

TAO NAN SCHOOL

PRIMARY 5 ENGLISH LANGUAGE END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION – 2006

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

Name: _____ ()

Date: 11 October 2006

Class: Pr 5 _____

Time: 8.00a.m. to 9.50 a.m.

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.

BOOKLET A

P5 English SA2	
SW	/ 15
LC	/ 20
Oral	/ 30

	SCORE	MARKS
BOOKLET A		30
BOOKLET B		65
TOTAL		95

Section A (5 x 1 mark)

Graphic Stimulus

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

ENRICHMENT COURSES FROM JULY TO AUGUST 2006

Foster Education Agency

Popular
courses

MATHEMATICS

Strategic Problem-solving
Discovery Math Camp
Investigative Math
Problem-solving Using Models

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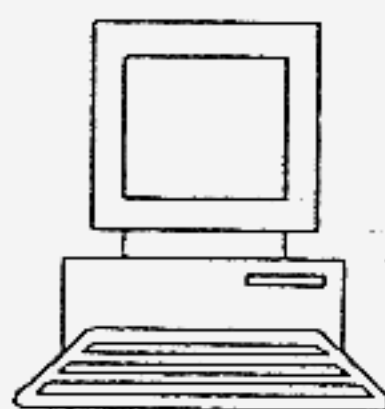
ENGLISH

Word Power
Speed Reading
Comprehension Skills
Phonics
Speech & Drama

LIFE SKILLS

Study Skills
Stress Management
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free trial available

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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 OMR.

1. Children who are interested in acting should sign up for the _____ course.
 - (1) Study Skills
 - (2) Word Power
 - (3) Leadership Camp
 - (4) Speech and Drama

2. The _____ course allows you to try whether it is suitable before signing up for it.
 - (1) Phonics
 - (2) Mind-mapping
 - (3) Comprehension Skills
 - (4) Discovery Math Camp

3. Besides writing a letter, how many other ways are there for an interested customer to contact the company ?
 - (1) Five
 - (2) Two
 - (3) Three
 - (4) Four

4. Which type of courses is being offered for the first time ?
 - (1) Speed Reading
 - (2) Digital Imaging
 - (3) Stress Management
 - (4) Problem-solving Using Models

5. Which statement best describes the services of Foster Education Agency ? It provides _____.
 - (1) a variety of leadership courses
 - (2) custom-made enrichment courses
 - (3) holiday courses for school children
 - (4) courses that are tailored by school teachers

Section B (7 x 1 mark)

Grammar

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 OMR.

6. The room _____ a new coat of paint last week.
- (1) is given
 - (2) was given
 - (3) has been given
 - (4) would be given
7. Mrs Lee, together with her pupils, _____ in the canteen. She is conducting an art lesson there.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
8. The pupils _____ be in the assembly area by 7 a.m., otherwise they will be considered late.
- (1) can
 - (2) will
 - (3) must
 - (4) may
9. _____ of the two soldiers has asked for a larger share of the food. He is famished.
- (1) One
 - (2) Both
 - (3) Some
 - (4) Every
10. _____ he had time to realise what was happening, he was hit on the head.
- (1) As
 - (2) Since
 - (3) While
 - (4) Before

11. The woman, _____ child was kidnapped by some gangsters, is crying bitterly.

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

12. Fatimah made this toy, _____ she ?

- (1) doesn't
- (2) didn't
- (3) hasn't
- (4) hadn't

Section C (3 x 1 mark)

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 OMR.

“Why do I have to go to school?” Pete grumbled as he was trying hard to open his eyes.

“So, what is the matter with you today (13) Master Pete?” asked his mother.

“I’m tired and unwell. Can I not go to school today (14) Pete pleaded with his mother.

“Of course not!” his mother snapped and left the room. Pete defiantly pulled his blanket over his head and dozed off again. The alarm clock sounded again and Pete woke up with a jolt.

“Oh no! I’m going to be late for school this time (15)” he blurted out loud as he scrambled to change into his school uniform.

13. (1) (:) colon
(2) (,) comma
(3) (.) full stop
(4) (?) question mark

14. (1) (,”) comma and inverted commas
(2) (.”) full stop and inverted commas
(3) (?”) question mark and inverted commas
(4) (!”) exclamation mark and inverted commas

15. (1) (,) comma
(2) (.) full stop
(3) (?) question mark
(4) (!) exclamation mark

Section D (5 x 1 mark)

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 OMR.

