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SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL FIRST SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2015 ENGLISH LANGUAGE PRIMARY FIVE

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Class: Primary 5 SY / C / G / SE / P			

PAPER 2 (BOOKLET A)

Total time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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For Ans	each q wer Sho	uestion from 1 to 10, s eet.	hade your answer	(1, 2, 3 or	4) on the Optical (10 marks)
1	Mrs	Tan was horrified wh	hen she realised ng it in the dryer.	that her	expensive blouse
	(1)	shrinks			
	(2)				
	(3) (4)				
	(+)	was simiking			
2	Meili	refrained	struggling as	her assailant	t was strong.
	(1)	by			
	(2)	with			
	(3) (4)	from against			
	(4)	agairist			
3	The r	ats sensed the huge dog	gs	but did no	ot run away.
	(1)	approached			
	(2)				
	(3) (4)	approaching were approaching			
	(+)	were approaching			
4	The y	ouths decided to take rotential repercussions.	matters into their o	wn hands _	
	741	oin a a			
	(1) (2)	since unless			
	(3)	despite			
	(4)	although			
5	By an	riving late for the intervie g the job.	ew, he threw		his chances of
	(1)	off			
	(2)	over			
	(3)	away			
	(4)	down			

6	The la	oouquet of purple orchids	colour and fragrance to the
	(1) (2) (3) (4)	lend lends is lending shall lend	
7	Five headi	of had to squing for Sentosa.	eeze into the tiny car. We were
	(1) (2) (3) (4)	us you them yours	
8		two weeks of practice, Sarah becamult words.	e adept spelling
	(1) (2) (3) (4)	to at on with	
9		director of the company was forced found to have embezzled the compan	
	(1) (2) (3) (4)	in up away down	·
10	The	families of the victims of the plant any updates until now.	ane crash not
	(1) (2) (3) (4)	had received have received will be receiving have been receiving	

For Ans	each question from 11 to 15, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical (5 marks)
11	The Wang family have sent their They are unable to attend the wedding next Saturday.
	 (1) regrets (2) qualms (3) rejections (4) condolences
12	Police investigation revealed that the fires were set and were not due to natural causes.
	 (1) deliberately (2) purposefully (3) unknowingly (4) mischievously
13	Mother roared, "Stop your chatter and give my ears a rest!"
	 (1) insistent (2) incessant (3) intentional (4) interrupted
14	The alleged criminal his innocence in a calm manner throughout the interrogation.
	 (1) lamented (2) protested (3) negotiated (4) maintained
15	The stain on the document is not visible if you do not look closely.
	 (1) minute (2) evident (3) conspicuous (4) considerable

For each question 16 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

Every year, poachers take a whopping 38 million animals from the wilds of Brazil to meet the global demand for illegal wildlife. Most are birds, destined to become caged (16) pets for owners in major cities around the world. It is a lucrative trade indeed.

Brazil's strong demand for exotic pets and its weak laws around the wildlife trade allow many traffickers to operate with impunity, feeding the country's \$2 billion industry.

(18)

Most people have no idea that buying a parrot can have a devastating impact on nature.

(19)

Smuggled birds are mistreated and injured during transport. Birds are fed the wrong food, placed in cages that were too small, and get too little or too much sun.

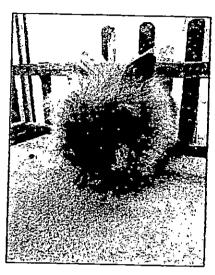
Brazil's wildlife is <u>plundered</u> in such huge numbers every day. Severe imbalances (20) are occurring within ecosystems. Extinctions of entire local populations can happen and that affects the food chain significantly.

