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**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL  
2005 FIRST SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT  
PRIMARY 5EM1/EM2**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**PAPER 2: BOOKLET A**

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1hour 50mins

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Pr 5 ( )

**There are a total of 80 questions – 30 MCQ and 50 open-ended questions.**

**Instructions to pupils:**

- 1. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.**
- 2. Follow all instructions carefully.**
- 3. Answer all questions.**
- 4. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.**

## Section A: Graphic Stimulus (5x1 m = 5m)

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

### Kidz Club

12 Bukit Palau, Singapore 123321

Tel : 6445 1350

[www.kidzclub.com.sg](http://www.kidzclub.com.sg)

Kidz Club is organising an Educational Tour this December holidays for all children between the ages of 7 and 13 years.

Date	:	20 December 2005
Time	:	8.30am to 5.30pm
Capacity	:	25 participants (First-come-first-served basis)
Fees	:	Members \$8, Non-members \$12 (Meals are not provided)
Closing Date	:	18 September 2005
Meeting Venue	:	Car park beside Braddell MRT Station

### Highlights of tour.....

#### Maryland Aquarium

Enjoy a visual feast here as fishes have vibrant colours! Visitors will also get to see ponds teeming with Japanese carp, goldfish, garupa, koi, etc. A 15-minute video on fish rearing will also be shown.



#### Aero-Green Technology Farm

Visitors get to sample lettuce juice and savour Jelly Green, a dessert made from agar-agar, pandan leaves and butterhead lettuce. Also, learn about aeroponics farming.



#### Singapore Navy Museum

Guided tour traces the development of Singapore's naval history from the Straits Settlements of the 17th Century to the present day. Get to view exhibits such as antique maritime equipment, historic photographs and models of high technology missile warships.



#### Please note:

- Programmes may be subjected to change though the organiser has made all efforts to ensure that the tours are run according to plan.
- Precautions have been taken to ensure the safety of participants. However, the organiser will not be liable for any injuries sustained during the course of any activities.
- Fees are non-refundable except when the tour is cancelled by the organiser.

**For further enquires, please log on to our website!**

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 Educational Tour is open to children \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) of all ages
  - (2) from 6 years old
  - (3) who are members only
  - (4) aged between 6 and 13 years old
  
2. Participants of the tour should bring along \_\_\_\_\_ for the day's outing.
  - (1) the fees
  - (2) their own food
  - (3) their EZ-Link card
  - (4) a copy of the advertisement
  
3. The Educational Tour can accommodate \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) more than 15 children
  - (2) any number of children
  - (3) a minimum of 15 children.
  - (4) a maximum of 15 children
  
4. Which one of the following statements is correct?
  - (1) At the Singapore Navy Museum, children can view old and new maritime exhibits.
  - (2) At Maryland Aquarium, children get to feast on fishes and learn about fish rearing.
  - (3) To learn about aeroponics farming, one should not miss the visit to the Maryland Aquarium.
  - (4) Aero-Green Technology Farm provides visitors with an unlimited serving of lettuicinno juice and Jelly Green dessert.
  
5. If you have further enquires about the Educational Tour, you should \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) go to Kidz Club
  - (2) visit [www.kidzclub.com.sg](http://www.kidzclub.com.sg)
  - (3) send an email to Kidz Club
  - (4) find out more on the actual day

**Section B: Grammar Discrete (7 x 1m = 7m)**

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. Each of the children \_\_\_\_\_ a stuffed toy at the party. No one left the party empty-handed.
- (1) is given (2) was given  
(3) are given (4) were given
7. Mrs. Yum \_\_\_\_\_ for you when your mother goes to London.
- (1) cooks (2) has cooked  
(3) will cook (4) has been cooking
8. The chairs in our classroom \_\_\_\_\_ stolen. Now we have to sit on the floor.
- (1) are (2) are being  
(3) will be (4) have been
9. Linglong is angry \_\_\_\_\_ her friends for calling her fat.
- (1) at (2) about  
(3) with (4) against
10. Mr. Goon was showering \_\_\_\_\_ the lights went out.
- (1) as (2) when  
(3) after (4) while
11. That is the boy \_\_\_\_\_ told me that he had lost his wallet.
- (1) who (2) whom  
(3) whose (4) which
12. One of Mr. Klaver's children \_\_\_\_\_ awarded a scholarship last month.
- (1) is (2) are  
(3) was (4) were

**Section C: Punctuation (3 x 1m = 3m)**

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.

Dad stopped the car and looked around. He said (13) I think we will camp right here."

As he spoke, there was a long roll of thunder as though someone had run a stick around a huge bell (14) Bobby shivered.

