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Class : Primary 5

CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)



Primary 5

Continual Assessment 1

24 February 2012

English Language

Paper 2 Booklet A

Duration of Paper (Booklets A and B): 1 h 40 min

30 questions

30 marks

Instructions to Candidates:

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

This booklet consists of 10 printed pages and 1 blank page.

Study the following advertisement and then answer questions 1 to 5.

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<p>Date: 1 June 2012 (Fri) Time: 9am - 4pm Fees: \$100</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Behind the Scenes • Touch and Tell • Manatee Feeding • Sea Dragon Show <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Free tour T-shirt</i></p>	<p>Date: 8 June 2012 (Fri) Time: 9am - 3 pm Fees: \$150</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Behind the Scenes • Touch and Tell • Swim with Sealions (minimum age 9) <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Complimentary wetsuif hire</i></p>	<p>Date: 15 & 16 June 2012 (Fri & Sat) Time: 9am - 3pm Fees: \$180</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Behind the Scenes • Touch and Tell • Manatee Feeding • Sea Dragon Show • Dive with Seals (minimum age 6) <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Commemorative postcard</i></p>	<p>Date: 22 to 23 June 2012 Time: 9am (Fri) to 4 pm (Sat) Fees: \$300</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Behind the Scenes • Touch and Tell • Sleepover Under the Sea • Dolphin Training (minimum age 14) <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Certificate of Adventure</i></p>

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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. (5 marks)

- 1 Participants of Camp C will receive a _____.
- (1) four T-shirt
 - (2) certificate of adventure
 - (3) commemorative postcard
 - (4) complimentary wetsuit hire
- 2 To learn what animals do at night, I would need to sign up for Camp _____.
- (1) A
 - (2) B
 - (3) C
 - (4) D
- 3 To have a sleepover experience at Underwater World, I need to book the camp that starts on _____ 2012.
- (1) 1 June
 - (2) 8 June
 - (3) 15 June
 - (4) 22 June
- 4 Susan, who is 11 years old, will not be able to _____.
- (1) train the dolphins
 - (2) dive with the seals
 - (3) feed the manatees
 - (4) swim with sea lions
- 5 To apply for an adventure camp, I need to _____.
- (1) send an email
 - (2) register online
 - (3) fax the camp manager
 - (4) call the camp coordinator

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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. (7 marks)

- 6 The champion athlete _____ in Singapore since 2005.
- (1) lives
 - (2) is living
 - (3) was living
 - (4) has been living
- 7 The little car managed to maintain its speed _____ it was going up a steep hill.
- (1) or
 - (2) but
 - (3) although
 - (4) however
- 8 None of the contestants _____ likely to pull out at this stage of the race.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
- 9 Clare and her brother, Francis, will sign up for the event _____.
- (1) herself
 - (2) himself
 - (3) ourselves
 - (4) themselves
- 10 Angela does not enjoy running. _____ her twin sister, Becky.
- 1) So do
 - 2) So does
 - 3) Neither do
 - 4) Neither does

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11 The competitor _____ came in third managed to qualify for the finals.

- (1) who
- (2) which
- (3) whom
- (4) whose

12 One of my cousins _____ to school every day last week.

- (1) cycle
- (2) cycles
- (3) cycled
- (4) cycling

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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. (3 marks)

Julia remembered Lincoln as a 'gently smiling father who played with us and told us stories'. Whenever he looked in on the children, they would rush up to him and demand a story. Often, she glimpsed the weary president reading quietly to his sons from a bible (13) playing with them or relating a tale about hunters. Julia remembered that the hunters always escaped from the Red Indians. After one such tale, he excused himself by saying, "Yes, they got away. Now I must get away (14) With those words, he returned to work.

On one occasion, when the children were leaning too far out of the window to watch a regiment of soldiers marching past the house, he pulled the boys in but gently lifted Julia from the window saying, "Do you want to break your neck, Honey (15)

Adapted from Babysitting for the Lincolns by Harold Holzer

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

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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. (5 marks)

- 16 When the hiker heard footsteps outside his tent at midnight, his heart _____.
- (1) sank
 - (2) broke
 - (3) melted
 - (4) pounded
- 17 The gold medalist recounted her Olympic experience to the _____ in an exclusive interview.
- (1) athlete
 - (2) journalist
 - (3) spectator
 - (4) opponent
- 18 Dark clouds _____ overhead; signalling an impending downpour.
- (1) rained
 - (2) rippled
 - (3) loomed
 - (4) crashed
- 19 Visitors to Singapore will find themselves _____ if they are found to be carrying drugs into the country.
- (1) on the dot
 - (2) in hot water
 - (3) hanging around
 - (4) sitting on the fence
- 20 The burglar froze in his tracks when he found himself caught in the _____ of powerful torchlights.
- (1) glint
 - (2) glow
 - (3) flash
 - (4) glare