Adapted from http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/animal-trafficking-birds-brazil/

- **16** (1) fated
 - (2) directed
 - (3) determined
 - (4) condemned
- 17 (1) fruitful
 - (2) profitable
 - (3) significant
 - (4) compensatory
- **18** (1) function
 - (2) produce
 - (3) process
 - (4) accomplish
- **19** (1) major
 - (2) powerful
 - (3) catastrophic
 - (4) tremendous
- 20 (1) pilfered
 - (2) pillaged
 - (3) salvaged
 - (4) sabotaged

Singapore's First Rabbit Charity Fair

7¹⁴ – 9¹⁴ September, 2015 Bunny Headquarters Pasir Ris Farmway





Buy a cute rabbit and keep another animal at the same time! 5% of the proceeds for every bunny sold will go towards helping another animal. Bunny Headquarters has a special range of rabbits: Holland Lop, Netherland Dwarf, Mini Rex and Lionhead rabbits.

In celebration of Bunny Headquarters' 5th Year Anniversary, Animal Lovers Society has been appointed as the beneficiary of Singapore's first ever Rabbit Charity Auction which will be held on the last day at 7.30 pm. We are also honoured to be working closely with House Rabbit Society. The volunteers there will be at hand to answer all your questions regarding the auction.

House Rabbit Society (HRS) is an all-volunteer, non-profit organisation dedicated to rabbit welfare and awareness. They are experienced in all matters concerning rabbits.

HRS will conduct various workshops over the three days. Do register early to avoid disappointment. Workshop hours are from 10am to 5pm every day.

Each workshop is 45 minutes long with a 15-minute break between the workshops.

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	Workshop 1	Workshop 2	Workshop 3
Day 1	Grooming	Housing	Handling
Day 2	Diet	Health	Common Illnesses
	8am, 11am, 2pm	9am, 12pm, 3pm	10am, 1pm, 4pm

Workshops on Day 1 and Day 2 run continuously.

Day 3 -- Everything you need to know about your pet rabbit (8 sessions only)

Cost: \$15 per workshop. \$5 from each workshop will be donated to Animal Lovers Society

Friends of HRS membership – Interested parties can register and become a member for a fixed fee of \$25.

Be a HRS volunteer! Help to educate others about responsibilities involved in owning a pet rabbit. You can also help to rescue abandoned rabbits and foster them while they await adoption.

Our programme in schools serves to impart the young with the right attitude and correct values in treating and caring for animals. If you have an outgoing personality and are comfortable speaking to a large audience, you can help out in this area.

Volunteers who have a good command of the English language can contribute articles for the HRS website and the quarterly newsletter.

Volunteers are also needed to give guidance to new rabbit owners. Skills in fund raising, sourcing of incentives or sponsorships are greatly appreciated.

Bunny Headquarters Pte. Ltd.

For more information, please click on http://www.bunnies.com Telephone: 6777-9999

21	Lion	head refers to
	(1)	
	(2)	
	(3)	the name of the organiser
	(4)	the location of the charity fair
22	The	charity auction will be held
	(1)	on 5 th September 2015
	(2)	on 7 th September 2015
	(3)	on 7 th September 2015 on 9 th September 2015
	(4)	from 7 th to 9 th September 2015
23	Proc	ceeds of the charity auction will go to the
	(1)	Rabbit Charity Fair
	(2)	Bunny Headquarters
	(3)	House Rabbit Society
	(4)	Animal Lovers Society
24	To fin	d out more about the auction, I can
	(1)	go to Pasir Ris Farmway
	(2)	write in to Bunny Headquarters
	(3)	log on to the website http://www.bunnies.com
	(4)	speak to the volunteers from House Rabbit Society
25	The H	louse Rabbit Society's newsletter is sent out to its members
	(1)	Form time and in the second se
	(1)	four times a year
	(2)	four times a month
	(3) (4)	once every four years once every four months
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For each question from 21 to 28, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

26		les has just bought a rabbit. He wants to learn how to trim its halls. He ld attend the workshop(s) on
	(1) (2) (3)	Days 2 and 3
	(4)	Days 1, 2 and 3
27		h needs to find out more about the diet of her rabbit. She should visit the
	(1)	7 th September10am
	(2) (3)	7 th September1 pm 8 th September2pm
	(4)	all The Control of th
28	Wha	t is the main purpose of the poster?
	(1)	to advertise the charity fair
	(2) (3)	to encourage people to buy more rabbits to encourage people to become volunteers
	(4)	to celebrate Bunny Headquarters' 5 th Year Anniversary

