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Class : Primary 5 \_\_\_\_\_

**CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL**



**Primary 5**

**Semestral Assessment 1 – 2007**

**English Language**

**PAPER 2**

**BOOKLET A**

**4<sup>th</sup> May 2007**

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

30 questions

30 marks

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

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

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

**CHANG SISTERS TRAVEL FAIR 2007!**  
DON'T MISS OUT THESE GREAT DEALS IN TOWN AT SANTECK EXHIBITION HALL 502

**China, Shanghai – 8 days**  
\$1 088  
Departure dates: 15 June, 18 June

**Australia, Gold Coast - 8 days**  
\$898  
Departure dates: 6 June, 17 June

**Hong Kong, Disneyland – 4 days**  
\$568  
Departure dates: 8 June, 18 June

**Cruise to Penang – 5 days**  
\$588  
Departure dates: 15 June, 23 June

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Here's how you can book your holidays by visiting the following:

- Our website: [www.changsisisterstravel.com](http://www.changsisisterstravel.com)
- Booth C1475 at Santeck Exhibition Hall 502, from 15 March - 22 March, 9 a.m. - 10 p.m.
- Chang Sisters Travel Office, Chang building, 20 Took Sai Road, from 10 a.m. - 9p.m. daily, Tel: 6123 4567

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Senior citizens (above 55 years old) will be given a luggage bag\* worth \$199 upon booking any tour packages. Children below the age of 6 will enjoy a 50% discount and a Switch Morton Watch# will be given free.

Book before 15 March to enjoy a 10% discount on all tour packages!

\*Sponsored by CK Leather  
#Sponsored by Chang Time Pte Ltd

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 Which one of the following placed this advertisement in the newspaper?
- (1) CK Leather
  - (2) Chang Time Pte Ltd
  - (3) Chang Sisters Travel
  - (4) Santeck Exhibition Hall
- 2 The travel fair will be from \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
  - (2) 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.
  - (3) 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
  - (4) 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- 3 Mrs Parker has applied for leave from 17 June to 23 June. She is interested to book a tour. Which of the four packages can she book?
- (1) China, Shanghai
  - (2) Cruise to Penang
  - (3) Australia Gold Coast
  - (4) Hong Kong, Disneyland
- 4 Mr Indira wishes to enjoy a 10% discount off his tour package. He should book his tour to China on \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) 10 June
  - (2) 18 June
  - (3) 10 March
  - (4) 15 March
- 5 Mr and Mrs Goh who are both 56 years of age decided to book a tour package to Australia. They will each receive \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) a luggage bag
  - (2) a Switch Morton Watch
  - (3) \$199 worth of travel vouchers
  - (4) a 50% discount off any tour packages

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 Having \_\_\_\_\_ the pictures of Japan, Glen decided to change his holiday destination to Australia.

- (1) see
- (2) saw
- (3) seen
- (4) seeing

7 Dennis claimed that Janet made him \_\_\_\_\_ the book.

- (1) steal
- (2) stole
- (3) steals
- (4) stolen

8 "~~Someone~~ \_\_\_\_\_ my dictionary without my permission!" shouted Andy angrily.

- (1) is taking
- (2) has taken
- (3) are taking
- (4) have taken

9 Jason, \_\_\_\_\_ we all had thought was honest, cheated the company of a huge sum of money.

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

10 \_\_\_\_\_ Miss Wong \_\_\_\_\_ Mr Tan will forgive you if you do not mend your ways.

- (A) Either ... or
- (B) Both ... and
- (C) Since ... then
- (D) Neither ... nor

11 \_\_\_\_\_ they hurried, they missed the train.

- (1) If
- (2) Unless
- (3) Despite
- (4) Although

12 When Mary saw the beautiful toy at a shop, she could not keep her eyes \_\_\_\_\_ it.

- (1) to
- (2) off
- (3) from
- (4) away

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)

Beth, Jo and Meg were sisters. Their mother left them to look for their father.

Every day (13) the sisters did their daily chores but they thought about their mother.

One day, Beth said to Jo and Meg (14) Please go and see the Hummeis."

"I can't go. Can you go, Jo?" Meg asked.

"No, I have a cold," Jo answered.

"Can you go, Beth (15) Meg said.

"No I can't. Mother is not around. I have to stay at home," Beth replied.

"All right, I will go then," said Meg reluctantly.

