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**MAHA BODHI SCHOOL
2004 SEMESTRAL EXAMINATION 1
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2**



BOOKLET B

Instructions to Pupils:

- 1. Do not open the booklet until you are told to do so.**
- 2. Read all instructions before attempting the questions.**
- 3. Answer all questions.**
- 4. Check your work thoroughly before handing it in.**

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Duration: 1 h 50 min

Score for Booklet A	/30
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SECTION D: 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 (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

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| (A) that | (D) of | (G) in | (K) the | (N) because |
| (B) into | (E) but | (H) although | (L) through | (P) at |
| (C) on | (F) be | (J) which | (M) around | (Q) from |

Many different types of shells can be found on the beach. They come (31) _____ all sorts of shapes, sizes and colours.

Some are like the clams we eat, their shells have two parts (32) _____ can pried open. There are also many different types of clams which come in various sizes. Some are so small (33) _____ you can put a few of them (34) _____ your fingertips. In fact, many people often overlook these shells (35) _____ they think that they are grains of sand. Others are large enough to put your foot (36) _____ one. Then there are the conical-shaped conch shells. If there is a hole on one end of the shell, you can actually blow (37) _____ it like a hunting horn and it will produce a hollow, mellow sound.

These are just two (38) _____ the more common types of shellfish. There are actually hundreds of different species of shellfish in the world (39) _____ because some of them look so different (40) _____ the common species, we do not recognise them as shellfish. In fact, the barnacles found growing on rocks and boat hulls are shellfish, too.

SECTION E: EDITING FOR SPELLING AND GRAMMAR

(10 x 1 mark)

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

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Henry Moore died in 1986. He was one of the greatest (41) **sculpters** in the world. His

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many works of art are (42) saw all over the world. There is even a piece of his work being

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(43) display in Singapore at the OCBC Centre. When he was young, people in his own

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country (44) **criticised** his works because they could not understand them. However,

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that did not deter him. He carried on with his (45) practise and finally won

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(46) recognised as one of the leading artists of this (47) **sentury** .

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Over the years, Moore enjoyed great (48) **sucsess** both at home and abroad. As he

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grew older, he was (49) weaken by ill health and had to be (50) **comfined** to a

wheelchair. Nevertheless , he went on to carve and was able to produce many pieces

of marvellous arts.

SECTION F: COMPREHENSION CLOZE

(15 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully and then fill in each blank numbered 51 to 65 with a suitable word of your own.

One of the gentlest of all animals is the hare. When you consider (51) _____ mild , timid and defenceless this creature is, you might (52) _____ how it can (53) _____ in a world full of danger. You must have also noticed its strong, hind legs. Those legs give it (54) _____ of speed and endurance. Besides that, hares and rabbits (55) _____ very rapidly as they are able to have offspring within a short span of time.

Hares and rabbits are rodents, which means they have long, sharp (56) _____ which they use for biting food. Their hind legs are longer than their (57) _____ legs so that they actually run faster (58) _____ than downhill. When they are being (59) _____ , they resort to some clever (60) _____ to escape.

Hares and rabbits are purely herbivores. There are many (61) _____ between the hares and the rabbits. Hares are larger and their feet and ears are longer.

Hares do not (62) _____ burrows or live in groups, as rabbits do. Hares are born open-eyed and (63) _____ while rabbits are eyes closed and hairless.

A rabbit may mate when it is six months old. Its young are (64) _____ within a month. There may be six to eight in a litter and a (65) _____ rabbit may bear four to eight litters in a year. Hence, if the rabbit has no natural enemies, it can become quite a nuisance!

SECTION G: SYNTHESIS / TRANSFORMATION

(5 x 2 marks)

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. As he came late, he missed the opening of the concert.

because _____

67. Eva likes fried noodles. I also like fried noodles.

Both _____

68. I cannot speak Thai fluently. I have been living in Thailand for seven years.

Although _____

69. The monitor said, "Rachel, you cannot enter the classroom now."

The monitor told _____

70. I have to dry the clothes. The clothes are wet.

which _____

SECTION H: COMPREHENSION

(10 x 2 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

When I walked into the waiting room, he was lovingly patting his cat through the open door of the carrier on his lap. With a school boy's faith in authority, he had brought his sick cat in for me to mend.

