



**NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**2015 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2**  
**PRIMARY 5**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**PAPER 2**  
**BOOKLET A**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

Class: Pr. 5 \_\_\_\_\_

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**Section A – Grammar (10 x 1mark)**

**For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).**

1. We will be going to the park tomorrow, \_\_\_\_\_ we?  
(1) won't  
(2) aren't  
(3) couldn't  
(4) wouldn't ( )
2. "There isn't \_\_\_\_\_ food left on the table, Jim, but it should be enough for you," said Mother.  
(1) any  
(2) many  
(3) much  
(4) some ( )
3. If the mountain guide had not reacted quickly, Aziz \_\_\_\_\_ in the earthquake.  
(1) will perish  
(2) would perish  
(3) will have perished  
(4) would have perished ( )
4. Concert-goers are reminded to be \_\_\_\_\_ time for the performance. Latecomers might be denied entry into the auditorium.  
(1) at  
(2) on  
(3) into  
(4) under ( )
5. Every week, the music teacher observes that every child \_\_\_\_\_ joyfully during the sing-a-long session.  
(1) sing  
(2) sang  
(3) sung  
(4) sings ( )

6. The athlete persevered and won the race \_\_\_\_\_ his thigh injury.

- (1) since
- (2) during
- (3) despite
- (4) even though

( )

7. I practised hard for the story-telling competition, so \_\_\_\_\_ all the other contestants.

- (1) do
- (2) did
- (3) does
- (4) doing

( )

8. Sam and Bob could not agree on the details of the project and fell \_\_\_\_\_ with each other.

- (1) in
- (2) off
- (3) out
- (4) through

( )

9. Sheila, as well as her cousins, \_\_\_\_\_ at the exhibition a week ago.

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

( )

10. This is your book but those books belong to my brother and Alice. Those books are \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) his
- (2) hers
- (3) ours
- (4) theirs

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**Section B – Vocabulary (5 x 1mark)**

**For each question from 11 to 15, one of the four options is the correct answer. Make your choice and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).**

11. The \_\_\_\_\_ professor who has won numerous international awards for his research was in Singapore recently to conduct a series of talks.

- (1) eminent
- (2) notorious
- (3) infamous
- (4) sophisticated

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12. The stench from the rotting carcass was so overpowering that a wave of \_\_\_\_\_ hit me. I felt like throwing up.

- 1) fear
- 2) nausea
- 3) dizziness
- 4) repugnance

( )

13. That lady bears an \_\_\_\_\_ resemblance to my cousin. They look so alike even though I am sure they are not related.

- 1) unkempt
- 2) uncanny
- 3) appalling
- 4) abnormal

( )

14. Mr Lee has just lost his job. He will need to tighten his belt and \_\_\_\_\_ on his expenses.

- 1) cut in
- 2) cut up
- 3) cut off
- 4) cut down

( )

15. That old flat is \_\_\_\_\_ with bedbugs and cockroaches! We will need to contact the pest control company quickly.

- 1) infused
- 2) invaded
- 3) infested
- 4) inhabited

( )

**Section C – Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1mark)**

For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

The old elevator shuddered and jerked violently several times. Ethel let out a loud, high-pitched cry. "No, please, no! Not in this derelict building!" Ethel thought. Then, the elevator plunged several metres towards the ground, throwing Ethel off balance before coming to a stop.

In the darkness, Ethel struggled to find the emergency alarm button. She cautiously felt her way around. A wave of relief swept over her when she finally located the alarm button. She pressed on it hurriedly, hoping to be rescued quickly. The alarm rang shrilly despite its age. It was heard clearly from a distance.

Thirty minutes had passed. Gripped with fear, Ethel pounded continuously on the lift doors, shouting at the top of her voice. When will her ordeal end?

