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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT ONE

PRIMARY 5

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2

DURATION : 1h 50 min

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INSTRUCTIONS

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Follow all instructions.

Answer all questions.

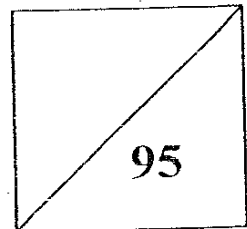
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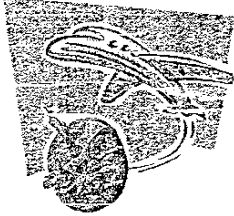
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Section A: Comprehension-Graphic Stimulus (5x1 mark)

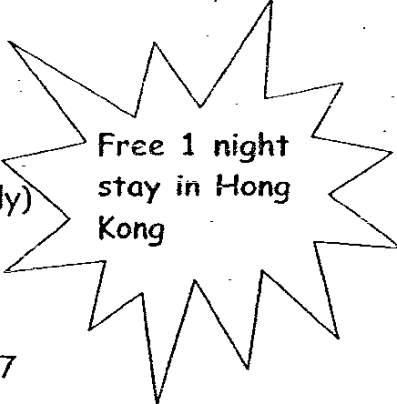
Study the following text and answer questions 1 to 5.



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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. The AC Tours Travel Fair will start on _____.
 - (1) 16 May
 - (2) 17 May
 - (3) 18 May
 - (4) 19 May

2. The cost of a trip to Hong Kong is the same as a trip to _____.
 - (1) Phuket
 - (2) Bangkok
 - (3) Chiangmai
 - (4) Koh Samui

3. A day trip to Shenzhen is part of the trip to _____.
 - (1) Korea
 - (2) Phuket
 - (3) Koh Samui
 - (4) Hong Kong

4. If Mr Lim himself wants to enjoy the special promotion for CDB Credit Card holders, he should book a tour to _____.
 - (1) Korea
 - (2) Bangkok
 - (3) Chiangmai
 - (4) Hong Kong

5. Which statement is not true of the seven-day Korea Summer Delight tour?
 - (1) Most meals are included.
 - (2) There are departures in May and June.
 - (3) You get a one night stay in Hong Kong.
 - (4) Tickets for rides at the Everland Theme Park are included

Section B: Grammar MCQ (7x1 mark)

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. I will pay for her meal if she decides to _____ us at the restaurant.
- (1) join
 - (2) joins
 - (3) joining
 - (4) will join
7. The police have vowed to catch the murderer, wherever he may run or _____.
- (1) hid
 - (2) hide
 - (3) hides
 - (4) hiding
8. My neighbour was involved in a car accident _____ made him a disabled person.
- (1) who
 - (2) when
 - (3) where
 - (4) which
9. Cats like fish but they are not keen _____ fruit.
- (1) at
 - (2) on
 - (3) of
 - (4) for
10. I do not see _____ I like in this shop. Let's try the next one.
- (1) nothing
 - (2) anything
 - (3) something
 - (4) everything

11. _____ of the boys is bold enough to stand up to the big bully.

- (1) All
- (2) Both
- (3) None
- (4) Some

12. Sally refused to sign the form _____ John agreed to change the date.

- (1) as
- (2) but
- (3) since
- (4) unless

Section C: Punctuation MCQ (3x1 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 Optical Answer Sheet.

“What a surprise (13) exclaimed Mr Teo. “Imagine meeting you here at the travel fair. It is very crowded, isn’t it?”

“Are you planning to go to America or Japan (14) asked Mr Chan.

“Well, I am taking my children to visit their grandparents in Los Angeles (15) have some fun in Disneyland and then go to the Grand Canyon,” said Mr Teo.

13. (1) [, ”] comma and inverted commas
(2) [. ”] full-stop and inverted commas
(3) [? ”] question mark and inverted commas
(4) [! ”] exclamation mark and inverted commas
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) [:] colon
(2) [,] comma
(3) [.] full-stop
(4) [;] semi-colon

Section D: Vocabulary MCQ (5x1 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 Optical Answer Sheet.

