



NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1 - 2011
PRIMARY 5
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
(BOOKLET A)

Name: _____ ()

Class: Pr. 5 _____

Date: 10 May 2011

Booklet A	/ 30
Booklet B	/ 65
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Parent's Signature & Date

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

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

1. Do not turn over the page until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. Answer all questions.
4. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

Section A – Graphic-Stimulus Comprehension (5 x 1 mark)

Study the advertisement carefully and answer questions 1 to 5.

 **Lee Kuan Yew**
School of Public Policy
Inspiring Leaders Improving Lives Transforming Asia



Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy Distinguished Guest Lecture Series

You are cordially invited to attend a public lecture on

Europe's Major Potential In The Global Village



Professor Jan Peter Balkenende

Former Prime Minister and Minister of General Affairs,
Kingdom of the Netherlands

Li Ka Shing Eminent Visitor,
Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy

Professor of Governance, Institutions and Internationalisation,
Erasmus University Rotterdam

Chair: Professor Kishore Mahbubani
Dean, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy

Date: 28 March 2011, Monday

Time: 5.15pm – 6.30pm

Venue: Level 3, Auditorium
Block B, Faculty of Law, NUS Bukit Timah Campus
469G Bukit Timah Road
Singapore 259776

RSVP: lkyspppl@nus.edu.sg by 22 March 2011, Tuesday

Admission is free. Seats are limited. Register soon.

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

1. The purpose of the advertisement is to _____
 - 1) attract people to study at NUS
 - 2) invite people to a public lecture
 - 3) announce the publication of a new book
 - 4) inform the public of the visit of a professor

2. The target audience of the advertisement is _____
 - 1) children
 - 2) the general public
 - 3) the students at NUS
 - 4) the staff at the Faculty of Law

3. Who is going to give the lecture?
 - 1) Mr Li Ka Shing
 - 2) Mr Lee Kwan Yew
 - 3) Professor Kishore Mahbubani
 - 4) Professor Jan Peter Balkenende

4. Which of the following statements about Professor Jan Peter Balkenende is **FALSE**?
 - 1) He comes from the Netherlands.
 - 2) He used to be the Prime Minister of the Netherlands.
 - 3) He is the Dean of the Lee Kwan Yew School of Public Policy.
 - 4) He is now a professor at the Erasmus University of Rotterdam.

5. What must I do if I am interested in attending the lecture?
 - 1) Call up the Lee Kwan Yew School of Public Policy.
 - 2) Register at Level 3, Auditorium, Block B, Faculty of Law.
 - 3) E-mail lkysoppi@nus.edu.sg by 22 March 2011 to register.
 - 4) Go personally to the Faculty of Law at NUS Bukit Timah Campus.

Section B – Grammar (7 x 1 mark)

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 corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

6. The neighbours called the police when they heard Mrs Tan _____ for help.

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| 1) scream | 2) screamed |
| 3) was screaming | 4) had screamed |

7. The young man _____ father is a judge is very arrogant.

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| 1) who | 2) which |
| 3) whom | 4) whose |

8. You must not play in the rain _____ you will catch a cold.

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| 1) or | 2) so |
| 3) and | 4) but |

9. All the boys except Ravi _____ to the zoo tomorrow.

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| 1) is going | 2) were going |
| 3) are going | 4) had gone |

10. Neither the girls nor John _____ the answer to the question.

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| 1) know | 2) knows |
| 3) was knowing | 4) had known |

11. We shall be quiet like the teacher told us to, _____ we?

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| 1) shall | 2) shan't |
| 3) should | 4) shouldn't |

12. I was at the bus stop when someone called _____ my name.

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| 1) in | 2) out |
| 3) up | 4) over |

Section C – Punctuation Discrete (3 x 1 mark)

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 (OAS).

The two boys started, glanced at each other, and then assumed a listening attitude. There was a long silence, profound and unbroken; then a deep, sullen boom came floating down out of the distance.

“What is it (13) exclaimed Joe, under his breath.

“I wonder,” said Tom in a whisper.

“Ain’t thunder,” said Huckleberry, in an awed tone (14) because thunder does not sound like this.”

“Hark!” said Tom, “listen, don’t talk.”

They waited a second time that seemed an age, and then the same muffled boom troubled the solemn hush.

“Let (15) go and see.”

Adapted from: *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, Mark Twain

- 13) 1) [,] comma and inverted commas
 2) [.] full stop and inverted commas
 3) [?] question mark and inverted commas
 4) [!] exclamation mark and inverted commas

- 14) 1) [,] comma
 2) [.] full stop
 3) [, "] comma and inverted commas
 4) [. "] full stop and inverted commas

- 15) 1) [,] comma
 2) ['] apostrophe
 3) ['s] apostrophe 's'
 4) [s'] 's' apostrophe

Section D – Vocabulary (5 x 1-mark)

For each question from 16 to 20, 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).