END OF BOOKLET A

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FIRST SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2015

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY FIVE

Name:	 Date:
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	Marks Obtained Highest Possik Marks	
Booklet A		28
Booklet B		67
Sub-total		95

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2

(BOOKLET B)

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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 in order to avoid confusion during marking (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

(A)	and	(D)	however	(G)	not	(L)	that	(N)	will
(B)	by	(E)	instead	(H)	on		their	(P)	with
(C)	for	(F)	many	(J)	than		whom	(Q)	would

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For as long as they can remember, Jynne Martin and April Surgent had both dreamt of
going to Antarctica. This winter, they each made it to the icy continent as guests of the
National Science Foundation (NSF), they did not go as scientists. Martin is a
poet Surgent is an artist. They went to Antarctica as participants in the NSF's (30)
Artists and Writers programme. The NSF is the government agency funds
scientific research in Antarctica. It also makes it possible for artists, including filmmakers and
musicians, to experience Antarctica and contribute points of view to our (32)
understanding of the continent.
The mixing of science and art in Antarctica is new. Some of the earliest
explorers brought along painters and photographers. Edward Wilson was a British painter,
doctor and ornithologist (bird expert) who journeyed Robert Falcon Scott on two
separate Antarctic expeditions more than 100 years ago. Herbert Ponting was a photographer
who also accompanied Scott one of those expeditions. In hundreds of (35)
photographs, Ponting captured the beauty of the continent and recorded the daily lives and
heroic struggles of the explorers.

"It's important for scientists and artists to work together," said Surgent. "You
need different perspectives and points of view to explain the world." (36)
his projects, Surgent would use homemade pinhole cameras to take
photographs that slowly developed after several days. "We are so used to digital cameras
and instant images," said Surgent. "This project was a way to slow down and really look and
see again."
Martin followed four different scientific teams on the ice and wrote articles and poems
inspired her experiences. "Each day was the new 'best' day of my life," said
Martin.
Adapted from http://www.timeforkids.com/news/artists-antarctica/143891

each of the boxes. (12 marks)

The children who live at a slum in the Brazilian city of Rio de Janeiro love to play soccer on the nearby community field. However, due to constant power shortages, they (39) could rarely extending their games beyond sunset. Now, with some innoveyteeve thinking and extraordinary technology, the young players would be able to use the field all night long if they wish, provided they keep running! At this newly-renovated soccer pitch, all the kinetic energy expended by the (41)players is harnezed and used to power the lights. The hi-tech field was officially opened on September 10th by <u>lagenderi</u> soccer player, Pele. It was spearheaded with Royal Dutch Shell's "Let's Go" initiative. It encourages people to find new ways to deliver energy from cleaner and more sustainable sources. For this project, the company which was helping re-turf the deelapidayted soccer field in this impoverished area of the city, decided to partner with UK-based Pavegen that manufactures tiles which harvest pedestrian energy. The tiles work in conjunksion with

solar panels that have also been installed around the field to feed electricity to a system .

of floodlights overhead.

Pavegen officials said that when the 200 tiles were being laid below the astro-turf,
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the children were eager to help test the technology by played on them. Their energy
(48)
stored was then used to illuminating the field at night. Pavegen's 28-year-old company
(49)
director, Laurence Cook, hopes that the hi-tech soccer field would also ignaite their
(50)
interest in science. Made <u>large</u> trom rubber and other recycled materials, the tiles are his
brainchild. The designer revealed that it uses a system of cogs, which when stepped on,
spin like tops and act as generators. Cook hopes to make the tiles affordable enough to
power the entire world!