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.
(5 marks)

Roger and his party trekked on for some miles that evening. Soon after sundown, they halted by the side of a wood. At their leader's suggestion, the men began to cut down the bushes to make a square patch with the uense uorn pusnes on three sides, and the wagon on the fourth side which they fortified with the branches that had been cut down.

The object was to form a sound enclosure to protect the horses from the wild beasts. It was hard work, and Dinny grumbled until he heard one of the men saying to another, "Did you know that this area is frequented by lions?" Dinny seemed for a moment to be turned into stone. Then he started toiling away with feverish haste.

Adapted from *Off to the Wilds* by George Fenn

- 21 (1) rested
(2) waited
(3) stopped
(4) gathered

- 22 1) hard
2) heavy
3) compact
4) crowded

- 23 1) untamed
2) untrained
3) uncivilized
4) uncontrolled

- 24 (1) often visited
(2) fiercely guarded
(3) densely inhabited
(4) closely monitored

- 25 1) moving
2) hurrying
3) labouring
4) struggling

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Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Kumar had always loved to mountain climb, which he did often. As he grew increasingly skilled at mountaineering, he became tempted by the world's tallest mountain range, the Himalayas.

At two o'clock one summer morning, Kumar and one of his closest climbing buddies began their final ascent from the base camp. It proved rougher than they had anticipated. They had set their turnaround time at 1pm as the time when they would abandon the climb so that they would make it safely back down to their camp by six o'clock that evening. But when one o'clock came, the prospect of waiting a few more days before they could challenge the summit again held little appeal to them. As both of them were healthy and experienced climbers, they decided to press on. Finally, at four o'clock, Kumar and his buddy stood jubilantly on the summit of a Himalayan mountain, 24,000 feet above sea level. Their perseverance was rewarded as they gazed down from the pinnacle. After a short celebration, they began their descent. In the fast failing light, they gingerly tapped their ice picks to test the surface below them as they inched down the mountain. 5 15

They reached a cornice which is a slab of ice and snow that extends beyond the solid rock. Recognising the danger, they untied the ropes that bound them so that if one of them were to fall, he would not drag the other to his death. As Kumar was about to take the next step, he heard a loud explosive sound. Instinctively, he jumped to one side and his friend to the other as the cornice fractured and fell. Kumar found himself plunging down the sheer mountain face for more than 3,000 feet. The mounds of snow did not slow him down as he had hoped. He merely punched through one after another. He tried to avoid the boulders that raced up at him from below. Finally the terrain levelled out and he skidded to a halt. His climbing suit had been torn through, and the raw and bloody skin of his body was exposed. He slowly got to his feet. It was agony. 20 25

Kumar knew that his chances of survival were slim unless he could go farther down and find shelter before he passed out. With no idea of where he was, he decided to walk. Despite the agonising physical pain and cold, the terrible feelings of loneliness and of despair, and the haunting knowledge that his friend had most certainly perished, he kept walking. Suddenly, he heard a dog barking in the distance. Struggling forward, he soon got to a small valley, and heard faint voices and the sound of children laughing. He kept moving until he reached a clearing with a modest hut standing in the middle of it. Overcome with relief and exhaustion, he collapsed. 30 35

Adapted from A Fall Before Rising by Jai Jaikumar

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26 Kumar's passion was _____.

- (1) studying
- (2) travelling
- (3) engineering
- (4) mountaineering

27 Kumar and his companion had started their final climb at _____.

- (1) 1pm
- (2) 2am
- (3) 4pm
- (4) 6pm

28 The climbers decided to continue their ascent because they were _____.

- (1) ahead of schedule
- (2) enjoying themselves
- (3) keen to reach the summit
- (4) strong and healthy people

29 The word "failing" (line 15) has the same meaning as _____.

- (1) faulty
- (2) ineffective
- (3) diminishing
- (4) unsuccessful

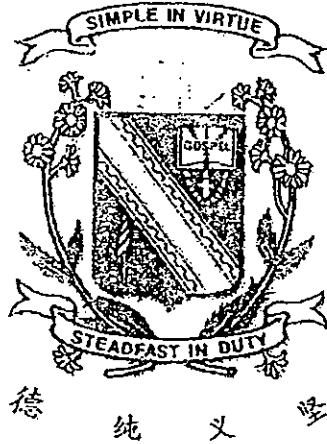
30 Which one of the following statements is not true?