16. "Come on! Don't be _____!" the naughty boys taunted John when he did not want to watch the scary movie.
- 1) red
 - 2) blue
 - 3) green
 - 4) yellow
17. The little girl _____ a great resemblance to her mother, they really look alike.
- 1) boar
 - 2) bore
 - 3) bares
 - 4) bears
18. Building the underwater tunnel was indeed a _____ task and took twenty years to complete.
- 1) draconian
 - 2) herculean
 - 3) caesarean
 - 4) narcissistic
19. Despite the police's many attempts to apprehend him, the burglar still _____ arrest.
- 1) eluded
 - 2) evaded
 - 3) emitted
 - 4) erupted
20. The boy forgot that he was in the library and _____ loudly when he read the humour section of the magazine.
- 1) squealed
 - 2) bellowed
 - 3) guffawed
 - 4) snivelled

Section E – Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

For each question from 21- 25, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Make your choice and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

Many people (21) correlate Nanjing with the dark days the city had to endure during World War II, but the former capital of China reveals its (22) gentle side come early spring each year.

That is when plum blossoms in every shade of pink, ranging from a shy pastel blush to intense (23) shades of magenta, burst forth on Purple Mountain, a large forested area in the east of the city.

When I went in early March, only three-quarters of the trees were covered in blossoms, and even then, their branches were still dotted with unopened buds.

The plum blossom is the city flower of Nanjing and can be found on anything from traditional water colour paintings to mahjong tiles. Compared to the other flowers, the tiny plum blossom is often the earliest to bloom on barren twigs towards the end of winter. Hence it is often taken as a (24) representation of rebirth and perseverance in the face of (25) hardship.

Adapted from: Nanjing blossoms in spring, *The Straits Times*, 15 March 2011

21. 1) join
2) unite
3) combine
4) associate
22. 1) fragile
2) delicate
3) graceful
4) superior
23. 1) hues
2) styles
3) colours
4) darkness
24. 1) symbol
2) design
3) image
4) pattern
25. 1) pain
2) illness
3) disorder
4) adversity

Section F – Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

For a while, book author Clifford Irving had everyone fooled. He had written several fiction and non-fiction books but none had sold many copies. Then in 1974, he came up with an idea that would really make a splash: a biography of billionaire Howard Hughes. This would become one of the biggest *hoaxes* in book publishing.

Mr Hughes, one of the richest men on the planet, has led a colourful life as a film maker, airline owner, pilot and businessman. But for more than 15 years, he has been a recluse, hiding himself from the world and living alone in hotel suites or huge mansions, desperate to avoid any publicity or attention. The public, however, remained curious about the man; although some thought he was either dead or dying. 5

The last interview Mr Hughes had given was in 1958, so it was a surprise when Clifford Irving went to his book publisher, John Grant last year, claiming that Mr Hughes wanted him to write the story of ^{his} life and that he had audio tapes and letters from the billionaire. Irving had faked Mr Hughes' handwriting and *spun tall tales* about the billionaire's odd personality and habits to make it seem likely that he really had spoken to the man. 10 15

The publisher was convinced and excitedly agreed to print the book, paying Irving US\$100, 000 to write it. Irving also asked for a cheque for US\$665,000 to be made out to "H. R. Hughes" and said that he would pass it to the billionaire. He then gave it to his wife who pretended to be a woman named Helga R. Hughes so she could exchange the cheque for cash at a bank in Switzerland. 20

Irving thought that he could get away with the hoax because he figured that the 67-year old billionaire would be too sick or too afraid of the spotlight to come forward to challenge it.

By now, some of Mr Hughes employees had already said they thought the biography was a fake, but they could not be sure because none of them had spoken directly to their boss, who was known for being eccentric and unpredictable. 25

But eventually, it all came tumbling down. Word got to Mr Hughes and it made him so angry that he decided to break his 15-year silence. In a telephone press conference with seven journalists on Jan 7 1975, he said he had never met Irving and had not authorised the biography. 30

The game was up and Irving was forced to confess and return the money. A judge in New York sentenced him to 3 years in jail. His wife was also given a two-month sentence.

