

SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL
SECOND 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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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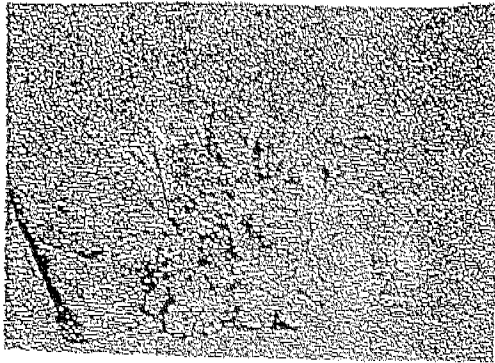
Answer all questions.

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

Babes' Galore



Summer Hamper Collection



Here at Babe's Galore, we believe in providing more than just a delivery service. Being a leading international brand name, we constantly seek to surpass the demands of our customers by focusing on their different needs and requirements.



Excellent Customer Service



Quality Products



Corporate Discounts



Value For Money (from \$58 onwards)



Prompt Delivery (within next working day)

Call us at 6222 2122 for enquiries or FREE hamper brochure now!

As a celebration of motherhood this Mother's Day, we are offering all mothers a 10% discount storewide. Offer is valid for the month of May only. So hurry!

Branches:

Duckway Point Tel: 6999 8999

Laluna Square Tel: 6555 4555

Sunset City Tel: 6777 8777

Orchid Mall Tel: 6111 3111

Dinky Centre Tel: 6000 8000

Website: www.babesgalore.com

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 Babes' Galore is a _____
 - (1) brand name
 - (2) department store
 - (3) food centre
 - (4) shop specialising in children's things

- 2 This advertisement is promoting _____
 - (1) a sale
 - (2) Mother's Day
 - (3) their delivery service
 - (4) their hamper collection

- 3 Miss Loh will get _____ at any one of the Babes' Galore outlets.
 - (1) a 10% discount
 - (2) a free hamper brochure
 - (3) a \$58 shopping voucher
 - (4) no discount

- 4 If you order a hamper on Saturday, it will be delivered by _____
 - (1) Monday
 - (2) Sunday
 - (3) Tuesday
 - (4) Wednesday

- 5 To request for a free hamper brochure, you have to _____
 - (1) call 6000 8000
 - (2) call 6222 2122
 - (3) go to any of the outlets listed
 - (4) visit the website

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 The herd of sheep _____ grazing in the meadows now.

- (1) are
- (2) is
- (3) was
- (4) were

7 His parents _____ are not sure where John is.

- (1) herself
- (2) himself
- (3) ourselves
- (4) themselves

8 Neither the girl nor the twins _____ eaten yet.

- (1) are
- (2) has
- (3) have
- (4) is

9 "The chandelier hanging _____ the ceiling is so exquisite!" Mrs Soh commented.

- (1) along
- (2) at
- (3) from
- (4) on

10 _____ the severity of their misdeed, the vandals got away with a light sentence.

- (1) Although
- (2) Despite
- (3) However
- (4) Nevertheless

11 I listened to her _____ on and on about how tiring it was to climb so many flights of stairs.

- (1) had rambled
- (2) ramble
- (3) rambled
- (4) was rambling

12 Mrs Diva had to _____ the roles of both father and mother when her husband passed away.

- (1) carry on
- (2) look into
- (3) put forward
- (4) take on

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)

Shortly after they had left, the family car turned the corner into the drive and Father stepped out.

"Had a good time (13) he asked Vic.

"Lovely," said Vic.

Then Father's eye caught sight of his garden (14) His face changed.

"What has happened here?" he asked (15) walking around. "Has there been a cyclone while I was at the office?"

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

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 After more than twenty years of hard work, Mr Tee can now _____ the profits of his hard work.

- (1) accumulate
- (2) calculate
- (3) develop
- (4) reap

17 The _____ took a long time to decide whether the man was guilty of his alleged crime.

- (1) bailiff
- (2) jury
- (3) lawyer
- (4) policeman

18 There was _____ rain yesterday and many areas in Singapore were flooded.

- (1) dangerous
- (2) severe
- (3) torrential
- (4) trickling

19 Tomorrow evening, I have to attend a very grand _____ function.

- (1) gala
- (2) ghetto
- (3) royalty
- (4) socialite

20 The robber crept _____ into the deserted house.

- (1) deliberately
- (2) gregariously
- (3) stealthily
- (4) tenaciously

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 statue stood at the centre of the Hall of Celestial Destinies, the huge, bronze figures raised high above the travellers who moved hurriedly like ants about its base.

(21)

Thrice life-sized and extremely well detailed, the humongous human figures seemed

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(23)

like giants from some golden age, captured in the camera's troubled eye and made in

(24)

bronze. "Kan Ying bows to Pan Chao after the Battle of Kazatin", read the

description. The Mandarin translation was given in smaller print underneath, as

though to indicate its particular importance that the message was aimed at those who

(25)

had been conquered in that great battle.

