



NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL
MID-YEAR EXAMINATION – 2007
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
Primary 5

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

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary 5 _____

Date: 7 May 2007

Booklet A	30
Booklet B	65
Total	95

Parent's Signature

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Section A – Graphic-Stimulus Comprehension (5 x 1 mark)
 Study the following advertisement and answer questions 1 to 5.

JOJO CROCODILE PARADISE

CROCODILES!

See them LIVE...
 Like you've never seen them before!

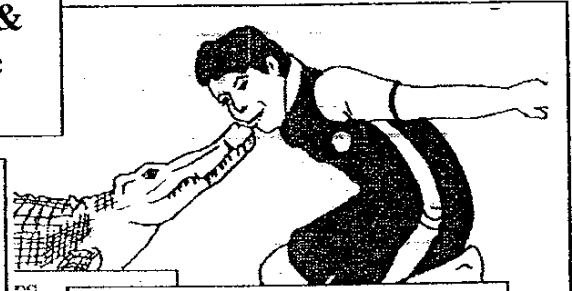
Daily Events

Time	Events	Location
12:00 pm	Crocodile Feeding	Enclosure
1.30 pm	Crocodile Show	Amphitheatre
3.00 pm	Video Screening	Auditorium
4.00 pm	Crocodile Show	Amphitheatre
5.00 pm	Crocodile Feeding	Enclosure
On-going	Take a picture with Croc	Plaza

Have you ever come so close to
 a
CROCODILE?
 Here's your chance!



a **FUN-FILLED, EXCITING & ENTERTAINING** experience
 awaits YOU!

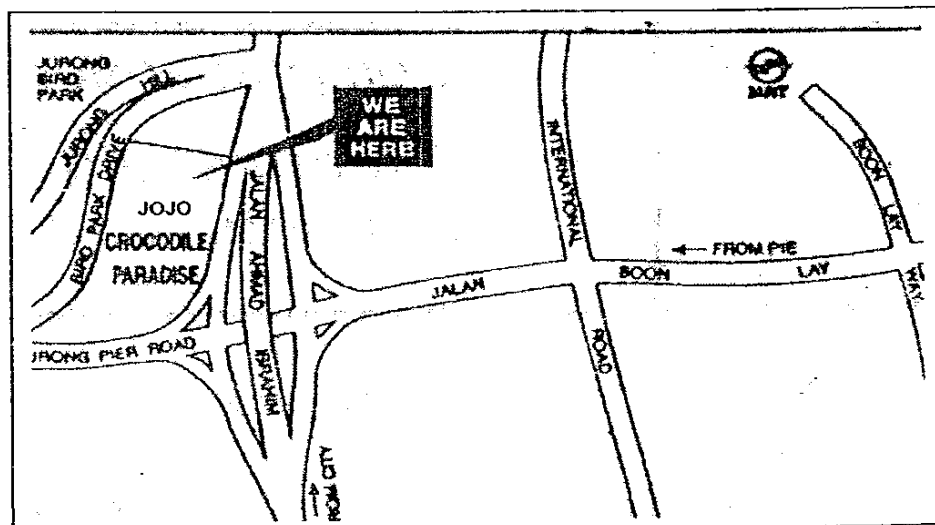


Operating Hours: 11 am – 6 pm

Admission: Adult \$6
 Child (3-12 years) \$3 (concessionary rate)
 Senior Citizen \$4

*Door Gifts for visitors who go as a family.

We proudly present you the
CROCODILE SHOW!



For each question, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

1. The words "CROCODILE PARADISE" are used in the advertisement to _____

- ① confirm that the activities are exciting
- ② show that the crocodiles are well-fed there
- ③ emphasise that the staff enjoy working there
- ④ convince visitors that the attraction is a pleasant place

2. The picture on the right illustrates that _____

- ① crocodiles are tame by nature
- ② a crocodile is man's best friend
- ③ visitors will enjoy the crocodile shows
- ④ the trainer has put in a lot of hard work



3. The word "WE" in the label "WE ARE HERE" in the map refers to _____

- ① the visitors to the attraction
- ② the entrance of the attraction
- ③ those working in the attraction
- ④ where the attraction is located

4. Paul can watch the crocodiles being feed at the _____

- ① plaza
- ② arena
- ③ amphitheatre
- ④ crocodile enclosure

5. The advertisement encourages readers to go during the school holidays by offering _____

- ① door gifts
- ② a variety of activities
- ③ concessionary tickets
- ④ an exclusive experience

Section B – Grammar Discrete (7 x 1 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 corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

6. Mrs Wong and her children _____ reading. They read every night.

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|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> 1) enjoy | <input type="radio"/> 2) enjoys |
| <input type="radio"/> 3) has enjoyed | <input type="radio"/> 4) have enjoyed |