"You're scared!" his sister teased.

"Do you think it's haunted (15) Bobby's voice quivered.

(adapted from *Enjoying Stories Book 1*)

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

**Section D: Vocabulary (5 x 1m = 5m)**

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. My uncle wants a second \_\_\_\_\_ as to whether he needs to undergo the operation.

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| (1) option  | (2) advice  |
| (3) opinion | (4) thought |

17. Mark was \_\_\_\_\_ from house practice, because he was not feeling well.

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| (1) barred  | (2) excluded |
| (3) stopped | (4) exempted |

18. "I didn't provoke him at all!" the girl \_\_\_\_\_ in anger.

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| (1) grieved  | (2) bellowed |
| (3) bemoaned | (4) lamented |

19. We are going to organise a/ an \_\_\_\_\_ to explore Moomba Rainforest next January.

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| (1) tour      | (2) voyage     |
| (3) excursion | (4) expedition |

20. We had to redo our Science experiment because the chemicals used were \_\_\_\_\_.

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| (1) infected | (2) polluted     |
| (3) poisoned | (4) contaminated |

**Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1m = 5m)**

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.

International rescuers yesterday (21) abandoned their search for survivors in the rubble of the Indonesian city that bore the brunt of a powerful earthquake four days ago.

Instead, they turned their (22) attention to remote villages where emergency relief had not yet penetrated.

"There are no more survivors here," said Mr Olaf Lingjerde, a United Nations search and rescue official whose teams have been combing the (23) wreckage of collapsed homes and shops in Gunung Sitoli on Nias Island.

"We found one person alive yesterday morning, that was the last person. It's been 24 hours since then and there has been nothing."

Local officials said there were now 424 people confirmed dead on Nias Island and 31 dead in Aceh province, which includes Simeulue Island and parts of Sumatra.

The (24) latest estimates from the UN put the death (25) toll for Monday's earthquake at 1,300.

UN spokesman Imogen Wall said reports from Simeulue Island were that entire villages had been flattened in some parts. The island was also hit hard by the Dec 26 tsunami.

(Excerpt taken from *The Straits Times*, Saturday April 2, 2005)

21. (1) left  
(2) gave up  
(3) abolished  
(4) discarded
22. (1) focus  
(2) notice  
(3) interest  
(4) observation
23. (1) parts  
(2) ruins  
(3) pieces  
(4) remains
24. (1) most recent  
(2) most obvious  
(3) most advanced  
(4) most noticeable
25. (1) sum  
(2) rate  
(3) level  
(4) amount



**Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1m = 5m)**

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

One morning, I was shaving myself in the bathroom of our Dares Salaam house, and as I lathered my face, I was absent-mindedly gazing out of the window into the garden. I was watching Salimu, our shamba-boy, as he slowly and methodically raked the gravel on the front driveway. Then I saw the snake. It was six feet long and thick as my arm and quite black. It was a mamba all right and there was no doubt it had seen Salimu and was gliding fast over the gravel straight towards him.

I flung myself towards the open window and yelled, "Salimu! Salimu! Beware huge snake! Behind you!"

Salimu swung round and faced the snake, which by now, was only fifteen paces away. He knew it was useless to run. It would reach him in another five seconds. I saw Salimu crouch very low with one leg behind the other like a runner about to start a hundred-yard sprint. He held the long rake out in front of him and for those four or five seconds, he remained absolutely motionless.

Salimu waited until the very last moment when the mamba was not more than five feet away and then wham! He brought the metal prongs of the rake down hard, right on to the middle of the mamba's back and he held the rake there with all his weight, leaning forward now and jumping up and down to put more weight on the fork in an effort to pin the snake to the ground.

I rushed out with a golf club and shouted in Swahili, "What shall I do?"

"It is all right now, bwana!" he shouted back. "I have broken its back and it cannot travel forward anymore! Stand well away and leave it to me!"

(extracted from *Going Solo* by Roald Dahl)

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.

26. What was the writer doing in the bathroom that morning?  
He was \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) shaving himself
  - (2) watching the snake
  - (3) admiring his garden
  - (4) keeping an eye on Salimu
27. What was Salimu doing in the garden?  
He was \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) gardening
  - (2) raking the leaves
  - (3) sweeping the front driveway
  - (4) leveling the small stones on the driveway
28. Why did Salimu **not** see the snake?
- (1) He was too busy working.
  - (2) His back was facing the snake.
  - (3) The snake was gliding very fast.
  - (4) The snake was too far away from him.
29. Why did Salimu crouch low when he saw the snake?  
He \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) was frozen with fear
  - (2) was getting ready to run
  - (3) did not want the snake to detect him
  - (4) was getting ready to pin down the snake
30. Which one of the following statements is **true** about the writer?  
He \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) was absent-minded
  - (2) did not trust his shamba-boy
  - (3) had no experience in handling snakes
  - (4) had never seen a mamba before this incident

END OF BOOKLET A



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**PAPER 2: BOOKLET B**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Pr 5 ( )

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**Section G: Grammar Cloze (10 X 1m = 10m)**

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the Answer Booklet provided. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking. Write your answers in the Answer Booklet.

