



Anglo-Chinese School (Primary)

**MID-YEAR EXAMINATION (2015)
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER TWO (BOOKLET A)
PRIMARY FIVE**

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Class: Primary 5 ____

Date: 4 May 2015

Duration of paper: 1h 50 min

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- 1. This question paper consists of 10 printed pages.
- 2. Do not turn this page until you are told to do so.
- 3. Read all instructions carefully.
- 4. State your answer on the Official Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

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 correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

1. The haze was so thick that I could hardly _____ the path in front of me.

- (1) see
- (2) saw
- (3) sees
- (4) had seen

2. "_____ horses are not mine. My horses are here with me," announced the shepherd boy.

- (1) This
- (2) That
- (3) These
- (4) Those

3. Eddie was washing his car _____ it started pouring.

- (1) since
- (2) while
- (3) when
- (4) despite

4. The prefect, _____ overcome his shyness, delivered his speech.

- (1) has
- (2) had
- (3) have
- (4) having

5. "_____ you require my help, feel free to call," Uncle Larry told Father.

- (1) Will
- (2) May
- (3) Could
- (4) Should

6. The farmer waded _____ the shallow river to get to his cattle which were on the opposite side of the river bank.

- (1) over
- (2) along
- (3) under
- (4) across

7. The little boy emerged from the bushes with _____ cuts and scratches on his arms and legs.

- (1) all
- (2) few
- (3) much
- (4) several

8. "Let's forget about our quarrel, _____ we?" Donny asked Sam.

- (1) will
- (2) shall
- (3) don't
- (4) shouldn't

9. I always wonder how Mrs Tan knew _____ mischief we were up to.

- (1) that
- (2) what
- (3) which
- (4) whose

10. Either my cousins or I _____ going to the party this evening.

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

For each question from 11 to 15, 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)

11. I _____ my old classmate at the cinema last night.

- (1) ran on
- (2) ran up
- (3) ran into
- (4) ran over

12. The general _____ more soldiers to the east to defend the area.

- (1) relayed
- (2) deployed
- (3) organised
- (4) assembled

13. The accused was charged with three _____ of theft and assault by the judge.

- (1) points
- (2) makes
- (3) counts
- (4) strokes

14. The furniture shop was _____ to the upper floor because its current premise was undergoing major renovation.

- (1) shifted
- (2) relocated
- (3) delegated
- (4) transported

15. His hunger pangs _____ a little after he had eaten a biscuit.

- (1) halted
- (2) departed
- (3) subsided
- (4) offloaded

For each question from 16 to 20, 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)

Elisha Graves Otis came up with a reliable safety brake in 1852. Ever since then, the technology that transports humans up and down buildings has barely changed. To get thirty people to the thirtieth floor, you still need four main ingredients: ropes, brakes, a counterweight and a cab. However, that is set to change. The humble lift is going to get a makeover. The engineers and researchers at a lift manufacturing company have come up with a new design that could transform not just the lift industry but also the limits of construction. "The one-mile-high building is close to becoming a reality but it is the lifts that hold these projects back," said an industry expert. He also added that the ropes were identified as the main culprit. A ropeless lift would definitely be coming our way.

Adapted from *Going Up?* by Matt Alegiah

16. (1) carries
(2) delivers
(3) transfers
(4) disseminates
17. (1) ways
(2) items
(3) steps
(4) processes
18. (1) meek
(2) ordinary
(3) unworthy
(4) backward
19. (1) shift
(2) adjust
(3) switch
(4) redefine

- 20. (1) star
- (2) usual
- (3) critical
- (4) primary

Study this information text carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28.

Let's Cook With Ketchup!

There's so much more to this sauce than squirting it over chips - use it to add colour, flavour and creativity to your cooking. Give these recipes a try!

Brilliant Barbeque Sauce

Mix 1 chopped onion, 2 crushed garlic cloves, 1 can chopped tomatoes, 4 tablespoons tomato ketchup and 3 tablespoons brown sugar. Simmer for 10 minutes and serve with chops, ribs or even chips.

SPEEDY STEW

Fry 1 chopped onion in olive oil. Add sliced sausage, 1 can chopped tomatoes, 1 crushed garlic clove and 1 drained can of chickpeas. Finish with 2 tablespoons tomato ketchup and a splash of vinegar.

Boston-style Baked Beans

Add 2 tablespoons vinegar to a can of beans in tomato sauce. Then mix it with 2 tablespoons tomato ketchup, a dash of chilli sauce and 1 tablespoon of brown sugar. Heat it up before serving.