Adapted from: *Writer jailed for tall tale, The Little Red Dot*, 15 February 2011

For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the correct answer and shade the corresponding ovals on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

26. According to the information in the text, which of the following does **NOT** describe Howard Hughes?
- 1) pilot
 - 2) writer
 - 3) billionaire
 - 4) film-maker
27. In line 9, "the man" refers to _____.
- 1) John Grant
 - 2) Clifford Irving
 - 3) Howard Hughes
 - 4) Helga R. Hughes
28. According to the passage, Irving thought he could get away with what he had done because he assumed that Mr Hughes _____.
- 1) was dead and thus, not know about it
 - 2) could not read and thus, not know about it
 - 3) had no friends and thus, nobody would tell him
 - 4) could not challenge it as he was too sick or too afraid of the limelight
29. Irving's wife pretended to be a woman named Helga R. Hughes because she _____.
- 1) wanted to pretend she was Hughes' wife
 - 2) did not want people to know her real name
 - 3) did not want people to know that she was Irving's wife
 - 4) wanted to exchange the cheque written for H. R. Hughes for cash at a bank
30. Which one of the following statements about the passage is **FALSE**?
- 1) Clifford Irving is a writer.
 - 2) Clifford Irving had never met or talked to Howard Hughes in his life before.
 - 3) Howard Hughes got to know about the fake biography because he had read it.
 - 4) Clifford Irving's fake biography was one of the biggest hoaxes in book publishing.

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Section G – Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40 in the passage below. From the list of words in the box, choose the most suitable answer for each blank and write its letter (A to Q) in it. "I" and "O" have been omitted to avoid confusion in marking.

Use each word only **ONCE**.

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| (A) after | (D) from | (G) on | (K) to | (N) up |
| (B) and | (E) in | (H) onto | (L) too | (P) which |
| (C) for | (F) hence | (J) so | (M) unless | (Q) who |

An animal rescue centre in Scotland has put 12 hedgehogs 31) _____ a diet because they have become 32) _____ fat that they can no longer roll into balls, 33) _____ is how the prickly creatures protect themselves.

The hedgehogs first came to the centre in December 34) _____ being rescued 35) _____ the wild. But the tender loving care and daily meals led 36) _____ them gaining weight.

Hedgehogs need some fat 37) _____ hibernation, explained the Centre Manager, Colin Seddon. "Hedgehogs are rather sedentary 38) _____ their lifestyles and thus do not use 39) _____ all the calories they consume.

40) _____ balancing their calorie consumption and expenditure is important," he said.

Adapted from: *Agence France-Presse*

Section H – Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1 mark)

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

Believing she had not found the limit to her potential, Ms Jane Lee wanted to go as high as she could. And she did.

Last year, Ms Lee, now 26, led four others in Singapore's first all-woman team to

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reach the peak of Mount Everest – the world's tall mountain.

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The **feet**, which took more than six weeks, involved five years of **preperation**. Ms.

44)

Lee worked up six days a week, running up 20-storey buildings with a 15kg backpack and

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5kg of weights strapping to her ankles.

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The student development officer **pocesses** a grit that enables her to press ahead

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when the others give in. This was why she was chosen as the team leader, despite been

the youngest. The other team members ranged in age from 27 to 40 years old.

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50)

Team member Sim Yi Hui **sumed** up, "It's rather simple actually, **wè** **rekonise** a

leader when we see one."

Adapted from: *Climbing Everest, Little Red Dot*, 20 April 2010

Section I – Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Primary 3 pupil, Chua Ying Xuan, nine, grew up enjoying cool, air-conditioned comfort, a must-have for many in hot humid Singapore. So when the fans and lights went (51) _____ in her school, for two periods on 22 April, she felt hot, sweaty and uncomfortable. Ying Xuan put (52) _____ with it, knowing the reason behind it was not a power (53) _____ but part of the school's Earth Day celebrations – its very own "Earth Hour". "We're doing our part to save the earth by cutting (54) _____ on the use of electricity," said Ying Xuan.

Earth Day is (55) _____ around the world on 22 April, and Earth Hour on the last Saturday of every March. For an (56) _____ each time, lights and electrical appliances are switched off. Both events (57) _____ awareness about the environmental problems caused by people, such as global warming, and the urgent need to deal with them.

(58) _____ the sweltering heat and the (59) _____ of light in the classroom, lessons went on as (60) _____. Ying Xuan's class spent the time coming up with an A to Z list of (61) _____ and phrases that are associated with environmental problems. For example, B stands for "burning of fossil fuels", N for "non-biodegradable items like plastics" and O for "oil spills". One pupil joked, "Y stands for 'yawning without covering your mouth' – that produces more carbon dioxide." Their teacher makes use of (62) _____ opportunity during science lessons to teach her pupils about the fragile (63) _____ of Mother Earth.

Chua Chu Kang Primary School is one of 47 schools currently taking part in the Chevron – South West Energy Quest for Schools. (64) _____ March, each school has been coming up with creative solutions to reduce their energy consumption. Many schools have pasted "Save Energy" stickers near light switches in classrooms to (65) _____ pupils to switch off the lights when ^{no} one is using them.

