

MAHA BODHI SCHOOL
2004 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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BOOKLET A

Name: _____ ()
 Class: Primary 5 ()
 Stream: EM 1 / EM 2

Duration: 1 h 50 min
 Date: 1 November 2004

SECTION A: GRAPHIC STIMULUS COMPREHENSION (5 X 1 mark)
 Study the following text and then answer the questions that follow.

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Courses for Adults

Courses Available	Fees	Time	Duration
<i>Western Cooking</i>	<i>S\$ 900</i>	<i>Monday - Friday</i>	} <i>18 months</i>
<i>Cake-Baking</i>	<i>S\$1 200</i>	<i>9 am - 12 nn</i>	
<i>Bread-Making</i>	<i>S\$1 500</i>	<i>1 pm - 4 pm</i>	

Courses for Children

COURSES AVAILABLE	FEES	TIME	DURATION
<i>Basic Chinese Cooking</i>	<i>S\$ 450</i>	} <i>6.30 pm - 9.30 pm</i> <i>Sunday</i>	} <i>12 months</i>
<i>Batik Painting</i>	<i>S\$ 600</i>		
<i>Creative English Enrichment</i>	<i>S\$ 540</i>		
<i>English Speech & Drama</i>	<i>S\$ 150</i>	<i>Sat 9 am - 10.30 am</i> <i>2 pm - 3.30 pm</i> <i>4.00 pm - 5.30 pm</i> <i>Sun 10 am - 11.30 am</i>	} <i>3 months</i>
<i>Chinese Speech & Drama</i>	<i>S\$ 220</i>	<i>Saturday</i> <i>9.30 am - 11.00 am</i> <i>12.00 nn - 1.30 pm</i>	

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 OAS.

1. Mrs Lim who wants to attend the bread-making course will have to pay _____
 - 1) \$700
 - 2) \$ 900
 - 3) \$1200
 - 4) \$1500

2. Mrs Wong wants to learn how to bake a turkey. Which course should she attend?
 - 1) Basic Chinese Cooking
 - 2) Western Cooking
 - 3) Bread Making
 - 4) Cake Baking

3. Ai Lee is an eleven-year-old child. She would like to take up some courses but she is only free on Tuesday and Saturday afternoons. What courses can she apply for?
 - 1) Western Cooking and Creative English Enrichment
 - 2) Western Cooking and Chinese Speech and Drama
 - 3) Cake-Baking and Basic Chinese Cooking
 - 4) Bread-Making and Batik Painting

4. The duration of one Speech and Drama lesson is _____ hours.
 - 1) one and a half
 - 2) exactly three
 - 3) almost four
 - 4) about two

5. On which days are the children's courses conducted?
 - 1) Mondays only
 - 2) Saturdays only
 - 3) Mondays to Fridays
 - 4) Saturdays and Sundays

SECTION B: GRAMMAR, PUNCTUATION AND VOCABULARY (20 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 correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

6. How old was your grandmother when she _____ ?
- (1) dies
 - (2) died
 - (3) has died
 - (4) had died
7. The Discipline Mistress is looking _____ your complaint .
- (1) out
 - (2) into
 - (3) over
 - (4) down
8. The pupils in my class are very co-operative. They have never _____ to help one another in times of trouble.
- (1) hesitate
 - (2) hesitates
 - (3) hesitated
 - (4) hesitating
9. Willie saw the pickpocket _____ the wallet out of his aunt's handbag.
- (1) take
 - (2) takes
 - (3) took
 - (4) taken
10. The staff meeting _____ is held at 12.15 p.m. every Tuesday is cancelled.
- (1) who
 - (2) whose
 - (3) whom
 - (4) which
11. Jay _____ to the radio in his room. Tell him that lunch is being served.
- (1) listens
 - (2) listened
 - (3) is listening
 - (4) was listening
12. There is mutual love _____ the twins. They are the best of friends.
- (1) among
 - (2) against
 - (3) beyond
 - (4) between

SECTION B: GRAMMAR, PUNCTUATION AND VOCABULARY (20 X 1 mark)

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation mark and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

Wendy was in the lift on her way home from her grandmother's house that night when the blackout occurred. Almost immediately after the lights in the lift went out, the lift came to an abrupt halt. She said to herself aloud (13) Oh dear! What should I do (14) Recalling that her father had told her to use her mobile phone only in times of emergency (15) she quickly took it out and dialled '995' for help.