**Use each WORD once ONLY**

A) ever	D) as	G) never	K) his	N) a
B) in	E) of	H) them	L) the	P) like
C) into	F) with	J) off	M) us	Q) and

I could feel my sister grabbing my arm. Suddenly, the lightning went (31) \_\_\_\_\_ like a photoflash and both of (32) \_\_\_\_\_ saw someone standing (33) \_\_\_\_\_ the doorway. It was the figure (34) \_\_\_\_\_ an old, old man, (35) \_\_\_\_\_ queerest old man I (36) \_\_\_\_\_ saw. He had a beard (37) \_\_\_\_\_ a tattered hat that kept the rest of (38) \_\_\_\_\_ face in shadow. I was petrified. My sister was shaking (39) \_\_\_\_\_ a leaf. Then the old man faded back (40) \_\_\_\_\_ the shadows. My sister was sobbing out loud by then.

**Section H: Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1m = 10m)**

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write your answers in the Answer Booklet.

"Apples, big and juicy - three for two dollars only!" cried a woman just outside the market at Bishan. She was (41) **plarmp** but very quick with her hands. Whenever she (42) makes a sale, she would swiftly stuff the money into the big pouch she had around her (43) **waiest**. Many housewives would stop by and buy fruits from her.

When there were fewer people around, a young man would approach her and (44) collected the money she had made. He would also help her when she had too many (45) **castemors**. Most of the time, he stood at a place (46) that he could see vehicles coming in. He was always on the lookout for something.

One day, while he was on his lookout, he suddenly gave a warning shout. The woman (47) grabs the apples and the table and ran to hide in a nearby van. The police had arrived. They went round to check on the (48) **lisenses** of the other hawkers nearby. When they had gone, the young man and woman (49) had reappeared. They set up the table, put out the apples and carried on with their (50) **bisness** as usual.

**Section I: Synthesis/Transformation (5 x 2m = 10m)**

For each of the questions 51 to 55, 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). **Write your answers in the Answer Booklet.**

51. "I'll be going to Australia tomorrow," Donald told his aunt.

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52. Carnivores feed on meat. Herbivores do not feed on meat.

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53. I bought a dress yesterday. It was designed in Italy.

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54. Tom had an extra pencil. He did not lend it to James.

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55. Maria and her brother do not like to drink milk.

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**Section J: Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1m = 15m)**

In the following passage, there are 15 blanks numbered 56 to 70. Fill in each blank with a suitable word. Write your answers in the Answer Booklet.

There has been some concern in Malaysia about the giant turtles which come to nest on the beach in Trengganu. Great efforts have been made to protect the \_\_\_(56)\_\_\_ turtles when they come out of the sea to \_\_\_(57)\_\_\_ their eggs in the sand.

These heavy turtles, \_\_\_(58)\_\_\_ almost seven hundred kilograms, drag themselves up the beach at night once a year during the egg-laying \_\_\_(59)\_\_\_. With their flippers, they \_\_\_(60)\_\_\_ deep holes in the sand and each can lay up to one hundred and fifty eggs.

Normally, about six hundred or so turtles would survive, but the number is \_\_\_(61)\_\_\_ all the time. Less than six hundred turtles showed up this year.

The problem stems from the fact that people want to make money from them. They \_\_\_(62)\_\_\_ tourists who wish to view the egg-laying exorbitant fees. When the tourists are angry, the \_\_\_(63)\_\_\_ they make scare the turtles \_\_\_(64)\_\_\_ from the beach. Sometimes the turtles refuse to lay eggs when the torches are \_\_\_(65)\_\_\_ on them by tourists. The tourists even attempt to \_\_\_(66)\_\_\_ on their shells and ride these animals up the beach.

There are also accidents \_\_\_(67)\_\_\_ by the thoughtlessness of certain people. Turtles, which usually \_\_\_(68)\_\_\_ on jellyfish, sometimes eat plastic bags thrown in the \_\_\_(69)\_\_\_ and are often choked to \_\_\_(70)\_\_\_. Others get caught in the nets thrown by careless fishermen.

