

SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL
SECOND SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2021
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY FIVE

Name: _____ ()

Date: 25 October 2021

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

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)
BOOKLET A

28 questions

28 marks

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
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4. Shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

This booklet consists of **10** printed pages.

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) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

1 All the students in my brother's school _____ the friendly and responsible cleaners.

- (1) appreciate
- (2) appreciates
- (3) appreciating
- (4) has appreciated

2 "Ahmad came to the bookstore yesterday, _____ ?" asked Miss Ng.

- (1) isn't he
- (2) didn't he
- (3) hasn't he
- (4) wasn't he

3 She saw the monkeys _____ from tree to tree when she visited the zoo last weekend.

- (1) swing
- (2) swung
- (3) swings
- (4) were swinging

4 _____ I think about my late grandmother, my eyes well up with tears.

- (1) Unless
- (2) Despite
- (3) Though
- (4) Whenever

5 Many Singaporeans _____ waiting for the results of the Olympic Games yesterday, and now they are rejoicing over the country's win.

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

- 6 The two teams debated _____ the need for private tuition outside of school.
- (1) in
 - (2) of
 - (3) on
 - (4) for
- 7 She made _____ careless mistakes in her recent mathematics examination.
- (1) little
 - (2) less
 - (3) much
 - (4) many
- 8 If it _____ tomorrow, we will go to the zoo.
- (1) did not rain
 - (2) shall not rain
 - (3) does not rain
 - (4) should not rain
- 9 Wearing a mask is a measure to protect ourselves _____ others from possible viral infection so that everyone stays safe.
- (1) as well as
 - (2) instead of
 - (3) except for
 - (4) apart from
- 10 Neither the pupils nor the teacher _____ in the classroom now.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (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) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(5 marks)

11 George was _____ in improving the lives of the people in his neighbourhood.

- (1) insatiable
- (2) institutional
- (3) instructional
- (4) instrumental

12 Her decision to reject the scholarship left her parents _____ as they did not understand why she would give up her lifelong dream.

- (1) bedazzled
- (2) bewitched
- (3) bemoaned
- (4) bewildered

13 "I am old enough to make my own decision!" Sarah _____ firmly when told by Mother to wear a pink dress for her aunt's wedding.

- (1) retorted
- (2) bragged
- (3) bantered
- (4) stammered

14 She _____ treats others with kindness and respect, hence she is loved by many.

- (1) never
- (2) rarely
- (3) always
- (4) seldom

15 James and Ahmad _____ very well and they make a good team for the project.

- (1) get over
- (2) get back
- (3) get along
- (4) get through

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

In 2019, Oliver Chua was the youngest of six speakers at the Singapore Climate Change Rally at Hong Lim Park. The articulate 11-year-old stressed the need to tackle the impact of climate change as he spoke convincingly. (16)

Oliver's interest in the environment was aroused when he attended the Mother Earth Toastmasters Club, where members can speak on such issues. Since then, he became a champion for environmental protection and gave impromptu speeches of his own. (17)
(18)

Influenced by Oliver's passion for the environment, his family not only buys at thrift shops, but also reduces food wastage by being intentional in finishing all their food. (19)

When interviewed, Oliver proudly showed his tattered Goblet of Fire book and spoke of how he opts for second-hand books and toys. (20)

"We as children have to do our part for Mother Earth," Oliver said.

Adapted from <https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/singapore>

- 16 (1) eloquent
(2) exuberant
(3) enchanting
(4) enterprising
- 17 (1) piqued
(2) increased
(3) quenched
(4) extinguished
- 18 (1) analyst
(2) authority
(3) advocate
(4) apprentice
- 19 (1) tempted
(2) pressured
(3) convinced
(4) manipulated
- 20 (1) worn off
(2) worn out
(3) worn away
(4) worn down

Study this flyer carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28.

URadio is throwing a birthday party!

Our radio station is turning 10!
We are inviting our listeners to our anniversary celebration!

Date: 28 November 2021 (Sunday)

Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Venue: Aura Dam

Coupons will be available at a discounted price of \$45 per booklet from URadio's reception desk till 27 November. Receive an additional \$5 off when you complete a simple questionnaire on the spot. The booklets can be purchased at \$50 each from Aura Dam's reception desk on the day of the event.

