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SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL  
FIRST SEMESTRAL EXAMINATION 2004

PRIMARY 5 EM 1/2  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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PAPER 2

BOOKLET A

30 questions

30 marks

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

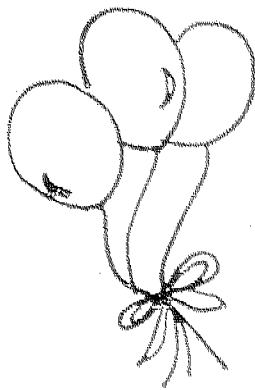
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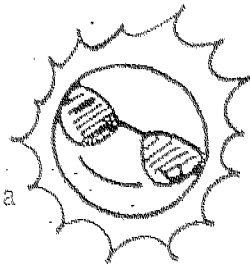
Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

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



FANTASTIC HAPPY DAYS  
22-24 JUNE (10AM TO 7PM)  
at Joy Island on its 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



Before you go back to school, give yourself a whole lot of fun under the big bright sun!!!

Date	Event Highlights
22 June	Plasticine Playtime (1 pm-5 pm) Children's Karaoke Semi-Finals (3 pm)
23 June	Children's Karaoke Finals (1 pm) Talent Contest (4.30 pm)
24 June	Sand 'n' Fun (3 pm) Wet 'n' Wild (5 pm)



karaoke

Cut out these coupons & get these freebies at the jetty

22 June  
Free Nadee's  
Strawberry shake for  
the first 200 kids

23 June  
Free Sports Cap for  
the first 200 kids

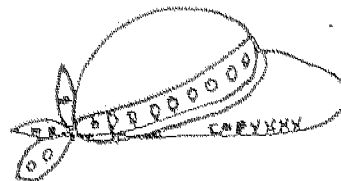
24 June  
Joy Island's History  
pack CD-ROM at  
50% less for the first  
200 kids

All events are free.  
Normal island admission applies.

For more details call 1900-5451234



JOY ISLAND 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY



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 The activities at Joy Island are organised for children \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) who are unhappy
  - (2) who do not like Joy Island
  - (3) to get ready for their school examinations
  - (4) to have some fun before the end of their school holidays
- 2 To know more about the history of Joy Island, Nora should \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) attend all the activities
  - (2) go to the Jetty every day
  - (3) eat Nadee's strawberry shake
  - (4) visit Joy Island on 24 June to buy the CD-ROM at 50% less
- 3 Martin won a prize for joining the Children's Karaoke Finals. He must have gone to Joy Island on \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) 22 June
  - (2) 23 June
  - (3) 24 June
  - (4) 25 June
- 4 In order to join the Sand 'n' Fun event, Joe has to pay for the \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) sports cap.
  - (2) games in Sand 'n' Fun
  - (3) admission to Joy Island
  - (4) CD-ROM of Joy Island's history
- 5 Besides Sand 'n' Fun, which activity is to be held on 24 June?
- (1) Wet 'n' Wild
  - (2) Talent Contest
  - (3) Collection of free gifts
  - (4) Children's Karaoke Finals

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 In the middle of the night, we heard someone \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) had screamed
  - (2) scream
  - (3) screamed
  - (4) was screaming
- 7 The team leader told us that we had to wash the toilets \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) himself
  - (2) ourselves
  - (3) themselves
  - (4) yourselves
- 8 The motorist was \_\_\_\_\_ for reckless driving.
- (1) fine
  - (2) fined
  - (3) fines
  - (4) fining
- 9 Joseph, as well as his parents, \_\_\_\_\_ at the exhibition last week.
- (1) are
  - (2) is
  - (3) was
  - (4) were
- 10 The referee will blow his whistle \_\_\_\_\_ five minutes' time.
- (1) at
  - (2) in
  - (3) of
  - (4) on

11 We have to work through the night. \_\_\_\_\_, we will not be able to complete the assignments.

- (1) Despite
- (2) Instead
- (3) Otherwise
- (4) Unless

12 Mr Lee's wife wants him to \_\_\_\_\_ on the amount of work he brings home to complete.

- (1) cut away
- (2) cut down
- (3) cut off
- (4) cut up

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)

A long time ago, a poor cobbler and his wife lived in a small house far from town. One evening (13) a monk came to their house and knocked on their door. The monk asked, "May I stay for the night?"