16. Jane _____ the temptation to buy the expensive bag from the new shop.
- (1) insisted
 - (2) resisted
 - (3) persisted
 - (4) prevented
17. The angry customer demanded to see the store manager to _____ a complaint.
- (1) offer
 - (2) lodge
 - (3) handle
 - (4) manage
18. The anxious mother was _____ with relief and burst into tears when she saw that her missing child was safe.
- (1) overcome
 - (2) overturned
 - (3) overbearing
 - (4) overburdened
19. The parents tried to _____ their bawling child with a new toy but to no avail.
- (1) spoil
 - (2) attract
 - (3) pacify
 - (4) present
20. Reading the newspapers every morning is part and parcel of Mr Wong's daily _____.
- (1) cycle
 - (2) routine
 - (3) exercise
 - (4) programme

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5x1 mark)

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.

“Please let me take you home,” James (21) begged earnestly. “You can’t drive when you are so (22) intoxicated. You can pick up your car tomorrow morning.”

Melvin (23) paid no attention to James and continued on his way to his car. Just then, a police car drove by. James stood (24) rooted to the ground, afraid that his worst fears would soon come true. However, the police car did not stop and carried on its way. James heaved a sigh of relief.

At that moment, Melvin, in his stupor, (25) stumbled and fell into the drain!

21. (1) requested
(2) demanded
(3) beseeched
(4) compelled
22. (1) drunk
(2) feverish
(3) depressed
(4) exhilarated
23. (1) ignored
(2) avoided
(3) neglected
(4) discarded
24. (1) firmly
(2) securely
(3) uprightly
(4) stock-still
25. (1) hurtled
(2) staggered
(3) descended
(4) plummeted

Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5x1 mark)

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Connie opened the door and let me in. Morrie was in his wheelchair by the kitchen table wearing a loose cotton shirt and even looser black sweatpants. They were loose because his legs had shrunk drastically; you could get two hands around his thighs and have your fingers touch. Had he been able to stand, he'd have been no more than five feet tall, and he'd probably have fitted into a 12-year-old's jeans.

"I got you something," I announced, holding up a brown paper bag. I had stopped on my way from the airport at a nearby supermarket and purchased some turkey, potato salad, macaroni salad and donuts. I wanted to contribute something. I was powerless to help Morrie otherwise. And I remembered his fondness for eating.

"Ah, so much food!" he sang. "The hospital would never have given me such delicacies."

We sat at the kitchen table, surrounded by wicker chairs. This time, without the need to make up sixteen years of information, we slid quickly into the familiar waters of our old college dialogue. During our conversation, I noticed that he only ate small morsels of the spread in front of him. The donuts and the turkey were left largely untouched. Occasionally, he had to stop to use the bathroom, a process that took some time. Connie would wheel him to the toilet, then lift him from the chair, and support him as he urinated into the beaker. Each time he came back, he looked tired and a little uneasy.

"Are you all right?" I asked. Morrie sighed. "I'm sorry. This is so embarrassing. It is the ultimate sign of dependency, but I'm working on it. I'm trying to enjoy the process. After all, I get to be a baby one more time." He laughed, and I was relieved that he did. We talked for a long time before I finally decided that it was time to go home. "See you again next Tuesday," he said, as he waved weakly to me.

(Adapted from 'Tuesdays with Morrie' by Mitch Albom)

26. Which of the following is not a result of Morrie's disease?
- (1) His weight loss
 - (2) His inability to walk
 - (3) His decrease in height
 - (4) His inability to relieve himself
27. The first place that the writer visited after he had landed at the airport was _____.
- (1) his college
 - (2) the hospital
 - (3) a supermarket
 - (4) Morrie's house
28. Why did the writer bring food when he visited Morrie?
- (1) He loved to eat.
 - (2) He felt pity for Morrie.
 - (3) He felt that was all he could do.
 - (4) He thought there was not enough food in Morrie's house.
29. Why did Morrie look a little uneasy after each trip to the toilet?
- (1) He found the process of going to the toilet tedious.
 - (2) He was tired after making so many trips to the toilet.
 - (3) He did not like the feeling of being taken care by others.
 - (4) He was afraid the writer would be embarrassed by his dependency on others.
30. From the passage, we know that Morrie's disease did not take away his _____.
- (1) pride
 - (2) appetite
 - (3) optimism
 - (4) independence

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BOOKLET B

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Section G : Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

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 (C) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) is	(D) after	(G) out	(K) to	(N) behind
(B) into	(E) off	(H) beyond	(L) away	(P) about
(C) up	(F) bottom	(J) during	(M) are	(Q) that

An unidentified man was found burnt to death (31) _____ a pre-dawn fire in a terrace house in Ang Mo Kio yesterday. His charred body was burnt (32) _____ recognition.