Special Performance


Popular local celebrity,
Miss Ruby Low, will
perform a song at
11 a.m.!

Food and Drink Stalls

Choose from a wide variety of delectable local delights and refreshing beverages!

Game Stalls

Have fun and receive vouchers that can be used at the food and drink stalls!

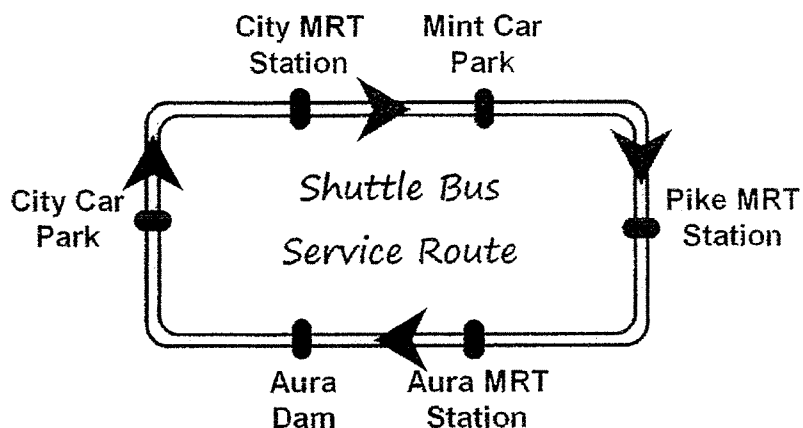
Get a free goodie bag when you use more than \$20 worth of coupons at any of the stalls marked with a  !

Layout of Stalls in the Roof Garden

LIFTS



Free shuttle bus service will be provided. Pick-up and drop-off points are the bus stops in front of the car parks and MRT stations.



Shuttle Bus Service Schedule

City Car Park	City MRT Station	Mint Car Park	Pike MRT Station	Aura MRT Station	Aura Dam
9.30 a.m.	9.35 a.m.	9.45 a.m.	9.55 a.m.	10.05 a.m.	10.15 a.m.
10.30 a.m.	10.35 a.m.	10.45 a.m.	10.55 a.m.	11.05 a.m.	11.15 a.m.
11.30 a.m.	11.35 a.m.	11.45 a.m.	11.55 a.m.	12.05 p.m.	12.15 p.m.
12.30 p.m.	12.35 p.m.	12.45 p.m.	12.55 p.m.	1.05 p.m.	1.15 p.m.

The Venue

Aura Dam is a massive wall built across Aura River to stop the water from flowing. It was designed to double up as a venue for events. The plan also included the creation of Aura Lake. Although the man-made lake is only one of our country's many reservoirs, its location in the heart of the city sets it apart. The beautiful City Centre Park surrounding it not only serves to collect and channel rainwater to it, but also provides ample space for recreational activities.

On the day of the event, take a tour of Aura Dam! View the informative static displays showing how it was constructed and how it prevents flooding in the city's low-lying areas. Our game stalls and food and drink stalls will be set up in the roof garden where you can enjoy spectacular views of the city.

For each question from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(8 marks)

21 Why is an exclamation mark used in the heading, "URadio is throwing a birthday party!"?

- (1) to express interest in the party
- (2) to place importance on the party
- (3) to warn the public about the party
- (4) to generate enthusiasm for the party

22 What must Mr Leong do to get the coupons at the lowest price?

- (1) fill in a questionnaire at URadio's reception desk during the event
- (2) fill in a questionnaire at URadio's reception desk before the event
- (3) fill in a questionnaire at Aura Dam's reception desk during the event
- (4) fill in a questionnaire at Aura Dam's reception desk before the event

23 Which of the following participants received a voucher and a goodie bag?

- (1) Edward who used \$20 worth of coupons at Stall 3.
- (2) Charmaine who used \$20 worth of coupons at Stall 10.
- (3) Fiona who used more than \$20 worth of coupons at Stall 5.
- (4) Benjamin who used more than \$20 worth of coupons at Stall 9.

24 Helen wants to take the shuttle bus and reach the Aura Dam in time to catch the special performance by Miss Ruby Low. What should she do?