Adapted from http://www.dogonews.com/2014/10/9/no-step-goes-wasted-on-this-soccer-field

For many people, standing up in public and giving a speech is one of their
greatest fears. Public speaking speeches different functions and
(51) can be persuasive, informative, entertaining or celebratory in nature.
There are techniques and strategies to become an speaker.
First, make sure that you plan your communication appropriately using the correct
structure. Your speech should always have a beginning, and end. (53)
(53) When writing the introduction, think about how important the first paragraph of a
book is. If it does not grab your, you are likely to put it down. The
same principle goes for your speech. From the beginning, you need to intrigue your
audience. You could start with an interesting statistic, headline fact (55)
that pertains to your topic and resonates with your audience. You could also use
storytelling as a powerful opener.
In order to generate content for a topic, it would be useful to work in groups at the
planning stage help one another to come up with ideas. Making (56)
notes about your ideas is also helpful. You could draw mind-maps, make lists or write
ideas on post-it notes and then categorise them.
Do not to summarise your speech and reinforce your
message in the conclusion.
Did you know that body language is an part of public
speaking? In fact, 70% of communication is done through body
language such as posture, gestures and eye contact. Pay attention to your body
language. Stand up straight, take deep breaths, look at the audience
the eye and smile. Do not lean on one leg or use gestures that feel (60)

Engage with your audience. Pay attention to how you are speaking. If you are
you might talk quickly. Force yourself to slow down by breathing
(61) Pauses are an important part of conversation and they make you
(62) confident, natural and authentic.
(63) Finally, avoid reading word-for-word from your notes. Instead, make a list of
important points on cue cards or try to what you are going to say.
makes perfect! You simply cannot be a confident,
compelling speaker without practice. Seek opportunities to speak in front of others by
volunteering to speak during group or class activities.
Learning from others is another strategy. The famous speech by Martin Luther
King 'I have a dream' was powerful and inspirational.
Adapted from: http://www.mindtools.com/CommSkll/PublicSpeaking.htm

Your answer must be in **one** sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given(s).

This is the restaurant. My parents were married there.	
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The designer shoes Kate bought turned out to be fake. She was frustrated. To	
Zara likes online shopping. She does not like going to the store.	prefe
Much to Dawn's disgust, she found biscuit crumbs under her desk. Dawn	
Mary cycled to work to commemorate Earth Day. She did not drive.	

The euphoria of this first day in the Hukawng was catching. Even the Gurkhas' bull, with a miserly little bag of rice on its back, relished the luxury of a level track as it romped placidly. We too galloped along and surprised ourselves by covering 12 miles before nightfall stopped us at the headwaters of the fast-flowing Tanai River.

The diary records that the track was slushy - again! Evidently, there would be no escape from the intractable mud. If anyone were to fall now, it would not be from a slip on a glassy mountain but from sickness and exhaustion.

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My father was not slow to explain the reasons. He did so quite coldly one day, along the lines, "Our bodies have been weakened by malnutrition so you could die from almost anything, even a cut finger. Do not eat or drink anything except **cooked food and boiled water** and let me know the moment you are ill. Is that clear?" I nodded my head. My father's message was clear enough but hunger overcame me.

When we stopped for a break the next day, I noticed a huge tree with reddish fruit that looked like mangoes. My resistance collapsed instantly and Father's commands went clean out of my head. I had a single overpowering vision: FOOD! Moving warily, I crept in a wide arc toward the tree while my family rested in a small clearing. However, they were not mangoes. I ate them anyway.

When I sank my teeth into one, it was juicy but intensely sour. However, hungry little boys are not choosy so I ate it all and another. I was just about to start on a third when a stern voice rang through the jungle.

"Stephen! Stephen! Where are you?"

Fear of discovery plunged me instantly into near hysteria. I dropped the guilty fruit in fright, shouted in a submissive baby voice, "Coming, Father" and dived back through the undergrowth. Alas, it was a massive thicket of giant nettles. They towered above me, but since I had never seen such plants before, I did not realise that the inch-long needles had a sting like a hornet's. My threadbare clothes gave no protection.