16. (1) shout  
(2) shriek  
(3) bellow  
(4) chortle ( )
17. (1) lull  
(2) halt  
(3) break  
(4) pause ( )
18. (1) hastily  
(2) daintily  
(3) wearily  
(4) gingerly ( )
19. (1) vivid  
(2) faint  
(3) audible  
(4) coherent ( )
20. (1) gradually  
(2) incessantly  
(3) periodically  
(4) intermittently ( )

**Section D – Visual Text Comprehension (8 x 1mark)**

**Study the advertisement carefully and answer questions 21 to 28.**



**8 & 9 AUGUST 2015**  
**SINGAPORE SPORTS HUB**  
**9AM – 9PM**

**FREE ADMISSION**

**JOIN US**  
2 days of fun-filled activities to celebrate 50 years of nation-building!  
Catch the LIVE telecast of the 2015 National Day Parade (NDP)!

**SG50 CARNIVAL WITH A TWIST !**



**OCBC Square/ Main Stage**

- Movie screening on 8 Aug 'Soldier Boys' (7pm – 9 pm)
- Live NDP telecast on 9 Aug (5.30pm onwards)
- Live performances, stage games and prize giveaways
- Mass Fitness workouts
- Traditional Games: Five Stones, Chaptah and Hopscotch

**Water Sports Centre**

- FREE use of kayaks and canoes

**OCBC Aquatic Centre**

- Kids Paddle Boat
- Kids Play & Craft Zones: Bouncy Castle, Euro Bungee, Sand Art

**OCBC Arena**

- Basketball Clinic for Beginners
- Free court usage & Sports Hub Gym Open Day

^ Free gifts for children born on 9 August at the carnival

^ Limited to first 300 children born on 9 August aged 12 years and below. Please go to the Sports Hub Information Counter with your child and his/ her original Birth Certificate to claim your free gift.

## SG50 SPORTS HUB VENUE TOUR

Get to know the key venues at Singapore Sports Hub!

**JAM-PACKED JUBILEE  
FUN THIS AUGUST at  
SINGAPORE SPORTS HUB**

The Sports Hub is organising exclusive 90-minute tours to key venues within our campus! We are extending this opportunity to you as part of our celebrations for SG50!

**FREE!**  
Fully – guided  
tour



Check out the world-class facilities at OCBC Aquatic Centre. Visit the Singapore Sports Museum and appreciate our sporting heritage. Walk down the Hall of Fame and read all about our sporting heroes. You may even get to meet one of our sporting legends in person!

After the tour, you may wish to pop over to Kallang Mall and view our latest exhibition there – *Building A Dream*. Learn how the Singapore Sports Hub came about and its building process.

### HOW TO BOOK A TOUR

The SG50 Sports Hub Venue Tour is conducted in English and is approximately 90 minutes long. Limited tour slots are available so sign up early to avoid disappointment. Senior citizens aged 60 and above will be given priority for the tour during registration.

To register for the free SG50 Sports Hub Venue Tour, sign up online at [www.sportshub.com.sg](http://www.sportshub.com.sg). Please provide your name, email address, contact details, number of participants and your preferred tour slot. Contact us at 63789905 or at [information@sportshub.com.sg](mailto:information@sportshub.com.sg) if you have any queries.

*The SG50 Sports Hub Venue Tour is held on the following dates and time slots:*

**Saturdays: 1, 15, 22 and 29 August 2015**

*(10 am – 11.30am, 2pm – 3.30pm)*

*Tours will start and end at the Visitor Centre.*

**Jubilee Weekend:**

**Saturday 8 August & Sunday 9 August 2015 (4pm – 5.30pm)**

*Tours will start and end at the OCBC Square/ Main Stage.*

Organised by



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For each question from 21 to 28, choose the most appropriate option (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

21. Where will the SG50 Carnival take place?

- (1) StarHub
- (2) OCBC Square
- (3) Water Sports Centre
- (4) Singapore Sports Hub ( )