16. The _____ moved the props as discreetly as possible during the play.
- (1) stagehand
 - (2) stagecoach
 - (3) set designer
 - (4) stage prompter
17. The circus from Mongolia staged such a spectacular show that it won rave _____ from the critics.
- (1) reviews
 - (2) synopses
 - (3) summaries
 - (4) affirmations
18. The champion sprinter felt uncomfortable when his mother _____ about his outstanding achievements.
- (1) ranted
 - (2) exulted
 - (3) bragged
 - (4) gossiped
19. The movie was banned by the Singapore Broadcasting Authority because of the _____ language that was used throughout the movie.
- (1) native
 - (2) foreign
 - (3) obscene
 - (4) unfamiliar
20. Her father tried to _____ her to exercise by buying her a new pair of running shoes.
- (1) incite
 - (2) trigger
 - (3) provoke
 - (4) motivate

Section E (5 x 1 mark)

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

Two days ago, my school held a carnival to raise funds for the young patients at Rainbow Children's Hospital. The money from the carnival would be used to purchase life-saving equipment.

(21)

The equipment would be installed at the intensive care unit of the hospital. My classmates and I were

(22)

given the huge responsibility of manning the bouncy castle. We were absolutely determined to raise

(23)

(24)

as much funds as we could for the hospital.

Before the carnival, after blowing up the bouncy castle at the basketball court, we advertised

(25)

our castle aggressively during recess to attract potential customers. As a result, hordes of pupils visited the castle during the carnival and had a fun time. Our efforts were paid off.

21. (1) fees
(2) benefit
(3) proceeds
(4) allowance
22. (1) set in
(2) set up
(3) set out
(4) set about
23. (1) plying
(2) steering
(3) handling
(4) operating
24. (1) universally
(2) extensively
(3) unanimously
(4) cooperatively
25. (1) inflating
(2) amplifying
(3) magnifying
(4) constructing

Section F (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Levi Strauss, the inventor of the blue jeans, was born in Buttenheim, Bavaria on February 26, 1829. After his father succumbed to tuberculosis, Levi and his family emigrated to New York in 1847. He joined his brothers who had started a wholesale dry goods business called J. Strauss Brother & Co.

When news of the California Gold Rush made its way East, Levi emigrated to San Francisco to make his fortune. He established a wholesale dry goods business under his own name Levi Strauss & Co. His new company imported dry goods such as clothing, umbrellas, and bolts of fabric and sold them to the small stores that were springing up all over California and the West.

In 1872, Levi received a letter from a tailor, Jacob Davis. Davis was one of Levi Strauss' regular customers who purchased bolts of fabric from the company to use for his own business. In his letter, he told the prosperous merchant about the interesting way he made trousers for his customers. He placed metal rivets at the points of strain which were at the pocket corners and the base of the button fly. He did this in order to make the trousers stronger for the labouring men who were his customers.

Davis did not have the money to patent his process, so he suggested that Levi pay for the paperwork and that they take out the patent together. Levi was enthusiastic about it as he knew that the demand would be great for these riveted "waist overalls" – the old name for jeans. On 20 May 1873, the patent was granted to both men. Levi then took Davis to San Francisco to oversee the first West Coast manufacturing facility.

The first manufacture of the jeans was undertaken by seamstresses who worked from their homes. By the 1880s, Levi had leased a factory space and opened his own factory south of Market Street. The famous 501® jeans was soon a bestseller, as were the other riveted products that Levi and Jacob had added to their new manufactured lines. Their partnership proved to be a huge success as their products have been sold worldwide.

Adapted from http://www.levistrauss.com/Downloads/History_Levi_Strauss_Biography.pdf

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 OMR.