- 21 (1) bustled
(2) paraded
(3) tussled
(4) quibbled
- 22 (1) candidly
(2) fashionably
(3) magnificently
(4) shabbily
- 23 (1) funny
(2) dainty
(3) puny
(4) vast
- 24 (1) cast
(2) dished
(3) equipped
(4) strengthened
- 25 (1) appoint
(2) emphasise
(3) mark
(4) register

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Other than being a delicious accent to practically every dish, the unassuming mushroom is packed with more goodness than you can imagine. They are also packed with anti-ageing properties and a good dose of vitamins and minerals that are essential for the body.

And if you think they are bland, think again. Certain mushrooms can be prepared as a core snack for many dishes – from soups to stews. Mushrooms such as the expensive truffle, are highly sought after and very expensive but something of an acquired taste. Indeed, bland is the last word you would use to describe mushrooms in both the culinary and medicinal department. 5

Mushrooms generally contain an anti-ageing compound called DHEA. Other than a good dose of proteins, vitamins and minerals, mushrooms also contain cancer-busters and help lower cholesterol in the blood. Some also help contain allergies. Their benefits, which have been discovered through extensive research spanning several years, are, at this point, quite extensive. 10

Studies have shown that mushrooms are probiotic, in that they help your body strengthen itself while maintaining physiological homeostasis or the body's natural balance. The compounds have been classified as Host Defence Potentiators (HDP) which have immune system enhancement properties. This is the main reason why mushrooms are used as appendages in the treatment of cancer in the Orient, specifically, Japan and China. 15 20

Whether you know them by their Chinese or botanical names, mushrooms are health-boosting powerhouses and taste delicious in just about any meal.

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 Mushrooms can help to prevent _____

- (1) ageing
- (2) freckles
- (3) chickenpox
- (4) growth of white hair

27 When mushrooms are cooked, they are _____

- (1) bland
- (2) fattening
- (3) delicious
- (4) expensive

28 Mushrooms are believed to be able to fight _____

- (1) cancer
- (2) indigestion
- (3) osteoporosis
- (4) kidney failure

29 Certain compounds called _____ help to boost the body's immune system.

- (1) HDP
- (2) DHEA
- (3) truffles
- (4) probiotics

30 The benefits of mushrooms were discovered _____

- (1) through research
- (2) by culinary experts
- (3) through trial and error
- (4) by the Japanese and Chinese

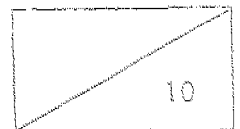
There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

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|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| (A) a | (D) to | (G) for | (K) are | (N) with |
| (B) and | (E) were | (H) but | (L) be | (P) had |
| (C) an | (F) was | (J) from | (M) then | (Q) of |

The coldest place in the world is the South Pole and yet two men managed, despite great hardship, _____ (31) get there. One of them was Ronald Amundsen, a Norwegian explorer. The other was Captain Robert Falcon Scott, _____ (32) English naval officer. They were both trying to _____ (33) the first to reach the South Pole. It _____ (34) not supposed to be a race, but it turned out to be that way. They both set out on the same day, in the summer of 1911, _____ (35) two different places. Actually Scott and Amundsen knew nothing _____ (36) each other's plans. They only knew that they were both heading _____ (37) the same place – the South Pole.

The journey to the South Pole _____ (38) been called the worst journey on earth. Scott planned his trip very carefully. When he set off for the Pole, he took _____ (39) him parties of men who left lots of food for his homeward journey. These men went as far as they could and _____ (40) returned. Only four men accompanied him all the way.



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

He was an old man in a brown coat, all torn and full of holes. His thick boots

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were old and manded. With one hand he leaned on a walking stick, while the other, he

(42)

held to his hat for money.

(43)

"What a model!" wisperd Victor, as he shook hands with his friend.

(44)

"What a model indid!" shouted Thomas at the top of his voice.

(45)

Just then there was a knock on the door. A frame-maker have come to see

(46)

Thomas to talk about some pictures to be sent to an exibision soon.

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When Thomas left the room to talk to the frame-maker, the beggar takes a rest

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on a wooden seat that was behind him. He looked so meserabel that Victor felt sorry for

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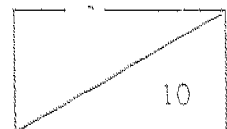
him. The young man felt in his pocket for what money he had. All he can find was a

ten-dollar note and some coins. Then Victor got up, walked across the room and

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slipped the ten-dollar note into the beggar's hand. All this happened so quick that all

the beggar could say was, "Thank you, Sir. Thank you."



Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

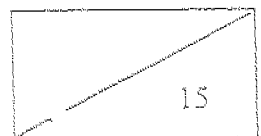
(15 marks)

Squirrels are acrobats. They can leap considerable distances. Some species are even more mobile because of their _____ to glide. These flying squirrels (51) have special skin flaps or gliding membrane that extend _____ their wrists to (52) their ankles. When they launch themselves into the air, they stretch their four limbs to spread out the _____ membrane. Their furry tail acts as a rudder. The (53) squirrels can turn and _____ direction by adjusting the position of their arms and _____ (54) (55)

Being able to glide comes with a price. When not gliding, the flying _____ (56) has to 'wear' its skin flap as if it is a cloak and this _____ the animal clumsy. (57) Therefore, flying squirrels seldom _____ out of their tree hollows during the (58) day when the eagles and _____ predators are active. They only emerge from (59) the safety of their hiding place in the _____ to forage. (60)

Giant flying squirrels are found in Asia. They are large _____ to the (61) flying squirrels that live in America. The giants _____ 30 to 50centimetres, (62) with bushy tails that add _____ 35 to 63centimetres. (63)

Giant flying squirrels are impressive gliders. They can _____ up to a (64) distance that is equivalent to almost five football _____. They are so (65) comfortable in trees that they seldom, if ever, descend to the ground.



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 Jane was the eldest in the family. She had to take care of her siblings.

Being _____

67 Tim was surprised. He had scored the highest for the Science test in his class.

To _____

68 Jacob had to sleep early. He had a competition the next day.

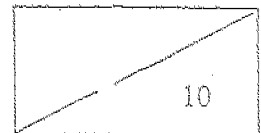
_____ for a

69 It was very cruel of them. They tortured the prisoners.

_____ to

70 There were many obstacles. Bob still persevered.

Disregarding the _____



Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks).

Owl pellets are the leftovers of an owl's meal. Owls consume rodents, birds and insects. Unlike hawks and eagles, which tear chunks of flesh from their victims to eat, owls swallow their victims whole. The food moves down the oesophagus and enters the gizzard, an organ with a thick muscular wall. The gizzard crushes and grinds the food into small pieces for further digestion. However, bones, claws, fur and feathers are not digested. They are compressed into wet, slimy pellets and expelled through the mouth.

Owls regurgitate the pellets about twenty hours after consuming their prey. The number of pellets regurgitated is dependent on the season. During summer when nights are shorter, usually one large pellet is regurgitated. However, in winter with longer nights and therefore more time for hunting, owls may expel two pellets each time, the first being a bigger one.

Owls need to dispose of indigestible food and clean up their digestive system before they can take another meal. They look rather uncomfortable when they are expelling the pellets. However, no harm is done to their alimentary canal as the pellets are wet and lubricated.

By examining owl pellets, scientists are able to obtain information on the diet of the owls and the population status of their prey. If the remains of a prey species that used to be present in the pellets, are no longer found, it may be a sign that the population of that prey species is declining. Conservation efforts can then be stepped up to protect that species before it is too late.

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71 What does the diet of owls consist of?

72 State the difference between the eating habits of a hawk and an owl.



73 What is the function of the gizzard?

74 Which word used in the passage has the same meaning as "becoming less in quantity"?

75 Explain clearly how the pellets are different during the summer and winter?

76 Why is the process of regurgitation harmless?

77 Name one usefulness of the owl pellets.

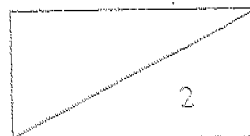
78 What can be done if scientists no longer find the remains of a prey species in the owl pellets?

79 Which phrase used in the passage has the same meaning as "forcing the small balls of food remains out of the body"?

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Explain the meaning of the word "compressed" (line 7) as used in the passage.

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80) The meaning is pressed together, pushed together forcefully.

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| 01. (4) | 11. 2 | 21. 1 | 51) ability | 58) come |
| 02. 4 | 12. 4 | 22. 3 | 52) from | 59) other |
| 03. 4 | 13. 4 | 23. 4 | 53) gliding | 60) night |
| 04. 1 | 14. 3 | 24. 1 | 54) change | 61) compared |
| 05. 2 | 15. 2 | 25. 2 | 55) legs | 62) measure |
| 06. 2 | 16. 4 | 26. 1 | 56) squirrel | 63) another |
| 07. 4 | 17. 2 | 27. 3 | 57) makes | 64) glide |
| 08. 3 | 18. 3 | 28. 1 | | 65) fields |
| 09. 3 | 19. 1 | 29. 1 | | |
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- 32) C 66) Being the eldest in the family, Jane had to take care of her siblings.
- 33) L
- 34) F 67) To Tim's surprise, he had scored the highest for the Science test in his class.
- 35) J 68) Jacob had to sleep early for a competition the next day.
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- 37) G
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