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**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL  
2005 FIRST SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT  
PRIMARY 6EM1/EM2**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**PAPER 1: BOOKLET A**  
TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 min

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Pr 6 ( )

**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 the questions**
- 4. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.**

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

Study the advertisement below and answer questions 1 to 5.

Media Mania Continuing Education  
presents

# Movie-making at the Zoo

This exciting 2-day activity brings the children to the zoo and the world of movie-making! They will discover what the zookeeper does, how animals in the zoo are kept healthy and happy, and capture the scenes with a digital video camera.

On the second day, the children will meet at the Science Discovery Centre, Hall 6, to do their movie editing and the session will end off with a Zoo Oscars Ceremony. Participants who complete the 2-day activity will be presented Certificates of Participation while the best three will be awarded prizes.

Children will have fun working as a movie-making team – acting, directing, filming, editing and coming up with their own story! Register now as places are limited.

**Date:** 18 & 19 June 2005  
**Time:** 9am to 5pm  
**Fees:** \$180 per child  
**Venues:** Singapore Zoo and Science  
Discovery Centre  
**Age Group:** 10 – 12 years  
**Facilitators:** Knowledge Village Pte Ltd

Items to bring along for the trip to the zoo:

- water bottles
- sunscreen, cap, hat
- towels
- T-shirts, shorts, sneakers
- insect repellent
- ponchos

## Registration Form

This is to confirm that my child/children will be attending the event on 18 & 19 June 2005. My registration is deemed to have been accepted upon submission of this form.

I agree that my account will be debited \*\$180 per person registered should my child/children fail to turn up for the event.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact No: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax No: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of each child: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Total Fee Payable: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete application form and fax to Caroline Tang at 67778776 by 30<sup>th</sup> May 2005.

\* Non-refundable

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 main purpose of the 2-day activity is to teach the participants how to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) take care of the zoo animals
  - (2) handle a digital video camera
  - (3) write their own stories
  - (4) produce their own movies
  
2. Which of the following items are **not** required by the participants for the trip at the zoo? The items are \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) T-shirts, cap, towels
  - (2) water bottles, hat, sneakers
  - (3) ponchos, shorts, towels
  - (4) insect repellent, pants, sunscreen
  
3. At the end of the 2-day activity, all participants can look forward to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) receiving free gifts and goodies
  - (2) watching the Oscars on movie
  - (3) attending the Zoo Oscars Ceremony
  - (4) receiving prizes at the Zoo Oscars Ceremony
  
4. Which organization has been engaged to facilitate the activity? It is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) Caroline Tang
  - (2) Zoo Oscars Company
  - (3) Knowledge Village Pte Ltd
  - (4) Media Mania Pte Ltd
  
5. Which one of the following sentences is **TRUE**?
  - (1) The activity is open to all children.
  - (2) Participants will be at the Zoo on the first day.
  - (3) All participants will have to pay \$180 for each day.
  - (4) Participants can ask for a refund if they attend one day of the activity.

**Section B: Grammar Discrete (7 x1m = 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. I was looking for my handkerchief and found this old T-shirt \_\_\_\_\_ the pile of clothes in the storeroom.
- (1) over (2) at  
(3) among (4) between
7. Just when the bus was moving off, Mark discovered that he \_\_\_\_\_ his schoolbag behind.
- (1) left (2) has left  
(3) had left (4) had been leaving
8. If he had known that you were coming, he would \_\_\_\_\_ at home.
- (1) stay (2) stayed  
(3) be staying (4) have stayed
9. Walt Disney, \_\_\_\_\_ cartoon characters are known throughout the world, is recognized as one of the greatest producers of animated films.
- (1) who (2) whose  
(3) which (4) whom
10. Each man, woman and child \_\_\_\_\_ the right to a decent life.
- (1) has (2) have  
(3) had (4) is having
11. John remarked, "The weather seems very dry."  
Peter replied, "Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ in this area."
- (1) it rains (2) it rained  
(3) it seldom rains (4) it does rain
12. The chances of passing *The Reasoning and Logic Test* \_\_\_\_\_ slim.
- (1) is (2) are  
(3) am (4) being

**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.

I saw Hands. He was climbing up the ropes with his knife between his teeth. He groaned and pulled his wounded leg behind him.