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

16. Sam told us such a _____ story during the campfire that all of us dared not go to the toilet.
- (1) delightful
(2) humorous
(3) fascinating
(4) hair-raising
17. The radio programme will _____ after a short interval.
- (1) configure
(2) connect
(3) resume

18. We did not realise the man had been injured until we saw him _____ towards us.
- (1) strolling
 - (2) staggering
 - (3) sauntering
 - (4) swaggering
19. Mr Smith was _____ from his home because he had not paid his rent for three months.
- (1) forced
 - (2) evicted
 - (3) rejected
 - (4) dismissed
20. Many homes were _____ by the earthquake in Iran last year.
- (1) detached
 - (2) damaged
 - (3) destroyed
 - (4) demolished

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 OAS.

Suddenly Tom realised that the (21) surroundings looked very (22) unfamiliar to him. He looked around desperately and knew he was lost. He began to panic until he heard his brother's voice. He arrived home (23) shortly after Tom had left and came in search of him when he saw the missing horse in the stable. Tom was so (24) relieved to see Danny that he began to sob. When they got home, Tom was (25) chided by his mother for leaving the house without telling her. Tom apologised and they sat down to a delicious dinner.

21. (1) backdrop
(2) background
(3) enclosure
(4) environment
22. (1) strange
(2) unusual
(3) abnormal
(4) mysterious
23. (1) immediately
(2) speedily
(4) promptly

24. (1) puzzled
(2) pleased
(3) calmed
(4) concerned
25. (1) reprimanded
(2) commended
(3) warned
(4) praised

SECTION C : CONPREHENSION (MCQ) (5 X 1 mark)

Read the passage and answer questions 26 to 30.

Ludwig van Beethoven was born into a musical family. His father, Johann, was a music director. Beethoven's father wanted him to be a child prodigy pianist like Mozart. So he taught Beethoven to play the piano and violin. The latter had to practise for many hours each day. Beethoven only had three years of formal schooling and that accounted for the fact that he could not spell properly.

After his mother's tragic death, Beethoven went to Vienna where he quickly gained fame. He became a concert pianist and he also composed music. When he fell in love with Countess Giulietta Guicciardi, he dedicated his famous Moonlight Sonata to her. Unfortunately for Beethoven, she later married another composer. However, a greater blow for him was when he discovered he was losing his hearing. After going through a period of despair and being forced to accept that he could never hear again, Beethoven became determined to overcome his disability. Beethoven proved that deafness was not a handicap as he went on to publish another book of his music.

During the last three years of his life, Beethoven became withdrawn and often went out for solitary walks. By then he had lost his hearing completely. His beloved nephew's suicide attempt affected his health badly and he became very ill. Beethoven died in 1827. A crowd of about 20,000 people lined the streets to watch his funeral procession. One of the world's greatest composers was finally laid to rest in a small village churchyard.

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 OAS.

26. Beethoven could not spell properly because he _____
- (1) had no formal schooling
(2) _____
(3) _____
(4) received only three years of formal education

27. Beethoven became famous _____.
- (1) after he published a book of his music
 - (2) after he married Countess Giulietta Guicciardi
 - (3) when he went to Vienna after his mother's death
 - (4) when he became determined to overcome his disability
28. Moonlight Sonata was the title of a _____.
- (1) song
 - (2) concert
 - (3) piece of music
 - (4) stage performance
29. When Beethoven first found out about his handicap, he was _____.
- (1) optimistic
 - (2) devastated
 - (3) forced to accept it
 - (4) determined to overcome it
30. The word "prodigy" means _____.
- (1) genius
 - (2) specialist
 - (3) musician
 - (4) professional

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Please remember to check your work thoroughly.