Adapted From: *Earth Hour in School*, *Little Red Dot*, (4May 2010)

Section J - Synthesis / Transformation (5 x 2-mark)

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

66. My mother asked me, "Have you studied for your test tomorrow?"

My mother asked: _____

67. Mary is a salesgirl. She is required to be polite at all times.

Mary's job as _____

68. You have paid for the book. You can take the book away.

_____ unless _____

69. John went to Australia last year. I have not heard anything from him.

_____ since _____

70. Jane likes to read. Her sisters do not like to read.

Unlike _____

Section K – Comprehension (10 x 2 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

Fifteen years spent in the field of education have provided me with many treasured moments. One of them happened ten years ago.

In May one year, I decided to plan something special for the children; a Mother's Day tea. We put our heads together to come up with ideas of how to honour our mothers. We practised singing songs, memorised poems, made presents, wrote and decorated individual Mother's Day cards.

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We decided to hold our tea the Friday before Mother's Day. Each child took home an invitation with an RSVP at the bottom. I was surprised and relieved to see that every mother was planning to attend. I even invited my own mother.

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Finally the important day arrived. At 1.45 that afternoon, each child lined up at our classroom door in anticipation of the arrival of his or her mother. As it got closer to starting time, I looked around and my eyes quickly found Jimmy. He looked anxiety-stricken and his eyes were searching the room.

I took my mother by the hand and walked over to Jimmy. "Jimmy," I said, "I have a bit of a problem here and I was wondering if you could help out. I'm going to be really busy introducing our songs and our poems and pouring the fruit punch. Could you keep my mother company while I'm busy? You could get her fruit punch and cookies and give her the present I made when it's time."

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My mom and Jimmy sat at a table and Jimmy served my mom her treats, presented her with the gift I had made, and pulled out and pushed in her chair. Whenever I looked over, my mother and Jimmy were in deep conversation.

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I tucked that special memory away. Now, ten years later, I work with students of all ages, educating them about the environment. Last week, I was at a high school to take a senior class on a field trip, and there was Jimmy.

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After the trip, I had the students complete an evaluation form. Then I collected the students' forms. When I came to Jimmy's form, he had written, "Remember our Mother's Day tea we had in second grade, Mrs Marra? I do! Thanks for all that you did for me, and thank your mother too!"

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As the students alighted from the bus at the end of the trip, Jimmy made sure he was the last one to go. He strolled forward awkwardly, mumbled his thanks and then turned to walk away. As the bus driver began pulling away from the curb, Jimmy ran back and knocked on the bus door. I thought he had forgotten something. He jumped back on board and gave me a big hug. "Thanks again, Mrs Marra. No one even knew my mother did not show up!" His face flushed to a shade of cherry. 35

I had ended my work day with a hug from a teenage boy who had probably stopped hugging teachers years ago.

Adapted from: "A Hug from a Teenage Boy" by Nancy Noel Marra, *Chicken Soup for the Soul at Work*

**For each question 71 to 80, write your answer in the space provided.
ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.**

71. What do you think was the writer's occupation?

72. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as "expectation"?

73. Why do you think Jimmy "looked anxiety-stricken"? (line 14)

74. What was the writer's real purpose when she asked Jimmy to look after her mother for her?

75. Which sentence in the passage tells you that the writer had almost forgotten about what happened at the Mother's Day tea?

76. When did the writer meet Jimmy again?

77. Which three-word phrase tells us that the writer's mother and Jimmy got along well with each other?

78. Why do you think that Jimmy made sure he was the last one to go?

79. Why had no one noticed that Jimmy's mother did not attend the Mother's Day tea?

80. According to the writer, why do you think teenage boys had stopped hugging their teachers?

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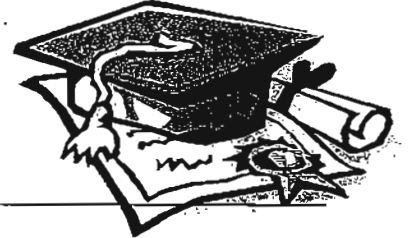


ANSWER SHEET

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Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
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D	K	C	E	N	F

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46) possesses 47) up 48) being 49) summed 50) recognize
51) out 52) up 53) failure 54) down 55) celebrated
56) hour 57) raise 58) Despite 59) lack 60) usual
61) words 62) every 63) state 64) Since 65) remind

66) My mother asked me if I had studied for my test the next day.

67) Mary's job as a salesgirl requires her to be polite at all times.

68) You cannot take the book away unless you have paid for it.

69) I have not heard anything from John since he went to Australia last year.

70) Unlike her sisters, Jane likes to read.

71) She was a teacher.

72) The word is "anticipation".

73) His mother did not show up and he was looking for her.

74)She did not want others to know that Jimmy's mother did not come.

75)The sentence is "I tucked that special memory away".

76)She met Jimmy ten years later when she was at a high school to take senior class on a field trip.

77)The phrase is "in deep conversation"

78)He wanted to thank the writer.

79)Everybody thought that the writer's mother was Jimmy's mother.

80)They would feel awkward.