Suddenly, my whole body caught fire as my jangling nerves registered POISON and went into overdrive. In my ignorance, I assumed malign jungle spirits were attacking me for raiding the tree. Was I scared! I stumbled and crashed through more nettles on the way out. By the time I reached my family, I was in a dreadful state. Awash with poison, I swooned, shivered, cried, and turned into a lumpy pineapple. I was sure Father must have known what those plants were, yet I could not remember being treated with anything.

When I was able to speak out of my swollen face, I told my family that I had simply gone out into the jungle to relieve myself and got lost. Then, when Father called, I had run back through the bushes and been bitten by these things. No one disputed my story. I never referred to the episode again.

That night, we spent it in a deserted Kachin hut. It was dry. The joy of sleeping off the ground on something dry was overpowering. By popular demand, it was decided that we would spend another day there. We had a simple meal. My portion, heavily scented with wood smoke, tasted unbelievably delicious.

Adapted from "Through the Jungle of Death" By Stephen Brookes

	Referring to paragraph two, what does the writer think are the possible reasons befall? [2m]
	Why do you think the writer's father insisted that the family consumed only 'cooked t and boiled water'? (lines 10 to 11) [2m]
1	Explain fully what the writer meant by 'My resistance collapsed instantly' in line 14. [2
E	explain why the writer crept towards the fruit tree and followed a wide arc. [2m]
- C	
c N	hoose words from paragraphs 4 to 9 which have similar moonings to the
CV	hoose words from paragraphs 4 to 9 which have similar meanings to the words below Irite each word in the appropriate box. [3m]

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 track which the writer was walking on was dry.			
The writer was worried before eating the reddish fruits.			
The writer was in great pain after walking through the thick undergrowth.			

Give two reasons why everyone wanted to stay an extra day in the Kachin hut. [2m]
Reason 1:
Reason 2:
Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage. [1m]
The writer felt as though his whole body was on fire.
The writer stumbled and crashed through more nettles.
The writer noticed a huge tree with reddish fruit.
Explain why the writer did not tell his parents the truth of what had happened to him. [2m]

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TERM : SA1

Q1	Q 2	Q3	Q 4	Q 5	Q 6	Q 7	Q8	Q9	Q 10
3	3	3	3	3	2	1	1	4	2
Q 11	Q 12	Q 13	Q 14	Q 15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
3	1	2	4	1	1	2	4	3	2
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28		
1	3	4	3	1	1	3	1		

Q 29	Q 30	Q 31	Q 32	Q 33	Q 34	Q 35	Q 36	Q 37	Q 38
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Q39 extend

Q40 innovative

Q41 harnessed

Q42 legendary

Q43 by

Q44 dilapidated

Q45 harvests

Q46 conjunction

Q47 playing

Q48 illuminate

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- Q66. This is the restaurant where my parents were married.
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- Q70. Instead of driving, Mary cycled to work to commemorate Earth Day.
- Q71. Level
- Q72. The writer thinks sickness and exhaustion are the possible reason behind a fall.
- Q73. Their father was concerned as their bodies were no longer able to resist infections so only cooked food and boiled water were safe to be consumed.
- Q74. His hunger overcame him
- Q75. He crept so as not to be heard and moved in a wide arc so as not to be seen.
- Q76. Overwhelming overpowering
- Q76. Thin threadbare
- Q76. Inexperience ignorance
- Q77. FALSE The track which he was walking on was slushy and muddy.
- Q77. FALSE When the writer saw the reddish fruiter, he did not resist going closer to them and eating them.

- Q77. TRUE No model answer (reason) available.
- Q78. Reason 1: The joy of sleeping off the ground on something dry was overpowering for the writer and his family.
- Q78. Reason 2: They could have a meal.
- Q79. 1 The writer noticed a huge tree with reddish fruit.
- Q79. 2 The writer felt as though his whole body was on fire.
- Q79.3 The writer stumbled and crashed through more nettles.
- Q80. He was afraid of getting into troubles.

THE END