Investigators suspect (33) _____ he was murdered. According to them, the victim had his hands tied (34) _____ his back with wire when they found him in the master bedroom. There (35) _____ also evidences to suggest he had tried to put (36) _____ a struggle before he was bound and killed. An autopsy will be carried (37) _____ today.

The pre-dawn fire caused a stir in the neighbourhood. Several residents living nearby went (38) _____ a state of panic when they found smoke entering their homes. They ran out of their houses and screamed for help.

Fire engines arrived at the scene within minutes and extinguished the fire. Policemen subsequently cordoned (39) _____ the whole area for investigation. So far, no one has come forward to provide more information (40) _____ the incident. Police hope that witnesses will help them to investigate the incident.

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Section H : Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1 marks)

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

The sandwich is easily prepared and well-liked by people. But have you ever
(41)

wondered how the sandwich gets its name? John Montagu, a British gentleman from a place
(42)

called Sandwich, must be given the credit. He was **fone** of card games and could play for
(43) (44)

hours. In order to **setisfy** his hunger during the games, he will eat pieces of bread with thin
(45)

slices of meat between them. This simple **combineition** of ingredients soon gained popularity.
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Over the years, chefs around the world had created new and interesting varieties of the
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sandwich to **tanteize** the taste buds of people. Many restaurants today serve different types
(48)

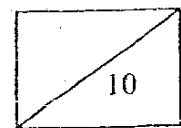
of sandwich on their menu. In fact, the famous hamburger was develop from it. So, the next
(49)

time you visit a fast-food restaurant, do not forget the **oreginel**, humble sandwich.

Health-conscious people tend to shun the hamburger and go for a sandwich that
(50)

offers good nutrition. A sandwich with leafy vegetables and grilled lean meat is certain
better than greasy hamburgers with fanciful names like "Bif O' Luv" and "Ropper".

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Section I : Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

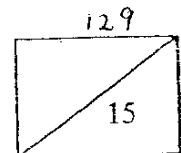
Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

It was the eve of Christmas in 1974. The weather forecast (51) _____ the people living in the coastal resort of Koh Samui in Thailand of an approaching tropical storm. Many did not (52) _____ the warning because they were in a festive mood. Their merrymaking soon turned to grief.

Packing wind speeds of up to 230 km per hour, the storm slammed (53) _____ Koh Samui in the early hours of Christmas Day. The entire town was (54) _____ in less than three hours. Collapsed (55) _____ overturned vehicles and fallen trees dominated the landscape. The (calamity) (56) _____ the lives of 623 people, including tourists from Europe and North America. About 3000 were injured while more than 60 were reported missing.

Efforts to help the (57) _____ started soon after the storm. Priority was given to (58) _____ them with food, water, medicine and clothing. At the same time, the homeless were (59) _____ to temporary shelters set up by the Thai military. Widespread flooding, however, made rescue operations very difficult and risky as many roads were submerged in (60) _____. Boats and helicopters were deployed from the (61) _____ areas of Koh Samui to solve the problem quickly.

Koh Samui took almost a year to (62) _____ from the effects of the tropical storm. It gradually developed into one of the most (63) _____ tourist destinations in Southeast Asia. But catastrophe struck again on 26 December 2004. On that fateful day, a (64) _____ powerful earthquake rocked the seabed off the coast of Sumatra. Its massive strength astonished scientists and geologists (65) _____ the world. The gigantic tidal wave, or tsunami, that resulted from the earthquake impacted Koh Samui and many other places.



Section J : Synthesis / Transformation (5 x 2 marks)

For each of the questions from 66 to 70, rewrite the 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. Jamie does not like drawing. Her brother does not like drawing too.

Neither _____

67. My father went to work this morning. He was ill.

Although _____

68. Jim met a businessman in Singapore. Jim borrowed money from a businessman.

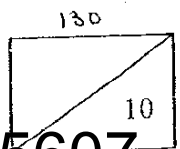
_____ whom

69. "Have you completed your project on plant cells?" Miss Lim asked her pupils.