26. Levi moved to New York _____.
- (1) after his father passed away
 - (2) to start a business selling blue jeans
 - (3) when he found out that his father had tuberculosis
 - (4) because he wanted to take over his brothers' business
27. In line 8, "springing up" has the same meaning as _____.
- (1) popping
 - (2) advancing
 - (3) blossoming
 - (4) mushrooming
28. Davis used metal rivets on the trousers to _____.
- (1) make the trousers look interesting
 - (2) ensure that the trousers ^{were} are more durable
 - (3) meet the request of a prosperous merchant
 - (4) decorate the pocket corners and the base of the button fly
29. What made Levi take up the idea suggested by Davis?
- (1) He knew how to do the paperwork.
 - (2) He wanted to help Davis who had no money.
 - (3) He wanted the patent of the product to himself.
 - (4) He knew that the blue jeans would be a success.
30. How was the blue jeans first manufactured?
- (1) Both Davis and Levi sewed the jeans.
 - (2) Levi opened a factory at Market Street.
 - (3) Both Davis and Levi rented a factory space.
 - (4) Seamstresses were employed to sew the jeans.

BOOKLET B

Name: _____ ()

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Section G (10 x 1 mark)
Grammar Cloze

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.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

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| (A) a | (D) if | (G) because | (K) frequent | (N) unless |
| (B) of | (E) the | (H) or | (L) after | (P) to |
| (C) nor | (F) through | (J) from | (M) yet | (Q) only |
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Mr Mile does not have a stomach. Neither his cousins _____ their parents managed
(31)
to escape from the fate that had befallen him. A rare stomach disease killed their grandmother
and some _____ their relatives. Upon turning _____ genetic testing, the Mile families
(32) (33)
learnt that they would inherit the flawed gene _____ they had their stomachs removed. This
(34)
was certainly a very challenging lifestyle for the Miles _____ it meant eating many small
(35)
meals frequently.

All the cousins chose the life-changing operation. Doctors said that they were the
largest family to have the preventive surgery to protect themselves _____ hereditary
(36)
stomach cancer.

“We’re not _____ surviving, we’re thriving,” said Mr Mile, sixteen months
(37)
_____ his operation.
(38)

During surgery, doctors removed all the Mile families’ stomachs. They have since lost
_____ significant amount of weight and must eat smaller meals. Digestion is now _____
(39) (40)
their smaller intestines. The Mile families have indeed found the most unusual way to survive.

Today, 14 July 2006

Section H (10 x 1 mark)

Editing for Spelling and Grammar

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

To say that Mr Arthur was a successful businessman would have been a wild understatement.

(41)

He sat at the breakfast table with his head **beared** deep in his *Financial Times*. From time to time,

(42)

(43)

one hand would lost its grip on the paper, blindly fumble for a cup of coffee before disappear with

it behind the newspaper.

(44)

He called himself a **shroood** business agent who began his working day at seven each

(45)

morning. His wife would prepare a **harty** breakfast for him in the kitchen. Mrs Arthur would go to

(46)

great pains to butter his toast, boil the eggs, fried the sausages and prepare his coffee. During

(47)

breakfast, she would make sure that he would not be disturbing. At times, Mrs Arthur would raise a

(48)

(49)

cautioning finger to her lips wherever Rachel, their six-year-old daughter, began **chettering** too

(50)

much or too loudly, though it hardly **matered**. Mr Arthur's mind was focussed on money. He was

far too absorbed to be easily distracted.

Section I (15 x 1 mark)

Comprehension Cloze

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to run your own community? It is _____ (51) going to be easy but it is possible. It requires a lot _____ (52) decision making. Two young, enthusiastic Britons, Mark James and Ben Keene, have a proposition for you. They are interested to start a nameless online tribe and are currently hoping to recruit 5000 members as soon as _____ (53).

To materialise their aspiration, James and Keene looked _____ (54) a suitable island for occupation. After a long _____ (55), they came across a Fijian island where the tribe can take up residence for an initial _____ (56) of three years. Its only inhabitant is Tui Mali, the land owner. The island is largely uninhabited because Tui Mali insists that he will only lease it to the right people _____ (57) will not only protect its environment but also work in partnership _____ (58) the local communities of nearby islands.

Recently, Tui Mali, who has always wanted to preserve the flora and fauna of the island, said that he had rejected offers to have massive hotel developments as he _____ (59) that the developments would disrupt the tranquility of the island. Thus, James and Keane were only allowed to have 1000 members to _____ (60) on the island at any one-time, as the land owner wants to protect its nature. If the Britons do not mind the restriction, they can start _____ (61) into the amount to charge as membership _____ (62) that will be used to cover the cost of food and accommodation on the island. Their dream will only come _____ (63) if they have recruited the members.