22. The main purpose of these activities by Singapore Sports Hub is to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) develop family ties
- (2) encourage people to visit Singapore Sports Hub
- (3) celebrate Singapore's 50 years of independence
- (4) promote a healthy lifestyle among Singaporeans through exercising ( )

23. A child aged 11 years born on August 9 is eligible to claim a free gift if he \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) attends the SG50 Carnival
- (2) takes part in all the activities at the SG50 Carnival
- (3) visits the Singapore Sports Hub any time in August
- (4) produces his Birth Certificate at the Information Counter ( )

24. On 9 August, the SG50 Sports Hub Venue Tour will end at the OCBC Square/ Main Stage so that participants can \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) watch 'Soldier Boys'
- (2) take part in the basketball clinic
- (3) collect a free gift if they were born on 9 August
- (4) catch the live telecast of the National Day Parade ( )

25. One will get to visit all the places during the SG50 Sports Hub Venue Tour except the \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) Kallang Mall
- (2) Hall of Fame
- (3) OCBC Aquatic Centre
- (4) Singapore Sports Museum ( )

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26. To join an SG50 Sports Hub Venue Tour, one would have to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) call 63789905
- (2) book online at [www.sportshub.com.sg](http://www.sportshub.com.sg)
- (3) sign up personally at the Visitors Centre
- (4) send an email to [information@sportshub.com.sg](mailto:information@sportshub.com.sg)

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27. \_\_\_\_\_ are given the right to join the SG50 Sports Hub Venue Tour before all others.

- (1) The elderly
- (2) Younger registrants
- (3) People who arrive early at the venue
- (4) Teenagers who have made an online booking

( )

28. According to the advertisement, which one of these statements is true?

- (1) Tours on all Saturdays in August are held twice a day.
- (2) The Basketball Clinic at OCBC Arena is meant for amateurs only.
- (3) One will get to meet sporting legends during the SG50 Sports Hub Venue Tours.
- (4) Visitors are encouraged to explore on their own while on the SG50 Sports Hub Venue Tour.

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**Section E – Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)**

There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38, 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 blanks. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

**EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.**

- |             |            |           |       |          |
|-------------|------------|-----------|-------|----------|
| A) an       | D) between | G) during | K) in | N) what  |
| B) at       | E) do      | H) how    | L) of | P) which |
| C) although | F) does    | I) if     | M) up | Q) with  |

The Internet has changed the way we live, work and play. Having information about anything (29)\_\_\_\_\_ your fingertips is indeed an amazing thing. The Internet as we know it has only been around for twenty years, (30)\_\_\_\_\_ an earlier idea was introduced in the 1960's. While most people are happy with the Internet as it is, many computer experts are working towards (31)\_\_\_\_\_ they believe is the future of the Internet: The Internet of Things.

The Internet of Things promises to create greater connections (32)\_\_\_\_\_ things such as your household appliances, transportation and even your toys. Experts imagine having a refrigerator which can be connected to the Internet to link (33)\_\_\_\_\_ with your computer or tablets. Sensors in the refrigerator can detect (34)\_\_\_\_\_ a bottle of milk is expiring. It will then send you a message to replace it and even place an order (35)\_\_\_\_\_ your milkman for you.

While the Internet of Things is relatively new, experts believe it will consist (36)\_\_\_\_\_ more than 50 billion objects by 2020. Thousands of Internet-ready products are released every month of (37)\_\_\_\_\_ the most popular this year are smartwatches. (38)\_\_\_\_\_ the Internet of Things promise a brighter future for us all? No one has a definitive answer yet, but the signs are encouraging.

**Section F – Editing for Spelling and Grammar (12 x 1mark)**

**Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes.**

When I picked up the newspaper this morning, something unusual caught my eye. It

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was neither the headline or the photo of another war taking place. Rather, it was an

(40)

(41)

advertisig by a space travel agency. Initially, I thought that my eyes were deciving me.

However, as I read on, I learnt that the company had already completed more than twenty

(42)

sucesful test flights over the past two years. I picked up the phone and called the number

(43)

to make an enquire about the trip.