The cat was a tiny thing, exquisitely formed, with a delicate skull and beautiful markings. She was about the boy's own age, give or take a year. I could see how her spots and stripes and her fierce, bright face had evoked the image of a tiger in a child's mind and Tigress she had become. Age had dimmed the bright green fire of her eyes into faded lace, but she was still elegant and self-possessed. She greeted me with a friendly rub against my hand. I began to ask questions to determine why the boy had brought her to see me. Unlike most adults, the boy answered simply and directly. Tigress had had a normal appetite until recently, when she began to vomit a couple of times a day. She was not eating at all and had withdrawn from her human family. She had also lost half a kilogram, which is a lot when you weigh only three.

Stroking Tigress, I told her how beautiful she was while I examined her eyes and mouth, listened to her heart and lungs, and felt her stomach. My fingers found it – a lump in her mid-abdomen. Tigress tried to slip away. She did not like the lump being handled.

I looked at the fresh boy and back at the cat he had probably had all his life. I was going to have to tell him that his beloved companion had a growth. Even if it were surgically removed, she probably would survive less than a year, and might need weekly chemotherapy treatment to last that long. It would all be very difficult and expensive. So I was going to tell this boy that his cat was likely to die soon. And there he was, all alone.

He knew something was wrong. I could not just ignore him. So I talked to him as Tigress's rightful owner and I told him as gently as I could what I had found, and what it meant. As I spoke, the boy jerked convulsively away from me, probably so that I could not see his face, but I had seen it begin to twist as he turned. I could imagine tears streaking down his face even though I did not hear any sobbing. I sat down and turned to Tigress, to give the boy some privacy and stroked her old face while I discussed the alternatives with him : I could do a thorough check on the growth; let her fade away at home; or give her an injection and put her to sleep. He listened carefully and nodded gravely. He said he ~~did~~ not think that she was very comfortable anymore, and he did not want her to suffer. He was trying very hard. The pair broke my heart.

I asked if he wanted to take her home overnight to say good-bye. But he shook his head. He just wanted to be with her for a few minutes. I left them and went to sign out for the drug I would use to ease her into a painless sleep.

For each question from 71 to 80, write your answer in the space provided.

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE BASED ON THE PASSAGE AND IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Why was the cat named "Tigress"?

72. What was the writer's occupation?

73. Why did the boy take Tigress to see the writer?

74. What was Tigress suffering from?

75. How long more would Tigress be able to live if treated?

76. Why did the writer decide to tell the boy about the bad news?

77. Explain clearly why 'the boy jerked **convulsively** away' from the writer when he was told of the bad news.

78. Who were the writer referring to when he mentioned "The pair" ?

79. Why did the boy not want to take the cat home overnight?

80. What does the painful decision made by the boy tell us about his character and feelings towards his cat?



Please remember to check your work thoroughly.



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| 1) 1 | 28) 4 | 29) 1 | 30) 3 | 66) He missed the opening of the concert because he came late. |
| 2) 4 | 31) G | 57) fore | | 67) Both Eva and I like fried noodles. |
| 3) 1 | 32) J | 58) uphill | | 68) Although I have been living in Thailand for seven years, I cannot speak Thai frequently. |
| 4) 4 | 33) A | 59) chased | | 69) The monitor told Rachel that she could not enter the classroom then |
| 5) 2 | 34) C | 60) tricks | | 70) I have to dry the clothes which are wet. |
| 6) 4 | 35) N | 61) differences | | 71) Her spots and stripes and her fierce bright face made her look like a tiger. |
| 7) 2 | 36) B | 62) dig | | |
| 8) 3 | 37) L | 63) hairy | | |
| 9) 3 | 38) D | 64) born | | |
| 10) 4 | 39) E | 65) female | | |
| 11) 3 | 40) Q | | | |
| 12) 4 | 41) sculptors | 72) The writer was a veterinarian. | | |
| 13) 1 | 42) seen | 73) She had vomitted and was not eating at all. | | |
| 14) 4 | 43) displayed | 74) She had a growth. | | |
| 15) 2 | 44) criticised | 75) She would live for less than a year/ | | |
| 16) 1 | 45) practice | 76) The writer felt that the boy knew something wrong about Tigress. | | |
| 17) 4 | 46) recognition | 77) He was shocked and did not want the writer see him crying. | | |
| 18) 2 | 47) century | 78) He was referring to the cat and the boy. | | |
| 19) 2 | 48) success | 79) He did not think the cat was comfortable and did not want her to suffer anymore. | | |
| 20) 3 | 49) weakened | 80) He was brave and loved his cat very much. | | |
| 21) 1 | 50) confined | | | |
| 22) 2 | 51) how | | | |
| 23) 4 | 52) wonder | | | |
| 24) 2 | 53) survive | | | |
| 25) 4 | 54) lots | | | |
| 26) 4 | 55) reproduce | | | |
| 27) 3 | 56) teeth | | | |