Tomato Salsa

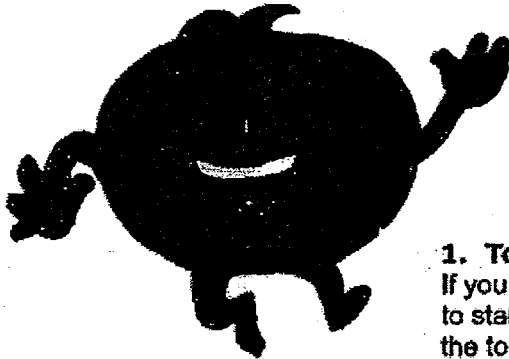
Add 6 tablespoons tomato ketchup to 6 chopped cherry tomatoes, 2 teaspoons vinegar, 1 tablespoon chopped coriander and 1 chopped avocado.



Do You Know?

Until the late 19th century, ketchup was often made from mushrooms, nuts and fruit. *Heinz* was the first to make tomato ketchup as we know it today, with ripe sweet tomatoes, vinegar and sugar. It's fine to use budget brands for cooking too.

Ketchup



5 Reasons Why You Should Be Eating More Tomatoes

1. Tomatoes are good for your skin.

If you want to try tomatoes for skin care, you need to start with about eight to twelve tomatoes. Peel the tomatoes and then place the skin on your face with inside of the tomato touching your skin. Leave the tomatoes on your face for a minimum of ten minutes, then wash. Your face will feel clean and shiny.

2. Tomatoes help prevent several types of cancer.

Lycopene is a natural antioxidant that works effectively to slow the growth of cancerous cells. Cooked tomatoes produce even more lycopene, so go ahead and cook up a batch of your mom's famous tomato soup.

3. Tomatoes help maintain strong bones.

Tomatoes contain a considerable amount of calcium and Vitamin K. Both of these nutrients are essential in strengthening and performing minor repairs on the bones as well as the bone tissue.

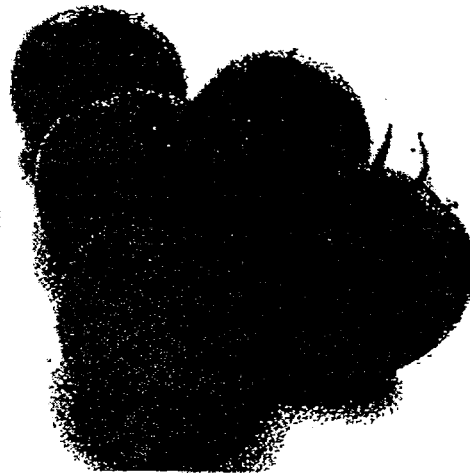
4. Tomatoes are good for your heart.

Because of the Vitamin B and potassium in tomatoes, they are effective in reducing cholesterol levels and lowering blood pressure.

5. Tomatoes are good for your hair.

The Vitamin A in tomatoes works perfectly to keep your hair shiny and strong. In addition, it also does wonders for your eyes, skin, bones and teeth.

Whether you refer to a tomato as a fruit or a vegetable, there is no doubt that a tomato is a nutrient-dense, super-food that most people should be eating more of.



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21. According to the text, _____ is an essential ingredient in all four recipes.

- (1) garlic
- (2) beans
- (3) chilli sauce
- (4) tomato ketchup

22. Which recipe would be avoided by a non-meat eater?

- (1) Speedy Stew
- (2) Tomato Salsa
- (3) Brilliant Barbeque Sauce
- (4) Boston-style Baked Beans

23. The use of bold letters in the recipes helps readers to identify the _____.

- (1) name of the recipes
- (2) importance of the recipes
- (3) the tomatoes used in the recipes
- (4) essential ingredient in the recipes

24. Based on the information given, the recipes serve to _____.

- (1) promote *Heinz* as the brand to use in the kitchen
- (2) remind us of the importance of sauces in our diet
- (3) show us how to use tomato ketchup in our meat dishes
- (4) give us ideas on using tomato ketchup in our everyday cooking

25. Which one of the following statements about tomato ketchup is false?

- (1) Some people tend to eat chips with tomato ketchup.
- (2) Any brand of tomato ketchup can be used in the recipes.
- (3) Cooks can use it as creatively as possible in their dishes.
- (4) Nowadays, ketchup is made of mushrooms, nuts and fruit.

26. Tomatoes are highly recommended as they _____.

- (1) give us perfect teeth
- (2) reduce the shine on our face
- (3) make our mother's soup tastier
- (4) contain vitamins that ease blood pressure

27. What is the main purpose of the text?

- (1) to explain if a tomato is a fruit or vegetable
- (2) to ensure that people take care of their health
- (3) to create awareness of the benefits of tomatoes
- (4) to encourage people to add more vitamins to their food

28. Why are tomatoes considered as 'super-food'?

- (1) Tomatoes can cure cancer.
- (2) You need only one tomato to clean your face.
- (3) The nutrients in the tomatoes can keep many diseases away.
- (4) Tomatoes help to increase and decrease our cholesterol level.