(44)

(45)

My heart sink when the line was busy. Going to space would fulfilled my childhood

dream, and all that stood in my way was getting through to the company. Finally, after

(46)

(47)

twenty attempts, the call went through. I cheered so loudly that I felt extremely embarased

at losing my self-control. The voice at the other end greeted me politely before she carried

(48)

out with the details about the trip.

(49)

Everything she said delights me, until she mentioned the various expenses involved,

(50)

which amounted to almost half a million dollars! Disappointed, I thanked her for her time

and put the phone down. My childhood dream would have to wait.

**Section G – Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1mark)**

**Fill in each blank with a suitable word.**

Why did the chicken cross the road? You may have heard this question many times and each time, it results in a silly (51) \_\_\_\_\_ which makes you laugh. A joke can take place in many (52) \_\_\_\_\_. It may be spoken, written and even done, all with the (53) \_\_\_\_\_ of making someone laugh. Civilisations, both ancient and (54) \_\_\_\_\_ may not have much in common. However, people have been telling similar jokes (55) \_\_\_\_\_ the beginning of recorded history. The oldest joke ever recorded was told in Sumer in 1900BC, and it was (56) \_\_\_\_\_ a woman who farted on her husband. Such toilet humour is still common today, with countless television shows, comics and joke books repeating that style of humour (57) \_\_\_\_\_ a daily basis.

The rise of video and photo sharing sites such as Youtube and Instagram has shifted jokes (58) \_\_\_\_\_ words to actions. Researchers have observed that practical jokes have been (59) \_\_\_\_\_ in popularity, with millions of such jokes being posted and viewed every year. Practical jokes may be fun for the joker and the audience, but the (60) \_\_\_\_\_ of the practical joke is often left in discomfort. For example, imagine that someone has (61) \_\_\_\_\_ the sugar in your sugar bowl with salt. A sip of your morning coffee will be (62) \_\_\_\_\_ to ruin your day.

In 2001, an English professor (63) \_\_\_\_\_ Robert Wiseman conducted a study to find the world's funniest joke. More than a hundred thousand people took (64) \_\_\_\_\_ in the study of more than forty thousand jokes. A year later, Professor Wiseman (65) \_\_\_\_\_ his research and posted the findings on his website. Read it at <http://www.richardwiseman.com/LaughLab/winner.html>.

**Section H - Synthesis / Transformation (5 x 2marks)**

**For questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the given one(s).**

66. Jerry sleeps early so that he does not feel drowsy in the morning.

In order not to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

67. "I enjoyed myself yesterday," John told his parents.

John told his parents \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68. If you do not have a pass, you cannot enter the restricted area.

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

69. Tom resigned from his job. Tom has been on a trip around the world

Since his \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70. The salesman will deliver the books today.

The books \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Section I – Comprehension Open-ended (20 marks)**

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

The grown-ups around me always say that childhood is the best time of one's life. I beg to differ. Perhaps those grown-ups were either fortunate enough to be surrounded by a happy family or had all their basic necessities they need. Since the war started, I have neither.

Prior to the war, there were four of us in the family: my parents, my elder brother and myself. However, by the time I could speak my first words, my father was drafted into the army to fight off the invasion. And by the time I could write my name, my brother had also been drafted.

I remember vividly the day my brother was drafted. Two tough-looking men clad in torn uniforms barged into our house just after dawn.

"Is this the home of Ong Kim Teck?" asked the taller of the two. My mother nodded her head, bracing herself for a bad piece of news.

"Kim Teck has sacrificed himself in battle yesterday. By law, every household must have one member serving in the army. Who is coming with us? You? Or one of your sons?" barked the shorter man.

"But my children are still so young! Yit Fei is only twelve and Di Fei is only six. How can I leave them behind? My husband had sacrificed himself serving in the army and now you want us? This law is ridiculous!" cried my mother, grabbing us tightly.