7. Nobody saw Peter _____ out of the classroom.

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> 1) go | <input type="radio"/> 2) goes |
| <input type="radio"/> 3) went | <input type="radio"/> 4) gone |

8. One of the kitchen helpers I asked _____ how to operate the oven.

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|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> 1) know | <input type="radio"/> 2) knows |
| <input type="radio"/> 3) has known | <input type="radio"/> 4) had known |

9. That is the (lady) _____ (son) is a famous doctor.

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> 1) who | <input type="radio"/> 2) whom |
| <input type="radio"/> 3) whose | <input type="radio"/> 4) which |

10. The post office _____ when we reached there.

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|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> 1) closes | <input type="radio"/> 2) closed |
| <input type="radio"/> 3) has close | <input type="radio"/> 4) had closed |

11. There is hardly _____ food left in the refrigerator.

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> 1) any | <input type="radio"/> 2) some |
| <input type="radio"/> 3) a little | <input type="radio"/> 4) none |

12. "Food _____ scarce during World War II," my grandfather told us.

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|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> 1) is | <input type="radio"/> 2) are |
| <input type="radio"/> 3) was | <input type="radio"/> 4) were |

Section C – Punctuation Discrete (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 Optical Answer Sheet.

I was very tired. My mind was in a blank. A policeman came by and asked if I was all right.

“Get another rickshaw . (13) I’m telling you he can’t pull you any more,” he said. Without thinking, I took out a handful of coins from my coat pocket and handed them to the policeman.

“Please give him these,” I said . (14) “He needs them more than I do.”. The wind had dropped completely, but the road was still quiet. I walked on, thinking quietly to myself.

Setting aside what had happened earlier, what had I meant by that handful of coins . (15) Was it a reward? Who was I to judge the rickshaw man? I could not answer myself.

-adapted from a story by Lu Xun-

13. ① [:] colon
 ② [,] comma
 ③ [.] full stop
 ④ [?] question mark
14. ① [,] comma
 ② [.] full stop
 ③ [?] question mark
 ④ [!] exclamation mark
15. ① [,] comma
 ② [.] full stop
 ③ [?] question mark
 ④ [!] exclamation mark

Section D – Vocabulary Discrete (5 x 1 mark)

For each question from 16 to 20, one of the four options is the correct answer. Make your choice and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

16. The pearl necklace on the dressing table had disappeared without a _____.

- ① trail
- ② sign
- ③ mark
- ④ trace

17. Mrs Kumar is an eloquent speaker. She is able to _____ herself well.

- ① utter
- ② convey
- ③ express
- ④ communicate

18. The desert is actually full of life as many plants and animals can _____ to the harsh conditions of the desert.

- ① suit
- ② adapt
- ③ nurture
- ④ develop

19. We were told not to _____ over the flight delay as the mechanics were already looking into the problem.

- ① fret
- ② fight
- ③ forgo
- ④ forfeit

20. The _____ girl was reprimanded by the principal for being insolent.

- ① lazy
- ② rude
- ③ naughty
- ④ disobedient

Section E – Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

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

In the summer of 1881, Robert Louis Stevenson was living in a Scottish village with his family. During that memorable summer, Stevenson did not get to enjoy much sunshine. It rained (21)on and off. Most of the time, the sky was (22)gloomy. Stevenson, who was (23)suffering from an illness, had to stay at home; so did the rest of his family members although they were not sick. Stevenson's young stepson, Lloyd Osbourne, felt down in the dumps as he was being (24)cooped up in the house. He could not enjoy any outdoor activity, so he spent his time painting and drawing. Stevenson also dipped his brushes into pots of paint (25)once in a while.

21. 1) barely
 2) irregularly
 3) occasionally
 4) intermittently

22. 1) dull
 2) dark
 3) damp
 4) downcast

23. 1) frail
 2) sick
 3) weak
 4) feeble

24. 1) confined
 2) controlled
 3) contained
 4) conserved

25. 1) rarely
 2) merely
 3) incidentally
 4) occasionally

Section F – Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

Read the given passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Mrs Ang frowned when the train arrived. It was crowded. She could not possibly jostle with the other commuters. She made her way towards the back of the cabin, shielding her right arm which was in a sling with her left hand.

Mrs Ang was involved in a hit-and-run accident on her way to work a week ago. She was crossing the road when a car suddenly appeared round a sharp bend and hit her. She was thrown onto the road divider. Instead of stopping to help, the driver drove off quickly. Luckily for her, witnesses helped by calling for an ambulance. She was fortunate to have suffered only a broken arm and cuts on her face and limbs. 5

The train started to move and Mrs Ang nearly lost her balance. She quickly grabbed an overhead strap with her left hand and managed to steady herself. A little girl stood up and offered her seat to Mrs Ang immediately. The little girl gave a smile at the same time. 10

Mrs Ang was touched by her thoughtfulness but was hesitant in accepting the seat. The little girl hardly reached Mrs Ang's waist. Mrs Ang looked around, hoping that someone else would offer her a seat instead. A man sitting beside the cabin door had his nose in a book while the passenger beside him pretended to be asleep. 15

She turned down the little girl's offer with a sigh. Just then, she felt a tap on her shoulder. It was a young man sitting behind her. He quietly offered his seat to her with a nod and a smile. 20

Mrs Ang thanked him gratefully and took the seat.