- (1) The valley was inhabited by people.
- (2) Kumar had survived against the odds.
- (3) The mountain slope was steep and slippery.
- (4) Kumar believed that his friend was still alive.

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Paper 2 Booklet B

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Booklet A	30
Booklet B	40
Total	70

Parent's Signature: _____

This booklet consists of 6 printed pages and 1 blank page.

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, 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.

(A) about	(D) for	(G) into	(K) that	(N) through
(B) and	(E) from	(H) of	(L) these	(P) under
(C) as	(F) in	(J) on	(M) this	(Q) with

Domestic robots are electronic robotic devices that are designed to do different types of housework. While some of these machines focus _____ functions such as house cleaning, others are designed to provide company _____ the elderly, monitor the activities of young children and even operate kitchen appliances.

Of all the domestic robots _____ use today, the most common is the smart vacuum. This robot is capable _____ manoeuvring itself around the floor of a room and cleaning carpets and floors. The robot uses sensors to detect furniture _____ other objects in its path, and changes direction when it needs to.

Robots that are currently _____ development include those that can be programmed to prepare simple meals, take out the rubbish, make beds and handle uncomplicated tasks. Some companies are developing robots _____ can function as health attendants to provide limited healthcare to patients who are recovering _____ illnesses. Advances in technology are slowly making it possible to convert fictional illustrations of servant robots _____ reality. Today's robot designers will have to solve some fundamental problems before _____ robots can become as versatile, independent and useful as the ones we have seen for years in the movies. Only time will tell.

Adapted from <http://www.wisegeek.com/what-are-domestic-robots>
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Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar.

Write the correct answer in the relevant box.

(10 marks)

In ancient China, jewellery was seen as a means of displaying wealth and

(41)

status. It was listed on the Book of Regulations as an important sign of rank and

(42)

thus **affected** one's social status. Men wore certain items of jewellery as a

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simbel of learning and scholarship. For Chinese women, it showed the wealth of

(44)

the family. Many jewelled charms are worn by children as a protection against

(45)

evil and to ward against unwelcome influences.

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Gold jewellery was also a form of saving. This pure metal was stamping

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with the jeweller's mark which obliged him to buy ~~the~~ **it** back at any time by

weight. However, silver was not as prized as gold. Much of the jewellery worn

(48)

by the less well-to-do was made of an alloy **resembling** silver known as white

(49)

copper. Jewellery inlaid with kingfisher feathers was also very **popewler**.

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Wedding head-dresses and haircombs were made out from these iridescent blue

feathers. They were produced in great quantities for the domestic market, as well

as for export to Europe.

Adapted from A Collector's Guide to Chinese Dress Accessories by Valery Garrett

Fill in the blank with a suitable word.

(10 marks)

In the Arctic, winter lasts for many months. The sun never rises in the sky. All winter, it is _____ The freezing wind howls. Snow swirls over everything. Part of the Arctic is land ⁽⁵¹⁾ _____ most of it is ocean. Ice covers the water for several months of the year. Even in summer, ⁽⁵²⁾ there is always some ice on the water and snow on the ground. Hence, not many animals can live there, but polar bears do.

The polar bear is one of the largest animals in the world. Male polar bears _____ almost 636 kilogrammes! Their white fur is made of many hairs which are not really white. They are clear and hollow. There is also a thick layer of blubber, or fat, under the polar bears' skin to _____ them warm. So even when they are swimming in icy waters, ⁽⁵³⁾ the bears stay warm. ⁽⁵⁴⁾

Polar bears have _____ ears than other bears. Bigger ears would stand out and freeze in the cold arctic air. Polar bears also have rough pads and thick fur on the bottom of their paws. The pads and fur help the bears to walk on ice without slipping. ⁽⁵⁵⁾

In addition, polar bears are also predators. This means that they _____ their prey and eat them. Their favourite food is the ringed seal. It is quite _____ for polar bears to catch a seal in the water because seals swim faster than polar bears do. However, seals often rest on ice floes. An ice floe is a large piece of ice floating on the sea. Polar bears hunt for food on ice floes because that is where ringed seals are. Polar bears use their huge front paws to paddle. Their front paws are partly _____, just like the feet of a duck. The webbing helps polar bears to swim. ⁽⁵⁶⁾ ⁽⁵⁷⁾ ⁽⁵⁸⁾

