishment for innocent little boys. Sisters – and I had three older ones – were strange and horrible beings dedicated to ensure that a brother's time on the (51) _____ would be unpleasant.

My mother was always (52) _____ with cleaning and cooking, and often (53) _____ me in the care of my sisters. They loved (54) _____ and hot water, so three or four times a day, one of them took great (55) _____ in scrubbing me. In the case of my younger sister, a perfectionist by the time she was five, she ensured that I was clean all the (56) _____. She hated dirt and therefore regarded the filth on my face as a (57) _____ to the family.

I was (58) _____ my sisters did not know how to have fun. They (59) _____ toys, guns, sticks, rocks - all the things that I loved. My sisters took their (60) _____ of looking after me so seriously that they never (61) _____ me to play with any object they considered (62) _____. To them, even-going (63) _____ was seen to be dangerous!

On glorious sunny days when I should have been (64) _____ to some playground, my iron-willed little guardians would box me in instead.

However, as I (65) _____ back on the days they had to endure their little brother, I salute their patience and devotion and am grateful to have them in my life.

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. We were very surprised that our school tennis team emerged as champions.

Much _____

67. "The postman came at 3pm," said Sam.

Sam said that _____

68. The king was complacent. It proved to be his kingdom's downfall.

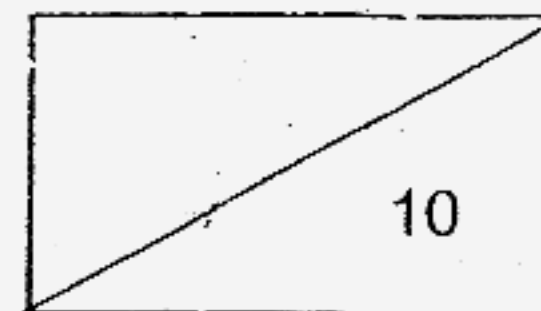
_____ caused by _____

69. Old James took off his glasses. He fumbled with his glasses.

_____ as _____

70. Betty won the title of "The Best Speller". She is still a very humble pupil.

Having _____



Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

Back in the fifteenth century, in a tiny village near Nuremberg, lived a family with eighteen children. The father and head of the household, a goldsmith, worked almost eighteen hours a day at his trade.

Despite their poverty, two of the children had a dream. They wanted to pursue their talent for art but they knew that their father would never be financially able to send either of them to Nuremberg to study at the Academy of Arts. 5

After many long discussions at night in their crowded bed, the two boys finally worked out a pact. They would toss a coin. The loser would go down into the nearby mines and with his earnings, support his brother while he attended the academy. Then, when that brother who won the toss completed his studies in four years, he would support the other brother at the academy, either with sales of his artwork or, if necessary, also by labouring in the mines. They tossed a coin. Albrecht Durer, the younger of the two, won the toss and went off to Nuremberg. 10 15

Albert went down into the dangerous mines and for the next four years, financed his brother whose work at the academy was almost an immediate sensation. Albrecht's etchings, his woodcuts, and his oils were far better than those of most of his professors. By the time he graduated, he was beginning to earn considerable fees for his works. 20

When the young artist returned to his village, the Durer family held a festive dinner to celebrate Albrecht's homecoming. After the meal, Albrecht rose from his position at the head of the table to drink a toast to his brother for the years of sacrifice that had enabled Albrecht to fulfill his ambition. His closing words were, "And now, Albert, brother of mine, now it is your turn. Now you can go to Nuremberg to pursue your dream and I will take care of you." 25

Albert sat, tears streaming down his pale face, he sobbed and repeated, over and over, "No, brother. I cannot go to Nuremberg. It is too late for me. Look what four years in the mines have done to my hands! The bones in every finger have been smashed at least once, and lately I have been suffering from arthritis so badly in my right hand that I cannot even hold a glass to return your toast, much less make delicate lines on parchment or canvas with a pen or a brush. No, brother ... for me it is too late." 30

One day, to pay respect to Albert for all that he had sacrificed, Albrecht Durer painstakingly drew his brother's abused hands with palms together and thin fingers stretched skyward. He called his powerful drawing simply "Hands" but the entire world almost immediately opened their hearts to his great masterpiece and renamed his tribute of love "The Praying Hands." 35

Adapted from "<http://www.ftmagic.com/prayinghands.html>"

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. How many siblings did Albrecht and Albert Durer have?

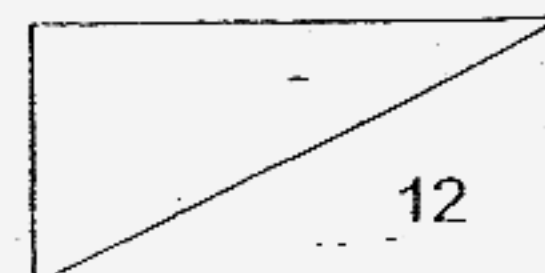
72. What was Albrecht's father's occupation?

73. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as "an agreement"?

74. What was ~~Albrecht's~~ ^{Albrecht's} and Albert's dream?

75. What did Albert work as to support his brother financially?

76. Which sentence tells us that ~~Albercht's~~ ^{Albrecht's} artwork was more superior to his teachers'?



Albrecht

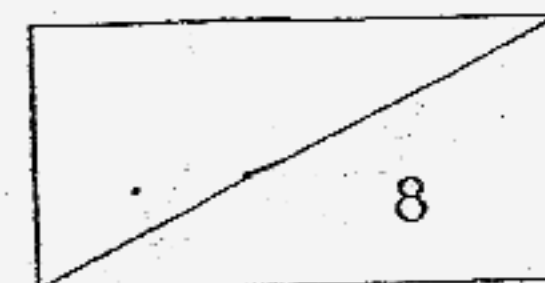
77. How did the Durer family welcome Albrecht back?

78. What does the "it" in line 28 refer to?

79. What was the consequence of Albert working in the mines?

80. Why did Albrecht Durer draw Albert's hands?

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Answer Keys

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
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Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
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Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
4	2	3	2	2	3	1	4	4	2
Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
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| 41. written | 46. According | 51. planet | 56. time | 61. allowed |
| 42. difficulty | 47. Scientist | 52. busy | 57. disgrace | 62. dangerous |
| 43. deals | 48. of | 53. leaving | 58. convinced | 63. out |
| 44. fascinating | 49. in | 54. soap | 59. disliked | 64. off |
| 45. about | 50. benefits | 55. care | 60. job | 65. looked |

66. Much to our surprise, our school tennis team emerged as champions.
67. Sam said that the postman had come at 3pm.
68. The downfall of the kingdom was caused by the king's complacency.
69. Old James fumbled with his glasses as he took them off.
70. Having won the title of "The Best Speller", Betty is still a very humble pupil.
71. They had sixteen siblings.
72. He was a goldsmith.
73. It is "pact".
74. They wanted to become artists.
75. He worked as a labourer in the mines.
76. It is "Albrecht's etchings, his woodcuts, and his oils were far better than those of most his professors".
77. The Durer family held a festive dinner to welcome Albrecht back.
78. It refers to the dream to go to Nuremberg to study at the Academy of Arts.
79. He could not become an artist.
80. Albrecht wanted to pay respect to Albert for all that he had sacrificed.