*Adapted from 'Little Women'.*

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

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 The room is \_\_\_\_\_ now. The pupils have been dismissed.
- (1) vacant
  - (2) vaunted
  - (3) vacuum
  - (4) vacuous
- 17 Please allow the sugar to \_\_\_\_\_ in the water first before you add in the fruits.
- (1) fade
  - (2) melt
  - (3) blend
  - (4) dissolve
- 18 My grandmother loves the \_\_\_\_\_ of chrysanthemums.
- (1) reek
  - (2) scent
  - (3) odour
  - (4) aroma
- 19 The principal has already typed the \_\_\_\_\_ for today's meeting indicating the important matters to be discussed.
- (1) memo
  - (2) agenda
  - (3) minutes
  - (4) announcement
- 20 The noise from the construction site had \_\_\_\_\_ Sufen so much that she could not do her work.
- (1) affected
  - (2) effected
  - (3) infected
  - (4) defected

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 Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

Eeling and Xiaohui found a place at one corner of the Bishan National Library. They carried the books they had found to the table. While they were (21) quickly looking through the materials, a group of boys came in. They walked into the library nosily, making a din and disturbing everyone. Eeling (22) recognised that they were from Seletar Primary School.

Everyone was annoyed that the (23) quiet and peaceful environment of the library had been shattered by these (24) unruly boys. A man told the boys to lower their volume but it was (25) to no avail. When Mrs Leo, the librarian, strode towards them, the boys immediately kept as quiet as church mice.

- 21 (1) surfing  
(2) checking  
(3) browsing  
(4) researching
- 22 (1) knew  
(2) spotted  
(3) accepted  
(4) discerned
- 23 (1) ~~ambience~~  
(2) ~~sanctuary~~  
(3) ~~tranquillity~~  
(4) ~~atmosphere~~
- 24 (1) rude  
(2) rowdy  
(3) domineering  
(4) disrespectful
- 25 (1) of no use  
(2) of no point  
(3) of no reason  
(4) of no benefit



Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

I was sitting on a wooden seat at the University of Illinois indoor swimming pool, and I was not enjoying myself. The air was hot and wet, and the seats were hard and the noise was terrible - shouts from the swimmers, and the officials and the public were making my head ache.

I had come to watch a swimming competition organised by Chicago businesses, to collect money for sick people. A number of companies had sent teams. My old school friend Alicia was in the Berman Airplanes team, and she had asked me to come and watch her swim. I came, because she was an old friend - though we did not meet now, as we had different interests. 5 10

At school, Alicia was interested in only two things: swimming and engines. She studied engineering at university, before she joined Berman Airplanes Company and worked on the design of planes. And me? I am a private detective. My business is crime.

Six competitors were standing at the end of the pool, ready to start the first women's event. From where I sat it was not easy to recognise Alicia. I knew she was wearing a red swimsuit, but there were three swimmers in red. The pool was divided into seven lanes. My programme said that Alicia was in lane two. 15

The woman in the first lane was complaining about something. The organiser changed the swimmers' positions, leaving the first lane empty. Now one red suit was in lane two, one in lane three and one in lane six. I did not know which one was Alicia. 20

The starting gun was fired, and six bodies threw themselves into the water. There was a perfect start in lane six - that must be Alicia. 25

The woman in lane two seemed to be having problems. What was wrong? The water around her was turning red. I pushed through the crowd to the side of the pool, kicked off my shoes and jumped in.

I swam under the water to the second lane and pulled the woman to the edge, where someone lifted her out. It was no one I knew. 30

*Adapted from 'Crime Story Collection'.*

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 author was a/an \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) engineer
- (2) investigator
- (3) business woman
- (4) swimming official

27 The author was at the swimming pool to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) solve a crime
- (2) support her friend
- (3) take part in the competition
- (4) collect money for the sick people

28 The author had difficulty recognising Alicia at the end of the pool because \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) of the author's orientation
- (2) no swimmer was at lane one
- (3) Alicia was wearing a red swimsuit
- (4) the pool was divided into seven lanes

29 Which word has the same meaning as 'pushed through the crowd' (line 27 – 28)? The word is '\_\_\_\_\_.'

- (1) frisk
- (2) prod
- (3) shove
- (4) nudge

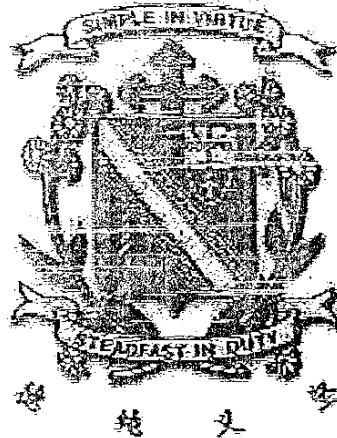
30 Why did the author jump into the pool?