*(Adapted from SAP Cloze and Comprehension Passages)*

**Section K: Comprehension Open-ended (10 x 2m = 20m)**

Read the passage below carefully and answer questions 71 to 80.

There was one pet which Grandfather could not keep for very long. Grandmother was tolerant of some birds and animals, but she drew the line at reptiles. ~~Even a chameleon as sweet-tempered as Henry made her blood run cold.~~ Grandfather should have known that there was little chance of being allowed to keep a python.

He could never resist buying unusual pets, and while we still had ~~Toto~~, he paid a snake-charmer ~~in the bazaar~~ only four rupees for the young four-foot python that was on display. Grandfather slung the python over his shoulders and walked home with it.

The first to see them arrive was Toto, swinging from a branch of the jackfruit tree. One look at the python, and he fled into the house, gibbering with fright. The noise brought Grandmother on to the verandah, where she nearly fainted at the sight of the python curled round Grandfather's neck.

"It will strangle you to death," she cried. "Get rid of it at once!"

"Nonsense!" said Grandfather. "He's only a young fellow - he'll soon get used to us."

"He might, indeed," said Grandmother, "but I have no intention of getting used to him. ~~And you know your cousin Mabel is coming to stay with us tomorrow. She'll leave the minute she knows there's a snake in the house.~~"

"Well, perhaps we should show it to her as soon as she arrives," said Grandfather, ~~who did not look forward to the visits of relatives any more than I did.~~

"You'll do no such thing," said Grandmother. "Lock the thing in the bathroom, then go out and find the man you bought it from, and get him to come here and collect it."

And so, Grandfather took the python into the bathroom and placed it in the tub. After closing the door, he gave me a sad look.

He hurried off to the bazaar to look for the snake-charmer. When he returned, looking crest-fallen, we knew he had not found the snake-charmer.



"Well, then kindly take it and leave it in the jungle across the riverbed," said Grandmother.

Grandfather opened the bathroom door and I peeped round his legs. We could not see the python anywhere. Then Grandfather went to the window. "We left it open," he said. "It must have gone this way."

Aunt Mabel arrived the next day for a three-week visit, and for a couple of days, we were a little worried in case the python made a sudden appearance; but on the third day, when it did not show up, we felt sure that it had gone for good.

And then, towards evening, we were startled by a scream from the garden. Aunt Mabel came flying up the verandah steps, looking as if she had seen a ghost.

"In the guava tree," she gasped. "A snake! A great python. It must have been twenty feet long! In the guava tree ...."

(extracted from *Grandfather's Private Zoo* by Ruskin Bond)

For each question from 71 to 80, write your answers in the Answer Booklet.  
**ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.**

71. Why was there little chance of Grandfather being allowed to keep a python as a pet?
72. How can we tell that Grandfather could not resist buying unusual pets?
73. What animal was Toto likely to be?
74. Besides Grandmother's objection, what **other** reason was there for Grandfather to get rid of the python?
75. What did the writer and his grandfather have in common?

76. Which sentence in the passage tells us that Grandfather was reluctant to give up the python?
77. Why did Grandfather go back to the bazaar?
78. How did the python escape from the bathroom?
79. Why did the writer and his grandfather feel sure that the python was really gone?
80. How do we know that Aunt Mabel exaggerated the python's size?

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END OF BOOKLET B

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*Exam Sheet*

Answer Sheets

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
4	2	4	1	2	2	3	4	3	2
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
1	3	3	2	3	3	4	2	4	4
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
2	1	2	1	2	1	4	2	4	3
Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
J	M	B	E	L	S	Q	K	P	C

41	plump	46	where	56	giant	61	changing	66	sit
42	made	47	grabbed	57	lay	62	charge	67	caused
43	waist	48	licenses	58	weighing	63	noise	68	feed
44	collect	49	reappeared	59	Season	64	away	69	sea
45	customer	50	business	60	dig	65	shone	70	death

71. Grandmother would not tolerate having reptiles as pets.
72. He bought the python even though he knew he would not be allowed to keep as pets.
73. Toto was likely to be a monkey,
74. His cousin Mabel was going to visit the next day and she was afraid of snakes.
75. Both of them like snakes.
76. The sentence is "After closing the door, he gave me a sad look."
77. Grandmother wanted him to go to the bazaar to look for the snake charmer to return the python.
78. The python escaped from the bathroom through the open window.
79. The python did not show up on the first three days and the writer and his grandfather thought that the python had left the house.
80. She said the snake was twenty feet long when it was actually four foot long.