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Score for Booklet A	/30
Score for Booklet B	/65
Total score for Paper 2	/95
Parent's Signature	

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) as | (D) who | (G) at | (K) across | (N) then |
| (B) their | (E) which | (H) whose | (L) from | (P) and |
| (C) they | (F) in | (J) or | (M) along | (Q) to |

The Aborigines were 'nomads' or wanderers (31) _____ lived in small groups. They never settled in villages and did not build any permanent huts. They moved from place (32) _____ place so they kept very few things. They carried things that they would need to use for hunting and gathering food.

The men were hunters and fishermen (33) _____ were very skilful (34) _____ disguises and trickery to catch certain animals. They hunted kangaroos and emus with spears and clubs. They also set snares and nets (35) _____ dug pits to hunt these animals. Aborigines living (36) _____ rivers or coastal areas hunted turtles (37) _____ canoes or rafts; using spears.

Old people (38) _____ the Aboriginal society were respected for (39) _____ wisdom. They taught the younger generation the mysteries of their religion which treated all members of a tribe (40) _____ relatives. Tribes even adopted a certain type of animals as members and would not hurt them except during times of drought and starvation.

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.

(41)

Mrs Elizabeth Wong had been waiting for this day. She was very **exited**. She

(42)

(43)

had travelling all the way from Hong Kong to visit her son in England. They had been **saperated**

(44)

for twenty-five years and this was going to be the happy day in her life.

(45)

When her arrival at the airport in London, Mrs Wong looked around for her son. She was

(46)

supossed to wait for him at the airport. As she wandered about the arrival hall, she was

(47)

fasinated by the modern and sophisticated airport. She could not see him and all at once her

(48)

(49)

happiness faded into **dissappointment**. Tears rolled down her cheeks. Carried her luggage, she

walked slowly towards a bench and sat down.

(50)

"Maybe he's been delayed," she thought, trying to consoles herself as she

waited for her son patiently. Sitting there alone, she wondered how the meeting with

her son would turn out to be.

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.

Hassan, a thirty-five-year old fisherman, survived but lost his left arm when he was attacked by a shark off Pulau Bintang Lighthouse. Sheer luck and determination (51) _____ him. He was hospitalised and was (52) _____ at the Bedford Hospital.

Hassan said that he had gone into the waters (53) _____ about seven thirty in the morning on the eve of Deepavali. He was going to check a (54) _____ in the propeller of his fishing vessel. After being in the waters (55) _____ about fifteen minutes, he swam to the side of his fishing boat. He got (56) _____ to climb back on board. As he was (57) _____ himself up with his right arm and leg, a shark, about four metres in (58) _____, suddenly swam speedily towards him and ripped (59) _____ his left arm. Hassan yelled in (60) _____ pain. His friends on board the vessel heard him. Without any (61) _____ they hauled him out of the waters which was stained red with his blood. Hassan fainted.

When Hassan came around, he found (62) _____ in a ward at the hospital.

"It happened so fast (63) _____ before I could register the situation, my arm was already torn away," Hassan recounted, "I did not panic though the shark kept (64) _____ at me. I only knew that I had to (65) _____ onto the side of the vessel. I called out to my colleagues on board.

More than ten members on the fishing ship helped haul Hassan out of the waters. However, the very minute he was placed on the deck of the vessel, he lost his consciousness.

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. Madam Ong invited John to her new house. He thanked her repeatedly.

_____ for _____

67. That basket of oranges is heavy. Kok Meng cannot carry it all by himself.

_____ as _____

68. Have you returned the bicycle? You borrowed it from Wei Ming.

_____ which _____

69. Samad is not allowed to play any sports for some time. His arm was broken during a bus accident.

_____ whose _____

70. The robber warned the old man, " Do not scream or I will kill you".

The robber warned _____

SECTION H: COMPREHENSION(10 x 2) marks

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

Mary Hasegawa was out walking along a beach in Japan when she came across a brown paper bag. Curious to know what it contained, she looked inside it. To her amazement, she found a little baby boy crying inside the bag. She felt so sorry for the baby that she took him home with her.