"One more step, Mr Hands (13) and I'll blow your brains out. Dead men don't bite (14) I said, trying to control my trembling hands as I held the pistol to his head.

"What (15) He was taken aback by my boldness. "I reckon I'll have to give in to you. It comes hard for an old sailor to lower his flag to a youngster like you."

13. (1) [ , ] comma  
(2) [ - ] hyphen  
(3) [ . ] full stop  
(4) [ ! ] exclamation mark
14. (1) [ ", ] inverted commas and comma  
(2) [ ". ] inverted commas and full stop  
(3) [ ," ] comma and inverted commas  
(4) [ ." ] full stop and inverted commas
15. (1) [ "? ] inverted commas and question mark  
(2) [ "! ] inverted commas and exclamation mark  
(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. Children are advised to keep cleanliness as top priority as they are especially \_\_\_\_\_ to Hand-Foot-and-Mouth Disease.
- (1) liable (2) exposed  
(3) attracted (4) susceptible
17. During the \_\_\_\_\_ of the musical "Sound of Music", some members of the audience were invited to go to the backstage to mingle with the cast.
- (1) interrogation (2) interruption  
(3) intermission (4) intervention
18. Our next-door neighbour has been really nice, so we ought to \_\_\_\_\_ the kindness.
- (1) respond (2) reciprocate  
(3) reactivate (4) resuscitate
19. All members of the public are subject to close \_\_\_\_\_ by the police officers before they enter the courthouse.
- (1) scrutiny (2) interrogation  
(3) investigation (4) examination
20. The terrorists sprang a surprise \_\_\_\_\_ on the US Forces while they were on their way inland.
- (1) charge (2) attack  
(3) impact (4) assail

**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.

Last night at about 11pm, ten men and three women were arrested for illegal gambling and operating a football club without a licence. A Police Unit from Clementi had (21) forcefully entered the flat of a bogus football club at Blk 222, Clementi Avenue 10.

The police had sprung into action when they received (22) secret information about the questionable goings-on at the club by an (23) unknown caller in the night.

The police arrived (24) in a jiffy and seized six sets of gambling cards and ten mahjong sets at the Clementi Football Club. Police detained the ten men, ranging from their twenties to forties, for questioning. The owner of the Club could not be (25) found.

However, an accounts book from the flat containing a list of over a hundred customers' names and telephone numbers was seized, together with a safe containing ten thousand dollars.

- 21.
- (1) looted
  - (2) raided
  - (3) attacked
  - (4) plundered
- 22.
- (1) news
  - (2) a report
  - (3) a tip-off
  - (4) messages
- 23.
- (1) unfamiliar
  - (2) impromptu
  - (3) unwelcome
  - (4) anonymous
- 24.
- (1) gingerly
  - (2) leisurely
  - (3) sprightly
  - (4) immediately
- 25.
- (1) noticed
  - (2) located
  - (3) detected
  - (4) revealed



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

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

A powerful earthquake, registering 7.2 on the Richter scale, hit the western part of Japan on 7<sup>th</sup> January, 1995, at 0546 hours (Japan time). Its epicentre was about twenty kilometres beneath Awaji Island, some thirty kilometres from Kobe.

It was Japan's worst earthquake since a very powerful one struck eastern Japan in 1923. The 1995 earthquake had inflicted the greatest loss of life and damage to buildings, roads, bridges and railways in Kobe and the coastal cities nearest to Awaji Island. Osaka, Japan's second largest city, also suffered significant damage, bringing the death toll to just over five hundred.

Japan is an earthquake-prone country but the area around Kobe had not been known to be a danger zone. It is therefore surprising that an earthquake of this magnitude should hit the area.

There are quite a number of seismographs and sensors that detect earth tremors throughout Japan. These instruments are supposed to help earthquake researchers predict earthquakes. On an early warning, people could be evacuated to safer places. It was disappointing that in the case of the Kobe earthquake, no early warning had been given.