- (1) She wanted to save Alicia from drowning.
- (2) It was her duty as a lifeguard to save lives.
- (3) She wanted to rescue the woman in lane two.
- (4) The officials asked her to pull the woman to the edge.

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English Language

PAPER 2

BOOKLET B

4<sup>th</sup> May 2007

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

50 questions  
65 marks

- Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
- Follow all instructions carefully.
- Answer all questions.

Booklet A	30
Booklet B	65
Total	95

Parent's Signature/Date

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.

(A) are	(D) in	(G) of	(K) through	(N) were
(B) by	(E) into	(H) some	(L) under	(P) what
(C) from	(F) is	(J) that	(M) was	(Q) when

Understanding fossils is truly an interesting and amazing experience.

Fossils are the stone-like ~~remains~~ (31) \_\_\_\_\_ plants and animals living in prehistoric times. (32) \_\_\_\_\_ the hands of scientists called palaeontologists, fossils tell us what the Earth (33) \_\_\_\_\_ like millions of years ago.

Experts claim that fossils (34) \_\_\_\_\_ Liaoning, China, have shown us (35) \_\_\_\_\_ the first flowers and feathered dinosaurs looked like. African fossils reveal that the Sahara was a lush forest some 112 million years ago, inhabited (36) \_\_\_\_\_ the 12m – long Sarcosuchus Imperator nicknamed SuperCroc!

Fossils are created (37) \_\_\_\_\_ various ways. Some are remains that were buried (38) \_\_\_\_\_ earth and water. Over time, each cell of organic material was slowly replaced by minerals, turning the remains (39) \_\_\_\_\_ stone. Fossils are also created (40) \_\_\_\_\_ creatures and plant fragments were trapped, embedded and preserved in sticky tree resin.

Can you imagine what a fossil of early ancestors of the human race living some 3.2 million years ago can tell us about our past? How fascinating is that!

*Adapted from "Rock 'N' Read" (Little Red Dot 27/3/07) by Ellen Whyte*

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

At the crash site, there was no sign of bodies except pieces of what used  
to be the plane.

(41)

There were pieces of wreckage everywhere; a twisted ~~partk~~ of metal,

(42)

clothes and other belongings strewn in the area. Ghastly sights of burnt

(43)

bodies in mangled heaps greeted the rescuers. The search of victims was

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(45)

started in fishermen in sampans using their nets in the ~~mirky~~ waters. A

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rescue operation team is organised by both Indonesia and Singapore to carry

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out the ~~solveg~~ work. The rescue operation progressed slowly at first as it was

(48)

(49)

mainly a ~~meruel~~ task. Divers had to comb the riverbed, which was ~~deep~~ with

(50)

mud. Despite their best efforts, no ~~servifers~~ were found.

This terrible air accident took the lives of 158 people.

Fill in the blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Do you know that all of us have something distinctive that no one else in the world possesses?

The Chinese were the first (51) \_\_\_\_\_ to realise the uniqueness of one's fingerprint. No two people can have the same fingerprints no matter how closely (52) \_\_\_\_\_ they are.

The importance of fingerprints (53) \_\_\_\_\_ widespread in the late nineteenth century. Many people all over the world realised how (54) \_\_\_\_\_ thumbprints were after Sir Francis Galton began to study the pattern of ridges and discovered that no two people had identical thumbprints.

Police began to keep (55) \_\_\_\_\_ of fingerprints of people who (56) \_\_\_\_\_ crimes. When the police wanted to check if a suspect has a (57) \_\_\_\_\_ record, they would run his thumbprints through the records and the (58) \_\_\_\_\_ were known immediately.

The earliest passbooks issued (59) \_\_\_\_\_ the Post Office Savings Bank (POSB) contained the (60) \_\_\_\_\_ of the passbook holder. This enables him to perform banking transactions in a (61) \_\_\_\_\_ and secure environment.

Then , many people did not have an education. They were therefore  
(62) \_\_\_\_\_ and did not have a signature. Using thumbprints was a  
safe way to (63) \_\_\_\_\_ more people access to banking services.

Many places with high security also require the use of thumbprints to  
(64) \_\_\_\_\_ the premises. Soon, we will be able to use our  
(65) \_\_\_\_\_ to open doors as scientists have found that our iris is also  
unique. A simple iris-scan will enable the computer to identify a person.

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 The English test was terribly difficult. I did not do well for it.

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67 Mrs Wong asked Tom, "Can you help me carry these books?"

Mrs Wong asked \_\_\_\_\_

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68 "I will study harder for the English test next week," Joe told Mrs Lim.