Miss Lim asked _____

70. The market was very crowded. My parents could hardly purchase anything.

_____ that



Section K : Comprehension Open-Ended (10 x 2 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

“You are now standing right before the Angkor Wat!” exclaimed our Cambodian guide. It is indeed an impressive sight. My friends and I could hardly wait to set foot in the world-famous monument. Our visit to the Angkor Wat, an ancient city located in the vicinity of Lake Tonle Sap, was part of an educational trip organized and fully sponsored by the school. Built more than 800 years ago, the Angkor Wat is now an icon of Cambodia, a country in Southeast Asia. 5

According to the brochure given to us, the Angkor Wat was constructed in the twelfth century as the capital city of the former Khmer empire. At the height of its power, the Khmer empire ruled over present-day countries like Cambodia, Thailand, Laos and Vietnam. The Khmers are the ancestors of people living in Cambodia today. Building the Angkor Wat was no simple matter. It involved the Khmer people who themselves contributed a large number of architects, sculptors and other skilled workers. At the same time, thousands of slaves captured by the Khmer kings in their conquests were forced to provide the much needed hard labour. 10

The Angkor Wat occupies a sprawling site of more than 30 football fields. Stepping into the colossal structure, we were greeted by multi-storey buildings, intricate wall carvings, magnificent statues and other resplendent structures. The design of the Angkor Wat shows that the Khmers excelled in science and mathematics. The advanced state of the Khmer civilization is also seen in its sophisticated water management system. A complex network of canals was put in place to meet the needs of the people. “Do you feel being transported back in time?” asked the guide. Awestruck, no one responded to his question. All of us were enthralled by what we saw. 15

Historians believe that the Khmer empire started to weaken in the fourteenth century. A combination of persistent water shortages, diseases, overcrowding and wars eventually led to its downfall. In 1467, the Angkor Wat was abandoned after it was attacked by a large army from the Ayutthaya kingdom. Thereafter, the surrounding forests gradually encroached on the city and hid it from view. 20

It was only in 1858 that the Angkor Wat was revealed to the world. A French explorer, Henri Mourot, reportedly **stumbled upon** it when he was looking for rare butterflies in the dense jungles of Cambodia. The discovery immediately grabbed the 30

attention of scholars, journalists and even treasure hunters worldwide. Long-standing rumours that an ancient civilization had once existed in Cambodia were finally confirmed.

Today, the Angkor Wat embodies the pride of the Cambodian people. The guide said, "It gives us a sense of historical and cultural importance that we are the descendents of a glorious civilization." He added that for Cambodia, one of the poorest nations in the world, the Angkor Wat has an important economic significance. As a renowned tourist attraction, it draws a large number of overseas visitors to the country every year. The tourists help to provide jobs and business opportunities for the Cambodians. In 1978, the Angkor Wat was designated as a World Heritage Site. The status allows the Cambodian government to receive a sum of money every year from the United Nations to maintain and preserve the antiquated city.

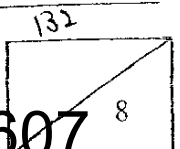
ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. In which country is the 'world-famous monument' mentioned in line 3 located?

72. What made it possible for the writer to visit the Angkor Wat?

73. Who were the builders of the Angkor Wat?

74. Which word in the passage describes the Angkor Wat as an enormous construction?



75. What are two evidences in the passage that show the Khmers as a knowledgeable people?

76. How did the writer feel when he saw the structures inside the Angkor Wat?

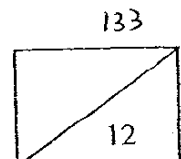
77. Give two reasons which led to the collapse of the Khmer empire.

78. What is the meaning of 'stumbled upon' in line 30?

79. Do you think the discovery of the Angkor Wat was totally unexpected? Which sentence tells you so?

80. Why is the Angkor Wat important to the people of Cambodia today?

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| 42. fond | 47. tantalize | 52. heed | 57. injured | 62. recover |
| 43. satisfy | 48. developed | 53. into | 58. provided | 63. renowned |
| 44. would | 49. original | 54. destroyed | 59. sent | 64. immensely |
| 45. combination | 50. certainly | 55. buildings | 60. water | 65. around |

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71. It is located in Cambodia.
72. It is made possible for the writer to visit the Angkor as the trip was part of an educational trip which was organized and fully sponsored by the school.
73. The builders were the Khmer people and the slaves captured by the Khmer kings.
74. The word is "colossal".
75. The two evidences are the design of Angkor Wat and the sophisticated water management system.
76. The writer felt a sense of awe and fascination.
77. The two reasons are the combination of persistent overcrowding and wars.
78. It means accidentally discovered.
79. No, I do not think it was totally unexpected. The sentence is "Long-standing rumors that an ancient civilization had once existed in Cambodia.
80. It is a source of national pride helps it attract tourist to Cambodia.