Unexpectedly, many of the newer roads and buildings were badly damaged. These roads and buildings had been engineered and constructed to withstand earthquakes. Fortunately, the Kobe nuclear power plant managed to escape damage. If radioactivity had leaked as a result of the damage to the plant, it would have triggered off severe and long-lasting damage on health and the environment.

The Kobe earthquake inflicted such massive damage that reconstruction would be long and arduous. The early-warning system too has been receiving the extra attention it needs, especially so because a big one is expected to strike the Tokyo region in the next twenty to thirty years, according to earthquake researchers.

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. When the Kobe earthquake struck, most of the people in the region were probably \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) still in bed
  - (2) going to work
  - (3) returning from work
  - (4) having their lunch breaks
27. The Kobe earthquake caused much damage and loss of life because it \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) had struck coastal areas
  - (2) had struck suburban areas
  - (3) had hit Japan's second largest city
  - (4) was Japan's worst earthquake since 1923
28. Which one of the following statements is true?
- (1) Osaka was the hardest hit city.
  - (2) The Kobe earthquake was expected.
  - (3) Radioactivity leaked from the Kobe nuclear plant.
  - (4) The Japanese were not prepared for the Kobe earthquake.
29. The newer Kobe roads and buildings were not expected to suffer much damage because they were \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) in coastal areas
  - (2) modern structures
  - (3) supposed to be earthquake-proof
  - (4) far away from the earthquake's epicentre
30. The earthquake researchers in Japan have since been working to improve the early-warning system because \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) sensors were effective in detecting tremors
  - (2) there is a fear of leakage at the Kobe nuclear plant
  - (3) the neighbouring countries have been pressuring them to do so
  - (4) a major earthquake is expected to strike in the next two or three decades

END OF BOOKLET A



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**PAPER 2: BOOKLET B**  
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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) above	D) although	G) away	K) so	N) before
B) despite	E) due	H) in	L) moreover	P) only
C) to	F) their	J) up	M) which	Q) where

Recently, Shenzhen has become a popular shopping destination. Like Singaporeans who have been travelling in droves to nearby Johor Bahru for shopping and good food, Hong Kong locals have been enjoying trips to Shenzhen \_\_\_(31)\_\_\_ there are discounts, attractions and fine cuisine galore. This open secret has been the choice for many out to have some weekend fun and it is \_\_\_(32)\_\_\_ a matter of time \_\_\_(33)\_\_\_ Shenzhen becomes one of the top must-visit destinations in Asia.

A stone's throw \_\_\_(34)\_\_\_ from the hustling and bustling city of Hong Kong, Shenzhen is gaining a name as a commercial hub of China, partly \_\_\_(35)\_\_\_ to it being a Special Economic Zone. \_\_\_(36)\_\_\_ Shenzhen may lack the natural beauty, the industrious city makes it up with its wide number of man-made amusement parks and sheer ambition to be a cut \_\_\_(37)\_\_\_ the rest.

\_\_\_(38)\_\_\_, Shenzhen locals take \_\_\_(39)\_\_\_ food seriously. Regional delicacies are found everywhere in this migrant city though the most popular styles of cooking would have to be Cantonese and Hunan cuisine.

An ideal place for a family vacation, it appeals \_\_\_(40)\_\_\_ many as it is not too far away, is a shoppers' paradise and has interesting places to keep the children occupied for the day. It's definitely worth spending time there.

(Extracted from Golf Digest April issue 2005)

**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.

Dr Jane Goodall is a naturalist who spent 30 years in the forests of Gombe, Africa, studying the behaviour of wild chimpanzees. She (41) starts her research in 1960 when she was 26 years old. In the 30 years that followed, Dr Goodall made stunning (42) **discoverys** that have changed the way we look at chimpanzees. Now 71, Dr Goodall still travels around the world 300 days a year to give talks and raise funds for the chimps in Africa.

Dr Goodall visited the Singapore Zoo and Night Safari on 8 December 2004. She spent 6 hours in our parks (43) and her tight 3-day schedule in Singapore. She 'talked' to 'Susie', our chimpanzee and named a newborn orang-utan (44) to her 12-year-old grandson, Merlin.