END OF PAPER



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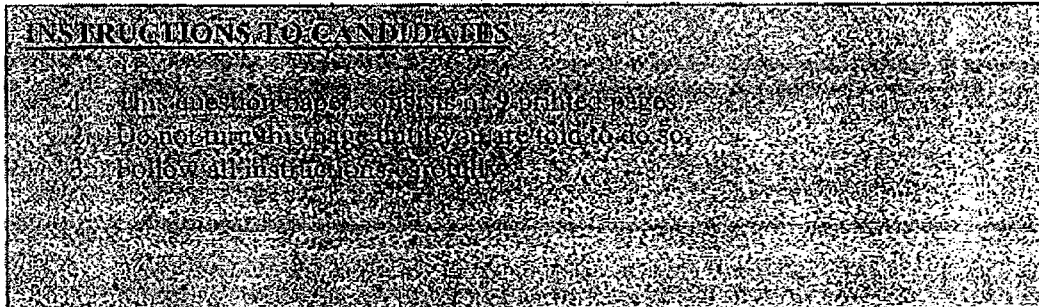
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No.	Contents	Marks	Marks Obtained
1.	Oral	30	
2.	Listening Comprehension	20	
3.	Composition	55	
4.	Language Paper	95	
Total Marks		200	

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 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) an | (D) by | (G) for | (K) is | (N) will |
| (B) as | (E) does | (H) has | (L) that | (P) with |
| (C) because | (F) did | (J) in | (M) through | (Q) would |

Eight-year-old Arran Fernandez has become the youngest child to achieve a top grade in the British GCSE exams. Such exams are usually reserved _____ pupils
(29)

twice his age. His A-star _____ Mathematics is the highest possible grade for the
(30)

GCSE exams. These are usually taken _____ sixteen-year-olds.
(31)

"We were all very confident that I _____ get an A-star," said Arran. Arran is
(32)

_____ only child. He _____ taught at home by his parents.
(33) (34)

"Daddy teaches me and Mummy reads _____ my work," revealed the
(35)
prodigy. Arran _____ not go to school at this point in time. His father told *The Daily*
(36)

Telegraph, "I can't see us ever sending him to school." Arran's father feels _____ he
(37)
is just too different to fit in.

Interestingly, he does not see Arran's achievement _____ extraordinary. He
(38)
told *The Guardian*, "I believe that every child could do this if they are given the right
encouragement."

Adapted from *The Straits Times* 24 August, 2003

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (12 marks)

Paul and I had been hiking for six hours when we saw a dry riverbed that ran through

(39)

the desert. Paul and I sigh. "I hope this isn't the river we've been trying to reach," I said.

(40) (41)

"See, Tom, I told you we should have brought some water," said Paul. Among the two of us,

(42)

we had only about a third of a bottle left. Our clothes were wet with persperation and our

(43)

(44)

throats were dry, and we dared not drink any more water. Even when we headed back

(45)

right away, it was at least a six-hour journee back to our campsite.

(46)

(47)

Paul and I just stared in the dry riverbed. "Check the global positioning divice on the

(48)

map," I said to Paul. "Is there any other water source in the neihbouring area?"

(49)

(50)

Paul looked skapteecal. This was a place that was devoid of any moistor. We looked at each other hopelessly.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

A heavy school bag may be what is sending young children to the doctor for their back.

Dr Timothy Lim, a doctor who _____ backaches and spinal injuries in
(51)

children, is seeing more patients. He says that it is not just the weight of the bag that

_____ spinal injuries in a child. There are other factors _____
(52) (53)

Such factors _____ the length of the strap. Some students carry the bag on
(54)

_____ one shoulder. This can strain _____ muscles. The way they lift
(55) (56)

their bags can _____ in too much stress on their backbone. All these factors come
(57)

into _____ when considering the cause of back and shoulder pain in children.
(58)

The Ministry of Health has recommended to schools that bags be _____ ten
(59)

and fifteen percent of students' body weight. Dr Lim notes that _____ weight on the
(60)

spinal muscles will strain a child's developing body. He admits that no medical studies have

been conducted to _____ that a heavy school bag will do so. However, he says that
(61)

heavy bags may also _____ to severe back pain.
(62)

According to Dr Lim, there are ways to _____ a child's back. Even the way
(63)

the child lifts the bag makes a _____ Dr Lim says, "It is important that the child lift
(64)

the bag as closely to their body as _____. This will lessen the stress on the back
(65)
muscles."

Adapted from *The New Paper* 19 March, 2013

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 Joe has to complete his homework. Then he can go out and play.

_____ unless

67 Larry was very happy he had passed his topical test. He jumped for joy

68 Tim realised that he had lost his wallet. He started looking for it frantically.

Upon _____

69 The boys wolfed down their lunch. Then they rushed to the playground.

_____ before

70 "There will be a test next week," Mr Lee announced to the class.