The taller of the two men gave us a sympathetic look. However, he was bound by his duty and did nothing. The other man, however, seemed to be enjoying his task.

"Mrs Ong, I do not write the laws. I only carry it out. I suggest you give us the elder boy. If you come with us, who is going to look after them? If you give us the younger boy, he will not even survive the march to the camp," said the shorter man in an unfeeling tone.

My mother went down on her knees to plead with the two men, but to no avail. Without pausing, the shorter man pulled my brother away from my mother's grasp and dragged him along. Overwhelmed by the *two tragedies*, my mother fainted. I sat with tears in my eyes, holding tightly to my mother all night.

My mother was never the same again. She hardly spoke and ate even less, which left her sickly. Even if she was well, there were hardly any jobs during the war. We had to depend on the kindness of neighbours who knew about our fate. Even then, they had very little to spare and hunger was our constant companion.



The war ended two years later, with our country conquered by the invaders. Unexpectedly, they proved to be better rulers than our own leaders, rewriting the unjust laws and allowing our soldiers to return home. Upon hearing the news, my mother and I sat by our door every day from dawn to dusk. It has been ten months since the end of the war and there are still only two people in our house. 35

71. From the first paragraph, what were the two things missing from the writer's childhood? (2m)

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72. Explain clearly why the writer's brother was required to join the army. (2m)

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73. Choose words from lines 1 to 10 which have opposite meanings to the words below. (3m)

agree	
dusk	
unclearly	

74. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. (3m)

	True/False	Reason
The taller man tried to help the writer's family.		
The writer's mother decided to give up the elder son.		

<b>The donations from the neighbours were insufficient to support the writer and his mother.</b>		
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75. What were the "two tragedies" referred to in line 27? (2m)

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76. List two reasons why the writer's mother was unable to find a job after her husband died. (2m)

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

77. Which word from the last paragraph tells us the writer's country lost the war? (1m)

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78. Explain clearly what the purpose of the two men's visit was. (2m)

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79. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage. (1m)

\_\_\_\_\_ The war started.

\_\_\_\_\_ The writer was born.

\_\_\_\_\_ The writer's father was drafted into the army.

80. From the passage, do you think the writer's brother survived the war? Support your answer with information from the passage. (2m)

# Answer Key

EXAM PAPER 2015

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Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
1	2	2	4	3	2	2	4	3	2
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
4	3	4	4	1	2	1	2	B	C
Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38		
N	D	M	J	Q	L	P	F		

- 39)nor      40)advertisement      41)deceiving      42)successful
- 43)enquiry      44)sank      45)fulfil      46)attempts
- 47)embarrassed      48)on      49)delighted      50)Disappointed
- 51)answer      52)ways      53)goal      54)modern      55)since
- 56)about      57)on      58)from      59)increasing
- 60)victim      61)replaced      62)enough      63)named
- 64)part      65)finished
- 66)In order not to feel drowsy in the morning, Jerry sleeps early.
- 67)John told his parents that he had enjoyed himself the previous day.

68) You cannot enter the restricted area unless you have the pass.

69) Since his resignation from his Tom has been on a trip around the world.

70) The books will be delivered by the salesman today.

71) He did not have a happy family and the basic necessities he needed.

72) The writer's father had died and the law stated that one member of the family had to bring in the army.

73) differ / dawn / vividly

74) False / He only gave a sympathetic look but was bound by his duty and did nothing.

False / The writer's brother was pulled away from his mother by the shorter man.

True / The family had to depend on the kindness of neighbours who knew our fate but had little to spare.

75) It referred to the news of the writer's father's death and the writer's brother being drafted in to the army.

76) 1) She hardly spoke and ate even less which left her sickly.

2) There were hardly any jobs during the war.

77) conquered

78) They were to inform about the writer's father's death and to get another member of the family to join the army.

79) 2, 1, 3

80) No, he did not. There were only two people in the house ten months since the end of the war.