If you are interested to be part of the tribe, you _____ (64) want to get a few friends to go along with you. It will be great if they can _____ (65) you so that you will not be bored.

Think about it!

Section J (5 x 2 marks)
Comprehension Cloze

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).

66 You cannot go to the playground. You ~~have~~ to finish your project.

_____ unless

67 Betsy was not feeling well. She went to her friend's birthday party.

Although _____

68 "There will be a test tomorrow," said the teacher to the pupils.

The teacher informed the pupils that _____

69 They welcomed the lady. The lady had won many awards for her book.

_____ who

70 Linda is working in Kuala Lumpur. She started in June.

_____ since

Section K (10 x 2 marks)

Comprehension Open

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

Surin was only twenty-one years old when she left her hometown, Luzon. Her parents owned a corn farm but their income was rather unsteady and at times insufficient to feed the many mouths at home. Being the eldest among her siblings, she had to leave her hometown and take up a job in Singapore as a domestic helper to support her family.

Surin got a job with the Kangs, a wealthy family from Hong Kong. She was kept busy most of the time, juggling household chores and looking after their two young children. Mrs Kang, a bossy employer, managed the household and lived a life of leisure. She was a demanding woman who ordered her husband to do whatever she wanted. Mr Kang, on the other hand, was a henpecked husband. Though he was a successful accountant, he had to obey his wife. 5
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One day, Mrs Kang realised that her diamond earrings were missing. She searched all the rooms, including Surin's. Surin was out in the park, playing soccer with her two young charges when Mrs Kang searched her room. Surin came home to find Mrs Kang in her room, ransacking her closet. She stood rooted to the spot. Mrs Kang's search came to naught and she walked past Surin, without a word. 15

Surin sat down on her bed and put her head in her hands. She was very insulted that Mrs Kang had suspected her. Having kept a clean and good record of working for the family for the past two years, Surin could not believe this was happening to her.

"What ever happened to trust and respect for a person's privacy?" she wondered.

It was at that moment that Surin decided to leave. She started packing her suitcase. 20
As she was emptying her closet, Mr Kang walked in. He apologised for his wife's behaviour and pleaded with her to stay. He felt that she was the only nice person around. He then admitted to her that he was the one who had taken the earrings and made her promise to keep it a secret. He had to resort to stealing as he did not have any pocket money left. Surin looked sadly at the pitiful man. Nevertheless, she put her last piece of clothing into the suitcase and never looked 25
back.

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. How did Surin's parents support the family?

72. Quote two words from paragraph one which suggest that the family was not earning enough.

73. What was Surin expected to do for the Kang family?

74. Why was Mr Kang labelled a 'henpecked' man?

75. Who was Surin with at the park?

76. Why was Mrs Kang in Surin's room?

77. What does 'this' (line 18) refer to?

78. What was Mr Kang's confession?

79. From the last paragraph, which sentence tells you that Surin felt sorry for Mr Kang?

80. What was Surin's final decision?

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3	2	4	3	1	1	4	2	4	4
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| 41. buried | 46. fry | 51. not | 56. duration | 61. looking |
| 42. lose | 47. disturbed | 52. of | 57. who | 62. fees |
| 43. disappearing | 48. whenever | 53. possible | 58. with | 63. true |
| 44. shrewd | 49. chattering | 54. for | 59. felt | 64. might |
| 45. hearty | 50. mattered | 55. search | 60. stay | 65. join |

66. You cannot go to the playground unless you have finished your project.
67. Although Betsy was not feeling well, she went to her friends' birthday party.
68. The teacher informed the pupils that there would be a test the next day.
69. They welcomed the lady who had won many awards for her book.
70. Linda has been working in Kuala Lumpur since June.
71. They owned a corn farm and sell to support the family.
72. They are 'unsteady' and insufficient'.
73. She was expected to do household chores and look after the two young children of the Kang family.
74. He had to obey whatever his wife says.
75. She was with her two young children playing soccer.
76. Her diamond earrings were missing and she was looking for them,
77. It refers to Mrs. Kang suspecting Surin and ransacked her closet.
78. He had stolen the diamond earrings as he did not have enough money.
79. Surin looked sadly at the pitiful man.
80. She decided to leave the Kang's family