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<p>When I finished school at the age of fourteen, I was as raw as raw could be. I had never travelled anywhere on my own. I had never purchased a train ticket. Like most kids my age, I had only travelled with my parents or relatives. They made all the decisions. I had no experience of how to handle money.</p>	5
<p>I had set my sights on travelling far and wide to find work. However, my parents wisely thought that I should begin by learning to manage on my own within Goa itself. It was also the rainy season. They explained that travelling around India would be much more difficult with all that rain. At least that was the reason they gave me.</p>	5
<p>Therefore, I started out by helping at an aquarium shop in a town near my village. The owner of the shop was Ashok D'Cruz. He was a college friend of my father's.</p>	10
<p>Ashok was no ordinary businessman. Keeping fish was his passion. To Ashok, making money was not a priority. He would spend the entire day chatting with his customers about rearing fish. To my knowledge, Ashok never forced any of his customers to buy from his stock of aquarium fish.</p>	10
<p>In fact, it was Ashok who introduced me to the amazing world of aquarium fish. I was just nine and studying in Primary Five. Under his guidance then, I tried breeding guppies, platties and mollies. I was very happy then to be able to do so successfully. Ashok was generous enough to even buy back from me the baby fish I had reared. Later I developed sufficient confidence to experiment with and breed more difficult types of fish. This was done under the expert tutelage of Ashok.</p>	15
<p>I went to Ashok's shop every morning at 9.00 a.m. I would speed on my bicycle to be on time. I would stay there until lunch time, doing whatever I was asked to do. During my first few days at his shop, my work was only to watch the tanks and ensure no one stole the fish, clean those which were dirty and remove from the tanks the dead fish that had died the previous day.</p>	20
<p>Now, Ashok's shop was not very large. It was a two-room shop on the ground floor of the Gomes Catao complex. It had a display section in front and a store room at the back. The showroom had about twenty fish tanks on display with a variety of fish. Ashok's shop was located away from the main market area so he did not have the advantage of casual customers dropping by. However Ashok had his regular customers. There were always at least twenty to thirty customers daily.</p>	25
<p>As time went by, Ashok assigned more tasks for me to do. I started feeding the fish. Different species of fish needed different types of food. Sometimes I treated the wounded and diseased fish. I also attended to customers. These were tasks I did not mind doing. In fact, I looked forward being there every day. Gradually, I began to accompany Ashok on his rounds to various places, including his suppliers.</p>	30
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<p>Adapted from <i>Free From School</i> by Rahul Alvares</p>	

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71 Which word in paragraph 1 has the same meaning as 'inexperienced'? [1m]

72 What did the author want to do after he graduated from school? [2m]

73 Why did the author's parents suggest that he get a job near his village? [2m]

74 Explain clearly why "Ashok never forced any of his customers to buy from his stock of aquarium fish." (Line 14 - 15) [2m]

75 What two things did Ashok do to encourage the author's love of breeding fish? [2m]

76 What does "This" in line 20 refer to? [2m]

77 Based on the story, 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 author had experience handling large amounts of money.		
The author tried to be punctual for work.		
The author had experience breeding fish.		

78 List three tasks that the author needed to do in Ashok's shop. [3m]

Task 1	
Task 2	
Task 3	

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

_____ The author found a job near his village.

_____ The author graduated from school.

_____ Ashok was accompanied by the author to his suppliers.

80 Was the author happy to be working in Ashok's shop? Support your answer with reasons from the passage. [2m]

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Answer Key

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- 39)sighed 40)more 41)Between 42)perspiration
43)but 44)if 45)journey 46)at 47)device
48)neighbouring 49)skeptical 50)moisture 51)treats
52)causes 53)too 54)include 55)only 56)their
57)result 58)play 59)between 60)additional/excessive
61)prove 62)lead 63)protect 64)difference 65)possible
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70)Mr Lee announced to the class that there would be a test the following week.

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72)The author wanted to set his sights on travelling far and wide to find work.

73)It was a rainy season and they wanted him to manage on his own within Goa itself.

74)Ashok was passion keeping fish, making money was not his priority.

75)Ashok guided the author to breed fishes and Ashok bought back the fish the author had reared.

76)It refers to the author experimenting with and breeding more difficult types of fish.

77)False/ He had no experience how to handle money.

True / He would speed his bicycle a little to be on time.

False/ The author needed guidance from Ashok to breed fish.

78)1)Treated the wounded and diseased fish.

2)Watch the tanks and ensure nobody stole the fish.

3)Clean those which were dirty and remove from the tanks the dead fish that had died the previous day.

79)2, 1, 3

80)The author was happy to be working in Ashok's shop.

The author looked forward to being there every day.