"Yes," they answered (14) please stay with us tonight."

However, as the cobbler and his wife were very poor, they could not afford to serve food to the monk. They were very sad(15)

- 13 (1) [ : ] colon  
(2) [ , ] comma  
(3) [ ! ] exclamation mark  
(4) [ . ] full stop
- 14 (1) [ , " ] comma and inverted commas  
(2) [ , " ] comma and inverted commas  
(3) [ " ] inverted commas  
(4) [ . " ] full stop and inverted commas
- 15 (1) [ , ] comma  
(2) [ ! ] exclamation mark  
(3) [ . ] full stop  
(4) [ ? ] question 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. (5 marks)

16 The bird's nest was destroyed in the storm. The bird is \_\_\_\_\_ it now.

- (1) rebuilding
- (2) recycling
- (3) reproducing
- (4) restructuring

17 The hardworking pupil solved the problem sum \_\_\_\_\_ as she has tried a similar question in an assessment book before.

- (1) easily
- (2) laboriously
- (3) purposefully
- (4) recklessly

18 Jared has always been interested in the study of stars. He hopes to be a/an \_\_\_\_\_ when he grows up.

- (1) anthropologist
- (2) archaeologist
- (3) astronomer
- (4) orthodontist

(19) A state of \_\_\_\_\_ was declared by the government due to the recent outbreak of malaria.

- (1) alarm
- (2) danger
- (3) emergency
- (4) euphoria

20 The authorities decided to demolish the \_\_\_\_\_ houses because they were in danger of collapsing at any moment.

- (1) depleted
- (2) destitute
- (3) destructive
- (4) dilapidated

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.  
(5 marks).

The Eskimoes are the native people of Greenland, and the most northerly parts of Canada and Alaska. They are generally very short and thickset with flat features and small narrow eyes. Both men and women allow their hair to grow. It has been an ancient belief for generations that misfortune would befall on those who are found shorn of their locks. These hardy people are generally coast dwellers, and thus, they rely on the sea for their food. They live almost entirely on fish, seal-meat, whale-blubber and the flesh of sea birds. These northern natives eat their meat uncooked, which is why they are called Eskimoes. However, before childbirth, a woman is forbidden to eat raw meat. Instead, she should eat food that is deemed good for the unborn child like duck's wings, which they believe will make the child a good runner or paddler.

- 21 (1) agile  
(2) charming  
(3) slim  
(4) stocky
- 22 (1) calf  
(2) eyebrows  
(3) hair  
(4) shin
- 23 (1) completely  
(2) extremely  
(3) moderately  
(4) partially
- 24 (1) crouton  
(2) fat  
(3) junk  
(4) stock
- 25 (1) articulated  
(2) berated  
(3) considered  
(4) rendered



Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Hindered by the mist, Donita tripped over something that felt like a wire and fell. That would not have been serious but instead of staying where she fell, she went sliding down a steep slope covered with a loose, slippery mixture of gravel and earth. By the time she reached the bottom of the slope, she was badly bruised and breathless. She began to feel the pain in her legs and arms. 5

Where was she? She could only suppose she was at the bottom of a quarry or one of the deep pits.

“Well, I’d better try to climb out,” she murmured.