Dr Goodall said, "The Night Safari was really (45) **fentestick**. It filled me with a million ideas on how we can inspire people as (46) **indivisualls** and help the environment. (47) Congratulate!" It is indeed an honour to receive this (48) **komplement** from a world-renowned naturalist and it speaks highly of our efforts (49) in promote wildlife and (50) **enviaromentel** conservation.

(Extracted from Wildlife Wonders Vol 5 2005)

**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. The soccer match was cancelled this morning because of the bad weather.
  
52. Our principal will speak to all primary 6 pupils. She will remind them to study hard for the coming PSLE.
  
53. The princess refused to kiss the frog to turn it into a handsome prince. I would have kissed the frog.
  
54. Jia Hua said, "I came to Singapore to live with my aunt since I was 12 years old."
  
55. The pizza chef knows how to make dough for a pizza. She makes sure ingredients used are fresh from Italy.

**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.

If your goal is to lose weight, then the word "exercise" is probably nothing new to you. Indeed, exercise is important for most people, but it is especially \_\_\_(56)\_\_\_ if you are trying to lose weight. Exercise is the best way to burn \_\_\_(57)\_\_\_ extra calories and regular exercise builds stronger muscles and a leaner body.

We need energy to survive and this energy \_\_\_(58)\_\_\_ from food. The number of calories in a type of food is a measure of \_\_\_(59)\_\_\_ much potential energy that particular food possesses. Our bodies burn these calories \_\_\_(60)\_\_\_ metabolic processes, breaking them into essential nutrients and storing them in cells to be used as and \_\_\_(61)\_\_\_ required. When you take in more calories than your body burns, you gain and store \_\_\_(62)\_\_\_. If you burn more calories than you take in, weight loss may \_\_\_(63)\_\_\_. This is so as body fats are broken down and used for fuel. The trick is to \_\_\_(64)\_\_\_ that it is fats you are burning and not other essential nutrients.

So what do you do, especially, if you are a fitness buff and hold on to the belief that weight loss is best \_\_\_(65)\_\_\_ through exercise? The key is to find out the truth \_\_\_(66)\_\_\_ weight loss through exercise. The secret is to do it right.

If exercise is used to supplement weight-reducing diet, it can be very effective as it increases your metabolic \_\_\_(67)\_\_\_ and helps burn calories. This means adopting \_\_\_(68)\_\_\_ common sense approaches towards forms of exercises that will allow you to lose "fat calories". \_\_\_(69)\_\_\_ types of exercise offer different benefits. However, \_\_\_(70)\_\_\_ you start on any exercise regime, you should consult your family doctor. The doctor should certify that you are suitable to adopt any form of weight-reducing exercise.

(Extracted from The Straits Times, 8 Jan 2003)

**Section K: comprehension Open-ended (10 x 2m = 20m)**  
Read the passage below carefully and answer questions 71 to 80.

It was a sparkling clear December morning. The land around was flat, much of it parched and open. A few rice fields were fenced and bordered with coconut and palm trees. Kevin and I were watching with fascination as our two companions stalked silently.

5        Itu **walked with his eyes on the ground**, missing no clues. His ten-year-old son, Raja, tiptoed along behind. We moved closer when Itu stopped to study a rat hole. The moist clay bore the perfect impression of a snake's belly. "It's a medium-sized cobra," said Itu. "Probably a female. It was out at night, probably hunting and entered  
10 the hole before dawn." We were impressed but not surprised at all.

Itu used a crowbar to dig. The instant he saw the snake's tail, he grabbed it and stepped back with one quick motion, hauling out a metre-long cobra, its neck flared in fright. The hunter pinned the hissing head to the ground with the steel bar, then gently slipped his  
15 prize into a bag. It would not do to injure the snake. It was destined for the Snake Park.