On 14 May 2008, polar bears were listed as "threatened" under the Endangered Species Act of the United States. There are now an estimated 20,000 to 25,000 polar bears in the world but the number is _____ Scientists predict that two-thirds of the world's polar bears will be _____ by 2050. ⁽⁵⁹⁾ Global warming could put one-fifth to one-third of all Earth's species at risk of extinction by 2100. That is enough to qualify as a mass extinction on the level of the dinosaurs. ⁽⁶⁰⁾

Adapted from Polar Bears by Lesley DuTemple and Polar Bears' Search for Ice by Gillia Olson

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Read the passage and answer questions 61 to 65.

(10 marks)

As the first few people slowly began to climb aboard the boat, others waited patiently for their turn, waist deep in water. Some had children on their backs, others clutched bundles of food and personal possessions. The further Lee got from the shore, the more difficult it was to make each step as the murky water tried to sweep his feet from under him. As the boat gradually began to fill up, eleven-year-old Lee was worried that as the last family to arrive, they would be turned away. 5

But there seemed to be no end to the number of people and belongings being hoisted on board. When it finally came to their family's turn, hands were held out to help them. Being the last to board, the only space left was just in front of the engine house and they all squeezed in together as best as they could. They had heard tales of refugee boats being sunk, and people dying in the unpredictable waters of the South China Sea while others had perished at the hands of ruthless pirates. 10

"Keep as quiet as you can. Sound travels easily over water and there are often patrol boats out here, so we aren't safe yet!" Trinh warned. Everyone tried to stretch their cramped limbs but with so little room, it was far from easy without poking someone else. Lee's legs throbbed with pins and needles. He turned to look at his father whose fingers were plucking nervously at the threads in his black trousers. Lee recalled the six months his father had worked as a labourer. His hands, which were unused to handling anything heavier than a document, were calloused and the usually neat nails ripped and broken. 15 20

As the boat nosed its way steadily downstream, Trinh's voice suddenly pierced the silence of the night, "Get down, everybody!" Lee looked up and saw, some distance off but coming towards them, red and green navigation lights. He knew it must be a naval patrol boat because of its speed. As the deep-throated thrum of the boat's powerful engines drew closer, Lee and the rest of the passengers crouched down quietly. 25

A loudspeaker was switched on aboard the patrol boat and a harsh voice demanded, "Where are you bound?"

"Anywhere where there's fish," Trinh shouted back. There was a pause. Then the boats drifted closer to each other. 30

"Why aren't you showing navigation lights?" the voice yelled.

Lee watched as Trinh pretended to look puzzled and leant out over the side as if to check the lights. "They must have blown out," Trinh apologised with a shrug. "I'll light them again as soon as I can."

Aboard the patrol boat, the captain was wondering whether it would be worthwhile searching this dowdy, old fishing boat for smuggled goods. After a moment, he signalled his men to move their boat closer to the fishing boat. Suddenly, his walkie-talkie crackled to life. Abruptly and without another word being exchanged, the lights snapped off and the patrol boat revved its engines before speeding off into the dark, leaving the fishing boat bobbing about like a cork in its vicious wake. 35 40

Adapted from Journey of 1000 miles by Ian Strachan

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES

61 Which word in the first paragraph has the same meaning as “grasped something tightly”?

62 What danger might the people in the boat face if their boat were to sink?

63 Why do you think Trinh asked the passengers to get down? (line 22)

64 Which eight-word phrase in the passage tells you that Lee’s father had not done much manual labour before?

65 Do you think the captain of the patrol boat believed Trinh’s words? How can you tell?

ANSWER SHEET

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- 41)in 42)affected 43)symbol 44)were 45)off
- 46)stamped 47)article 48)resembling 49)popular 50)of
- 51)cold 52)but 53)weigh 54)keep 55)smaller
- 56)catch 57)difficult 58)webbed 59)decreasing 60)extinct
- 61)The word is "clutched".
- 62)The refugees might/could die/perish in the sea.
- 63)A naval/patrol boat was approaching and he did not want then to be spotted or discovered.
- 64)The phrase is "unused to handling anything heavier than a document".
- 65)The captain did not believe Trinh's words. He signalled his men to move their boat nearer to the fishing boat.