She began to ascend the slope. She could not see much ahead and soon she slipped again on the treacherous, loose surface and slithered back down for several metres. Her vivid imagination began to paint fearful pictures of what lay below. Could there be wild animals or dangerous traps next to her? Was her life in danger? She shuddered and resolved to stay where she was and wait till she could see more clearly. 10

Hours seemed to pass. Then, from far in the distance, a low, dull echo came to her ears. It sounded familiar. She listened intently and concluded that it was a distant train rumbling slowly through the thick mist. The sound grew steadily louder but it was not until the train, with its carriages aglow and dispersing the mist came into the straight cutting below her, that she realized the surprising truth. She had slithered down a steep-sided railway embankment and was sitting near to the bottom 15  
of a cutting through which ran a double line of railway tracks. 20

She sprang up. She could have cried with relief. She was in no danger from the train, which was travelling slowly because of the mist and which had several metres of clearance from the side of the embankment.

All she had to do now was to walk along the side of the track until she came to a station, which she was bound to do in time. 25

However, that was not the end of her ordeal. It was late and all public transport had ceased. Her legs were weary and painful. It had started to drizzle and she wanted very much to be home, to have a warm shower and to lie safely in her bed.

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 Donita would not have been badly hurt if she had \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) shouted for help
- (2) slid down the gentle slope
- (3) not fallen into an animal trap
- (4) not slid further down the steep slope

27 Donita was probably very \_\_\_\_\_ as she slid down the slope.

- (1) brave
- (2) shaken
- (3) surprised
- (4) disappointed

28. 'She could not see much ahead, ...' (lines 9-10) This was because \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) she had fainted
- (2) of the thick mist
- (3) of her great fear
- (4) there were low clouds

29. Why was Donita no longer frightened?

- (1) She knew where she was.
- (2) She saw the station master.
- (3) She was just next to the train station.
- (4) She knew that she would reach home in half an hour.

30. The driver of the train did not move fast because he \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) was tired and feeling sleepy
- (2) was well ahead ~~of~~ schedule
- (3) saw Donita sitting on the track
- (4) could not see what was ahead clearly

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)

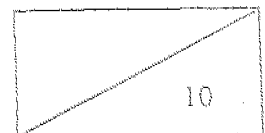
EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

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|--------------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|
| (A) a        | (D) to   | (G) for  | (K) are   | (N) with |
| (B) although | (E) were | (H) from | (L) on    | (P) in   |
| (C) an       | (F) was  | (J) than | (M) their | (Q) at   |

Two toddlers who drowned in separate incidents in the space of five hours on the same day alarmed Singaporeans recently. (31) \_\_\_\_\_ the first incident, Lim Sheng Wee, 4, was rushed (32) \_\_\_\_\_ Tan Tock Seng Hospital after being found unconscious in the swimming pool (33) \_\_\_\_\_ the Resort Terrace Club at about 2 pm. He died an hour later.

Less (34) \_\_\_\_\_ five hours had passed when (35) \_\_\_\_\_ four-year old Malaysian girl (36) \_\_\_\_\_ found submerged in the pool at the Sunshine condominium along Everbloom Road. She also died within (37) \_\_\_\_\_ hour.

Relatives claimed that Sheng Wee was in the adult pool (38) \_\_\_\_\_ his friends when they suddenly realised that he was not in sight. Unfortunately, two club managers (39) \_\_\_\_\_ duty and a doctor at the scene (40) \_\_\_\_\_ unable to resuscitate him.



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

(41)

We were so used to those sounds that they did not disturb us in the best, even in

(42)

the early hours of dawn. On the daytime, we liked to look out of our windows

(43)

ocassionally to see what was happening on the opposite side.

(44)

We were intregued by the cool, dim interior with the rows of worshippers on their

(45)

prayer mats. The chandelier-like lamps suspended in the ceiling and the murmur of quiet

chanting added peace to the sanctuary.

(46)

All the men sat in rows and chanted, both individually and in unison, special

thanksgiving hymns to Allah in Arabic. They were not accompanied by any music.

(47)

Once, I do a naughty thing. I hid behind the curtain and, with a hand mirror,

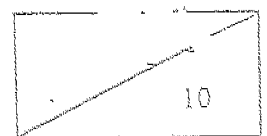
directed a beam of light at a worshipper. The light caught his attention as it danced here

(48)

or there - one moment on him and next moment somewhere else. At first, he looked

(49)  (50)

puzzling - he was definitely suspicious. I stopped immediately.



Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Mr Tan Chee Kee had not had a steady job since 1997. Retrenched as a driver by his bus company back then, he had (51) \_\_\_\_\_ for several positions at delivery companies but was (52) \_\_\_\_\_ because of his age. When he heard recently that the Ministry of Environment was working with town councils to let mobile hawkers (53) \_\_\_\_\_ at designated areas, he applied for a licence immediately.

Mr Tan, who started (54) \_\_\_\_\_ ice cream outside the Toa Payoh Community Library two weeks ago, is (55) \_\_\_\_\_ those who have been given such licences since the ministry relaxed its (56) \_\_\_\_\_ recently.

The ministry had stopped issuing licences to mobile hawkers (57) \_\_\_\_\_ 1974 because of concerns over hygiene, noise and littering. However, it is (58) \_\_\_\_\_ bringing them back, provided they (59) \_\_\_\_\_ hygiene regulations.

(60) \_\_\_\_\_ the new rules, mobile hawkers need to have a (61) \_\_\_\_\_ from the Ministry of Environment, which will then liaise with the town councils on the locations they can operate from.

Mr Tan, who (62) \_\_\_\_\_ about ten hours a day, six days a week, said, "It's very (63) \_\_\_\_\_ standing in the sun for the whole day, but I am glad that I have an (64) \_\_\_\_\_ now. If more people get the licence, there will be (65) \_\_\_\_\_ competition and it would be difficult for me to survive."

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 We haven't visited America for three years.

We last \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

67 The tourist asked the taxi driver, "Can you please take me to Tanglin Mall?"

\_\_\_\_\_ requested  
\_\_\_\_\_

68 We should pack up and leave. The sun has set.

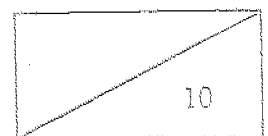
Now that \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69 Richard's health will not improve. He must cut down his weight.

\_\_\_\_\_ unless  
\_\_\_\_\_

70 Mrs Teo very generously gave the poor beggar fifty dollars.

It was very \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

Alberta was a duck who lived in the New York Children's Zoo. Now, many ducks live in that zoo. Alberta was a bit different. You see, Alberta thought she was a chicken. Alberta was taken to the zoo by the man who raised her. He had raised her with a flock of chickens. The chickens, of course, could not swim. So Alberta could not. In fact, the man said that Alberta was afraid of water. 5

The zookeeper thought that that was the silliest thing he had ever heard. He was certain that Alberta could swim. All ducks can swim.

The zookeeper carried Alberta to a nice, shallow, clean pond. There was a fence around it. It was painted blue and white. Six other ducks lived on this pond. All of them were very happy. They swam. They quacked. They bobbed their heads under the water to pick up grains of corn that people had tossed in for them to eat. 10

The zookeeper put Alberta down, next to the pond. Then, he waited for Alberta to walk into the water and start swimming. Alberta did not. She tried to get through the fence around the pond. "Maybe she is afraid of the other ducks," the zookeeper thought. "After all, she has never seen another duck before. She has been raised with chickens." 15

Next, the zookeeper took the six ducks out of the pond. He took them to a place where Alberta could not see them. Alberta still would not go into the water. She kept waddling up and down along the fence. She wanted to be as far away as she could from the water.

"Look!" the zookeeper said to Alberta. "All ducks swim. You are a duck. So you have got to swim too." Then, the zookeeper picked Alberta up. He carried her to the middle of the pond. He put her in the water. 20

You would never have seen a more terrified duck! Alberta quacked. She flapped her wings and scrambled for the shore as quickly as her legs could carry her. She began running faster and faster along the fence. The zookeeper shook his head. He had seen hundreds of ducks in the zoo. However, this was the first one that he had seen that would not swim. 25

So he picked Alberta up again. This time, he carried her to another part of the zoo. He took her to a barnyard full of chickens and he turned her loose. Alberta ran right up to the chickens. She began to quack happily. The hens began to cluck. Interestingly, the rooster began to crow. Everyone was so happy. 30

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71 What made Alberta different from other ducks?