Such was the life-style of Itu, who was from the tribe of the Iralus. Unfortunately, this life-style is being eroded, bit by bit. **Urban sprawl**, the conversion of forests into land for housing, and pollution  
20 are both making it more and more difficult for Iralus to survive as hunters. Kevin and I were interested in the tribe's plight and wanted to help them find ways of adapting to their changing environment.

Another trip out with Itu and Raja in search of snakes yielded an unexpected **bonus**. Raja climbed up a tree and came down with a  
25 honeycomb, which we all shared. The Iralus ate the baby bees as well

as the honey. Later, we wedded them.



Raja hunt water snakes. He used a stick to tickle a crab hole in the muddy embankment until a fat water snake dived out. Raja snatched up the thrashing reptile and was bitten on the hand. The bite was not  
30 poisonous but it was painful.

Like all Iralu snake catchers, **Itu disdained hospitals and modern medical treatment.** Instead, he placed his trust in his herbal mixture called veley, a greenish tea which he prepared himself from bark and herbs, and gulped it down. The Iralus believed the  
35 potion is an antidote for snakebite. Itu had used the antidote and had survived ten cobra bites. Itu's way of curing poisonous bites by using bark and herbs might seem useless to a Westerner but to an Iralu, this is the only cure, the most effective one.

(Extracted from National Geographic June issue 2001)

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

71. Which **two-word phrase** in the **first paragraph** (lines 1 to 4) tells us that the people were moving quietly?
72. What did the narrator mean when he said Itu **'walked with his eyes on the ground'** (line 5)?
73. How did Itu know the snake was hiding in the rat hole?
74. Name two pieces of equipment that Itu brought along for the hunt.
75. After catching the snake, why do you think Itu was careful not to injure the snake?
76. What did Itu do for a living?
77. Explain clearly how the **"Urban sprawl"** (line 18-19) affected the lives of the Iralus drastically.
78. What was the **"bonus"** mentioned in line 24? Explain clearly why it was considered a bonus.
79. The narrator states that Itu **disdained hospitals and medical treatment** (line 31-32). Explain clearly how Itu treated his cobra bites.
80. How do we know that the antidote Itu used could cure snakebites?

END OF BOOKLET B

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80) He survived ten snake bites by taking the antidote.

- 1) 4
- 2) 4
- 3) 3
- 4) 3
- 5) 2
- 6) 3
- 7) 3
- 8) 4
- 9) 2
- 10) 1
- 11) 3
- 12) 2
- 13) 1
- 14) 3
- 15) 4
- 16) 4
- 17) 3
- 18) 2
- 19) 1
- 20) 2
- 21) 2
- 22) 3
- 23) 4
- 24) 4
- 25) 2
- 26) 1
- 27) 3
- 28) 4
- 29) 3
- 30) 4
- 31) Q
- 32) P
- 33) N
- 34) G
- 35) E
- 36) D
- 37) A
- 38) L
- 39) F
- 40) C
- 41) started
- 42) discoveries
- 43) despite
- 44) after
- 45) fantastic
- 46) individuals
- 47) congratulation
- 48) compliment
- 49) environmental
- 50) promoting
- 51) Owing to the bad weather, the soccer match was cancelled this morning.
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- 53) If I were the princess, I would have kissed the frog to turn it into a handsome prince.
- 54) Jia Hua said that he had come to Singapore to live with his aunt since he was twelve years old.
- 55) Apart from knowing how to make dough for a pizza, the pizza chef makes sure ingredients used are fresh from Italy.
- 56) Essential
- 57) off
- 58) comes
- 59) how
- 60) through
- 61) when
- 62) fats
- 63) occur
- 64) ensure
- 65) achieved
- 66) behind
- 67) rate
- 68) some
- 69) different
- 70) before
- 71) The two-word phrase is "stalked silently."
- 72) He examined the ground carefully so as not to miss any clues.
- 73) He would see the tracks made by the snake in the mud.
- 74) He brought along a crowbar and a bag.
- 75) The snake was for the snake park.
- 76) He hunted snakes for a living.
- 77) The conversion of forest into land for housing and pollution made it difficult for Iralus to survive as hunters as animals were killed.
- 78) They did not expect to find the honeycomb as they were out hunting snakes.