Joe told Mrs Lim \_\_\_\_\_

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69 Alice should stay home to prepare for the test. She went to the movies with her friends.

Instead of \_\_\_\_\_

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70 Mr Tan was not just a good football player but an excellent basketball player.

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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

Tucked away in the northern corner of Singapore is a special farm, where the half a million hens there lay what could be said to be the healthiest eggs in Singapore. A special hen diet there is the cornerstone of Chan Ah Huat Agriculture Farm's success.

A special diet created by Mr Chan causes the hens to produce eggs that contain thirty percent less cholesterol than other ordinary eggs. In fact, the Health Promotion Board has given the farm permission to label their eggs with the Healthier Choice symbol.

To achieve *this*, the farm had to lower the cholesterol level of the eggs by at least twenty-five percent. The farm decided that one way was to examine the foods that the hens ate. Hence, Mr Chan began to experiment with what he fed his hens. Finally, after more than a year of hard work, he came up with the secret feed formula that enabled him to achieve his goal.

For more than a year, Mr Chan Ah Huat and his son, Mr Chan Say Yong worked 14-hour days to manipulate the chicken feed after doing research on nutrition. Using a computer program to calculate the proportion of the ingredients, they were able to come up with many variations of the mixture in the chicken feed. They then selected 2 000 birds that were not choosy about what they ate and had a good appetite from their coop. The eggs from these hens were sent to a laboratory to analyse.

Success did not come easy. Month after month, laboratory results showed that the cholesterol levels of eggs from the hens that had consumed various mixtures were only lowered marginally.

Mr Chan said, "We were always off by only a very few percentage points. We were disappointed initially, but thought that if we soldiered on, we would be able to make it."

In July last year, their persistence paid off. Their hens' eggs achieved the thirty percent mark. When pressed for the formula to their special feed, Both Mr Chan and his son did not want to comment, as the competition in this industry is stiff. With the 150 million eggs produced in Chan Ah Huat Agriculture Farm, they make up about 12 percent of Singapore's total egg consumption. Mr Chan's competitors are not going to have an easy time catching up.

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71 What is the cornerstone of Chan Ah Huat Agriculture Farm's success?

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72 Why did the Health Promotion Board give Mr Chan the permission to use the Healthier Choice symbol on his eggs?

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73 What does the word "this" in line 9 refer to?

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74 What was the first step Mr Chan's family decided to take in order to lower the cholesterol level of their eggs?

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75 How did Mr Chan decide on the types of hens used for the experiment?

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76 What did Mr Chan use to arrive at the various proportions of mixtures to be tested on the hens?

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77 Why was Mr Chan disappointed initially?

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78 Which two-word phrase in the passage tells us that Mr Chan did not allow his initial failures to discourage him?

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79 Why did Mr Chan not want to comment about the formula of his special feed?

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80 Explain in your own words the meaning of the sentence "Mr Chan's competitors are not going to have an easy time catching up."

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## CHIJ Primary School

### Primary 5 English SA1 Exam (2007)



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

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| 36. B         | 37. K          | 38. L       | 39. E       | 40. Q             |
| 41. bulls     | 42. around     | 43. for     | 44. by      | 45. murky         |
| 46. was       | 47. salvage    | 48. manual  | 49. in      | 50. survivors     |
| 51. people    | 52. related    | 53. became  | 54. unique  | 55. records       |
| 56. committed | 57. criminal   | 58. results | 59. by      | 60. finger prints |
| 61. safe      | 62. uneducated | 63. enable  | 64. protect | 65. eyes          |

66. I did not do well for the English test as it was terribly difficult.
67. Mrs Wong asked Tom if he could help her carry those books.
68. Joe told Mrs Lim that she would study harder for the English test the following week.
69. Instead of staying at home to prepare for the test, Alice went to the movies with her friends.
70. Mr Tan was both a good football player and an excellent basketball player.
71. It is a special hen diet.
72. The Health Promotion Board granted the permission as the eggs from Chan Ah Huat Agriculture Farm contains thirty percent less cholesterol than other ordinary eggs.
73. It refers to the permission from the Health Promotion Board to the Health Choice symbol.
74. It was to examine the foods that the hens ate.
75. He chose hens that were not choosy what they ate and had a good appetite.
76. They used a computer program.
77. He was always off by only a very few percentage points.
78. The two-word phrase is "soldiered on".
79. The competition in the egg selling business is stiff and he was afraid that the competitor may use his formula.
80. He means that fellow egg sellers will not be able to sell as many eggs as Mr Chan does.