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72 Why did the zookeeper refuse to believe that Alberta could not swim?

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73 Which part of the zoo did the zookeeper put Alberta in?

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74 Why did the zookeeper take the six ducks out of the pond?

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75 Which sentence tells us that Alberta was afraid of water?

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76 Why did the zookeeper put Alberta in the middle of the pond?

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77 How did Alberta react when she was placed in the middle of the pond?

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78 Why did the zookeeper shake his head?

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79 How did Alberta feel when she was let loose among the chickens in the barnyard?

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80 Besides being patient, what other quality did the zookeeper show as he tried to make Alberta swim?

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|-------|-------------------------|--|--|
| 1) 4  | 30) 4                   | 57) from/in  | 66) We last visited American   |
| 2) 4  | 31) P                   | since/<br>after  | three years ago.   |
| 3) 2  | 32) D                   | 58) currently/<br>now/<br>finally                          | 67) The tourist requested the<br>taxi driver to take him to<br>Tanglin Mall.   |
| 4) 3  | 33) Q                   |  | 68) Now that the sun has set,<br>we should pack and leave.   |
| 5) 1  | 34) J                   | 59) follow/<br>observe/<br>obey                            | 69) Richard's health will not<br>improve unless he cuts<br>down his weight.  |
| 6) 2  | 35) A                   |  | 70) It was very generous of<br>Mrs Teo to give the poor<br>beggar fifty dollars.   |
| 7) 2  | 36) F                   | 60) Following/<br>Under/<br>With/<br>Besides               | 71) Alberta had been raised<br>with a flock of chickens,<br>it thought it was a<br>chicken and could not swim.   |
| 8) 2  | 37) C                   |  | 72) He was certain that all<br>duck could swim and<br>Alberta could swim too.  |
| 9) 3  | 38) N                   | 61) licence/<br>permit                                     | 73) The zookeeper put Alberta<br>in a nice, shallow, clean<br>pond.  |
| 10) 2 | 39) L                   | 62) works/<br>operates                                     | 74) The zookeeper thought<br>Alberta was afraid of<br>the ducks.   |
| 11) 3 | 40) E                   |  | 75) The sentence is "<br>She wanted to be as<br>far away as she could<br>from the water."  |
| 12) 2 | 41) least               | 63) tough/<br>tiring/<br>exhausting                        | 76) Alberta refused to<br>swim and he wanted to<br>persuade it to swim.  |
| 13) 2 | 42) In                  |  | 77) Alberta quacked, flapped her wings<br>and scrambled for the shore as<br>quickly as her legs could carry<br>her and she began running faster<br>and faster along the fence. |
| 14) 2 | 43) occasionally        | 64) income/<br>occupation/<br>umbrella                     | 78) He had seen hundreds of ducks in t<br>the zoo. Alberta was the first<br>duck that he had seen that would<br>not swim.  |
| 15) 3 | 44) intrigued           |  | 79) She felt very happy when she was let<br>loose among the chicken in barnyard.   |
| 16) 1 | 45) from                |  | 80) The zookeeper showed his<br>he tried to  |
| 17) 1 | 46) individually        | 65) more/<br>increased/<br>greater/<br>fiercer/<br>tougher | Alberta swim.  |
| 18) 3 | 47) old                 |  |  |
| 19) 3 | 48) and                 |  |  |
| 20) 4 | 49) puzzled             |  |  |
| 21) 4 | 50) suspicious          |  |  |
| 22) 3 | 51) applied             |  |  |
| 23) 1 | 52) rejected            |  |  |
| 24) 2 | 53) operate/hawk        |  |  |
| 25) 3 | 54) selling/<br>hawking |  |  |
| 26) 4 | 55) among/<br>amongst   |  |  |
| 27) 2 |                         |  |  |
| 28) 1 |                         |  |  |
| 29) 1 |                         |  |  |