For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the correct answer and shade the corresponding oval on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

26. Why did Mrs Ang frown when she saw the train?

- 1) She was in pain.
- 2) The train was crowded.
- 3) No one offered her a seat.
- 4) She did not know where to go.

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27. Mrs Ang tried to protect her broken arm in the crowded train by _____

- ① putting on a sling
- ② using her left hand to cover it
- ③ moving towards the back of the cabin
- ④ using her left hand to grab the overhead strap

28. The word "him" in line 17 refers to the _____

- ① man sitting beside the cabin door
- ② man who offered his seat to Mrs Ang
- ③ passenger who pretended to be asleep
- ④ the driver involved in the hit-and-run accident

29. Mrs Ang was touched because the little girl _____

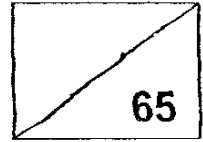
- ① was cheerful
- ② was very young
- ③ realised that Mrs Ang was in pain
- ④ realised that Mrs Ang needed a seat

mrs

30. Mrs Ang did not accept the seat because she _____

- ① was able to balance herself after all
- ② knew the young man would offer his seat
- ③ thought the little girl needed the seat as well
- ④ could keep her balance by using the overhead strap

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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 in the box, choose the most suitable answer for each blank and write its letter (A to Q) in it. "I" and "O" have been omitted to avoid confusion in marking.

Use each word only **ONCE**.

A) a	D) one	G) another	K) also	N) the
B) more	E) least	H) in	L) almost	P) as
C) some	F) our	J) an	M) most	Q) is

It is important to stay healthy. No (31) _____ wants to be ill. In order to be healthy, we must keep our bodies (32) _____ good condition. We must have plenty of fresh air, water, nutritious food and rest.

Rest is important (33) _____ it helps us to get over (34) _____ tiredness. The best kind of rest (35) _____ sleep. Besides rest, our bodies need to exercise. Exercise allows (36) _____ blood to circulate in our body. It also makes our muscles stronger and gives us (37) _____ energy.

(38) _____ important way of maintaining our health is by keeping ourselves clean. We must take our bath and brush our teeth at (39) _____ twice a day. It is (40) _____ necessary to visit a doctor or dentist regularly to ensure that we are healthy.

Section H – 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.

In many countries, most children start formal schooling when they are about seven years old. Prior to that, they attend pre-school and nursery classés. **Kinergarden**

41)

42)

programmes may be provided by the **govemen** or private institutions. They are designed to

43)

help children become independent, to be able to solving simple problems, and to get along

44)

well with their **piers**.

45)

46)

Friedrich Froebel was a German teacher who spent many years teach in

Switzerland. Subsequently, he developed his own method of teaching young children. He

47)

48)

49)

put it into **practiz** when he opened a school at Germany in 1837. He call the school a

50)

"children's garden". The children in such schools played games, listened to storées and sing

songs.

Section I – Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

David went down the winding passage which smelt strange. He hoped that his torch would not suddenly run (51) _____, as it would be horrible to wander about in the dark inside the tunnel all by (52) _____.

The tunnel was narrow, twisting downwards. It allowed (53) _____ one person to pass through. Its (54) _____ was sometimes so low that David had to (55) _____ double so as not to knock against it. Sometimes, the roof was so high that David's torch showed him (56) _____ but darkness. It was all very queer.

"I'd be enjoying this more (57) _____ the others were here!" thought David, trying to (58) _____ up a brave front. Oh, how I wish I had someone to talk to!"

Unfortunately, David was all (59) _____. In the depths of his (60) _____, he hoped that the tunnel would come to an end soon.

However, the tunnel went on and on, always leading downwards. Then (61) _____ made David stop in his tracks. Coming up from the tunnel was a familiar (62) _____. David sniffed. "Tobacco smoke!" he thought. "Somebody must be near then. Somebody (63) _____, smoking. I'd better be careful."

He trod as quietly as he could, shading the light of his torch (64) _____ his hand. Suddenly he switched it off. He could see a light in the (65) _____. The tunnel must come out into a cave, which meant people must be near.

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

For questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the given one(s).

66. Jamie wants to keep fit. She exercises regularly.

_____ in order to

67. This rope is strong. That rope is also strong.

Both _____

68. You can complete the task only if you are determined to do so.

Unless _____

69. Mandy asked Don, "Must we hand in our project next Friday?"

Mandy asked Don _____

~~70~~ It was ten o'clock when I first reach the shop. I was here since then.