He was the first of the many abandoned children that Mary brought up as her own. Today, Mary and her husband run a well-equipped home for abandoned children. There are thirty six boys and girls altogether. They all receive good care and attention at the home.

Earlier, during the war, many people disapproved of Mary picking up unwanted children whose parents were killed by the enemies. Once, a five-year-old Eurasian boy went up to Mary and put one hand in hers.

Mary asked the crowd who had gathered, "Does this boy belong to any of you?"

No one answered and most of them left. Mary took the boy home. In this way, Mary became a 'mother' to more and more children.

Mary and her husband did not receive any monetary aid from anyone at all. They worked entirely on their own, with only the help of a few friends.

It was not until 1958 that the government officially recognised the home as an orphanage. Soon, people began to realise that Mary was helping the whole community and they gave her their full support.

According to Mary, "Most of our neighbours approve of the home. We met with little opposition to our recent plans to add a three-storey block to the existing one."

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. What made Mary Hasegawa decide to look inside the paper bag?

72. Write the sentence in the passage that tells us that Mary did not expect to see a baby in the paper bag.
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73. How did Mary show her sympathy to the abandoned boy?
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74. In what way was Mary a loving 'mother' to the children who lived in the home?
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75. Explain clearly why the Eurasian boy's future was uncertain.
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76. What does the sentence "No one answered and most of them left." tell you about the people who had gathered there?
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77. What kind of support did Mary and her husband receive before 1958?
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-
78. How did Mary's neighbours show their support?
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79. What does "one" in the "the existing one" refer to?

80. For each of the following words, give another word from the passage that has the same meaning:

(a) assistance - _____

(b) resistance - _____

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Have you checked your work thoroughly???



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| 1) 4 | 28) 3 | 29) 2 | 30) 1 | 66) John thanked Madam Ong for inviting him to her new house. |
| 2) 2 | 31) D | 57) pulling | | |
| 3) 2 | 32) Q | 58) length | 67) Kok Meng cannot carry the basket of oranges all by himself as it was heavy. | |
| 4) 1 | 33) P | 59) off | | |
| 5) 4 | 34) G | 60) great | 68) Have you returned the bicycle which you borrowed from Wei Ming? | |
| 6) 2 | 35) J | 61) hesitation | | |
| 7) 2 | 36) M | 62) himself | 69) Samad, whose arm was broken during a bus accident, is not allowed to play any sports for some time. | |
| 8) 3 | 37) L | 63) that | | |
| 9) 1 | 38) F | 64) charging | 70) The robber warned the old man not to scream or he could kill him. | |
| 10) 4 | 39) B | 65) cling | | |
| 11) 3 | 40) A | | | |
| 12) 4 | 41) excited | 71) Her curiosity to know what the bag contained made her do so. | | |
| 13) 1 | 42) travelled | 72) The sentence is "To her amazement, she found a little boy crying inside the bag." | | |
| 14) 4 | 43) separated | | | |
| 15) 2 | 44) happiest | 73) She took the child home with her and took care of him. | | |
| 16) 4 | 45) upon | | | |
| 17) 3 | 46) supposed | 74) She took good care of the children and gave her attention to them at home. | | |
| 18) 2 | 47) fascinated | 75) He had no parents and nobody wanted him. | | |
| 19) 2 | 48) disappointment | | | |
| 20) 3 | 49) carrying | 76) The people there were cold-hearted | | |
| 21) 4 | 50) console | 77) They received help from a few friends. | | |
| 22) 1 | 51) saved | 78) They did not oppose Mary's plans to add a three-storey block to her home. | | |
| 23) 1 | 52) recovering | | | |
| 24) 2 | 53) at | 79) It refers to the block in the home. | | |
| 25) 1 | 54) fault | 80) a) help | | |
| 26) 4 | 55) for | b) opposition | | |
| 27) 3 | 56) ready | | | |