_____ since

Section K – Comprehension (10 x 2 marks)

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

Everyone at the dining table was tense. No one spoke. Dawan noticed with silent gratitude that her mother had added some fishballs in the vegetable soup, probably in the hope that this treat would soften her husband's mood.

However, when Dawan's mother tried to bring up the subject of her daughter's schooling, she was immediately silenced by him. "What is all this talk of Dawan going away to study?" he snapped. "It's too early to even consider it. Let's wait for a few days."

"But if I'm really going, I should leave within the week," Dawan protested.

Her father looked at her. "I said, let *it* wait!" he growled. It was not until the end of the meal that Dawan mustered up enough courage to ask her father why he was against letting her accept the scholarship. He shoved a last spoonful of rice into his mouth, glared at Dawan. He was not used to being challenged for his actions. "Haven't you had enough schooling already? What do you want to keep studying for anyway?" he raised his voice.

Dawan *bit her tongue* and silently gathered the remaining dishes. As she walked away to the corner of the room that was the kitchen, she couldn't help but notice the soft smile on Kwai's face, knowing that as second in place, he was next in line for the scholarship. She tried to catch his eyes, but he was nervously drumming his fingers on the floor boards, and did not look at her.

"If I had won the scholarship, would you have let me go away to school, Father?" he asked abruptly. Dawan shot her brother a pleading look, dreading what he might say next. Kwai caught her look but lowered his head deliberately, to ignore her.

"If you'd won, of course it'd be different," the father answered. "You're a boy, and more schooling would have been useful for you." He paused, then added wistfully, "And useful for me too. Why, you could come back and help me to" Then he shook his head, as if to clear old dreams away. "What's the point of thinking about that now?" he sighed.

Feeling extremely restless, Dawan wandered down to the river. For the first time that day, Dawan had a chance to ponder alone about the question of studying in the City. She began to wonder if it was right for her to fight for her rights and stand in Kwai's way. Perhaps her father was right after all. With more schooling, Kwai could find good jobs, and earn some money to help the family. Maybe some day he might even become strong and important, and have the power to change the injustices in the village and in the country.

-adapted from "Sing to the Dawn"-

For each question from 71 to 80, write your answer in the space provided. All answers must be in complete sentences.

71. How did Dawan's mother try to make ~~the~~ Dawan's father feel better?

72. Was the mood cheerful at dinner time? Which word in ~~the~~ passage tells you so?

73. Which ~~three~~^{four}-word phrase suggests that Dawan was afraid to talk to her father?

74. How did Dawan's father react when he thought she had challenged him?

75. Explain clearly what it meant when the writer said that Dawan "bit her tongue" (line 15).

76. "..... notice a soft smile on Kwai's face" (line 17). Why was Kwai smiling?

77. Why did Kwai lower his head when Dawan looked at him pleadingly?

78. "...he sighed" (line 27) Why do you think Dawan's father sighed?

79. Where would Dawan be going to further her studies if she could do so?

80. Which sentence in the passage suggests that Dawan was not a selfish child?

End-of-Paper

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Answer Keys

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
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Q11	12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
1	3	3	2	3	4	3	2	1	2
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
4	4	2	1	4	2	2	1	4	3
Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
D	H	P	F	Q	N	B	G	E	K

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|------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| 41. or | 46. teaching | 51. out | 56. nothing | 61. something |
| 42. kindergarten | 47. practice | 52. himself | 57. if | 62. smell |
| 43. government | 48. in | 53. only | 58. put | 63. is |
| 44. solve | 49. called | 54. roof | 59. alone | 64. with |
| 45. peers | 50. sang | 55. bend | 60. heart | 65. distance |

66. Jamie exercises regularly in order to keep fit.
67. Both the ropes are strong.
68. Unless you are determined, you cannot complete the task.
69. Mandy asked Don if they had to hand in their project the following Friday.
70. I have been at the shop since it was ten o'clock.
71. Dawan's mother tried to make Dawan's father feel better by adding some fish balls in the vegetable soup as a treat.
72. No. It was not. The word is "tense".
73. The four-word phrase is "mustered up enough courage".
74. He glared at Dawn and raised his voice at her.
75. It meant that Dawn wanted to say something, but stopped herself from saying it.
76. Kwai was second in place which meant that he was next in line for the scholarship, if Dawan was not going to the City to study in school.
77. Kwai lowered his head as he wanted to ignore his sister, so that he would not feel nervous.
78. Dawan's father sighted because Kwai did not get the scholarship to study in the school in the City and Dawan got the scholarship to the City.
79. Dawan would be going to the City.
80. The sentence is "She began to wonder if it was right for him to fight for her rights and stand in Kwai's way".