- (1) get on the 10.05 a.m. bus at Aura MRT Station pick-up point
- (2) get on the 10.30 a.m. bus at City Car Park pick-up point
- (3) get on the 10.45 a.m. bus at Mint Car Park pick-up point
- (4) get on the 10.55 a.m. bus at Pike MRT Station pick-up point

- 25 Which of the following statement is true about the event venue?
- (1) The Aura Lake is a natural lake.
 - (2) The Aura Dam is a minuscule wall.
 - (3) The City Centre Park provides sufficient space for recreational activities.
 - (4) The City Centre Park only serves to gather and channel rainwater to the Aura lake.
- 26 According to the flyer, what is distinctive about Aura Lake?
- (1) It is created by a dam.
 - (2) It is situated in the city.
 - (3) It is surrounded by a park.
 - (4) It is the only reservoir in the country.
- 27 Mrs Koh wants to tour Aura Dam for the following possible reasons **except** _____.
- (1) to admire the roof garden
 - (2) to watch the dam being built
 - (3) to get a clear view of the city
 - (4) to learn about a solution to flooding
- 28 What is the **main** purpose of the flyer?
- (1) to give away goodie bags
 - (2) to promote the venue for an event
 - (3) to introduce the organiser of an event
 - (4) to encourage participation in an event

Read this passage and answer questions 71 to 80 which are on pages 6 to 8 in Booklet B.
(20 marks)

"Go home and ask your mummy about your blind brother! I am surprised you didn't know that he is as blind as a bat! The neighbourhood gossip, Aunt May, told everyone in the neighbourhood about him!" bellowed Nathan, the school bully.

I wanted to throw him a punch for making fun of my two-year-old brother, David, but I was more desperate to find out the **truth**. With a blurry vision, I ran home as fast as I could with my heavy school bag on my scrawny shoulders. 5

I kicked my white shoes off my feet and ran to the kitchen where Mother was feeding David. Still panting, I questioned, "Is David blind?" Mother ignored my question. "Is he blind? Answer me please! I need to know the truth!"

Mother turned to me with tears in her eyes. "Yes, he's blind. He has a condition called Leber's Congenital Amaurosis and it is an inherited condition," she explained as she reached out and held my tender hands. 10

At that moment, my heart was shattered. The **dream** of showing David my cool soccer moves or playing video games with him was cruelly smashed by this **fact**. "Why did you keep the truth from me? I often wondered why he didn't look at me or why he was always tripping over things and I thought it was because he was still too young..." Before I could continue any further, Mother hugged me and cried, "I'm sorry, Caleb. Dad and I just didn't know how to tell you. You would be heartbroken if you knew the truth since we know how much you love your brother." 15

Suddenly, realisation struck me and I halted the conversation. David was blind but he could still hear the whole conversation. Not wanting him to be affected ^{by} it, I went forward and embraced him. "I love you so much, David." 20

As David grew up, he was resilient. Despite the challenges that he faced, he continued to attend the school for visually impaired children. He insisted he would take the bus home on his own. Often, he would walk through the main door looking sheepish and saying the same phrase, "Sorry Mum, I am late. I boarded the wrong bus again." 25

One day, David burst through the main door excitedly. The school had discovered that David had an extraordinary **talent**. Despite not being able to see, he could replicate a piece of music after listening to it being played once on the piano. Because of that, the school would like him to play solo at the inaugural musical concert. The whole family was extremely thrilled for him.

On the night of the musical concert, the emcee announced, "Now, let us put our hands together and welcome David Lim, a child prodigy in music." With vigour, David entered the stage with the widest smile on his face. Tapping the ground with his white cane, he gravitated towards the grand piano located in the middle of the stage. I sat up with anticipation and my heart was filled with pride when David took a seat on the bench. His fingers flew on the ivory and ebony keys as his music filled the air of the 500-seat concert hall. After he played his last note, the whole hall erupted into applause. David stood up and took a bow, smiling broadly as the spotlight shone brightly on him. 30 35

David would always be an inspiration to me. Through him, I learnt that having an indomitable spirit overcomes all challenges. David truly has **that**.

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Parent's Signature: _____

	Marks Obtained	Highest Possible Marks
Booklet A		28
Booklet B		67
Sub-total		95

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2

BOOKLET B

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- 1 Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
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This booklet consists of **8** printed pages.

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.

- | | | | | |
|---------------|-------------|-----------------|----------|-----------|
| (A) according | (D) because | (G) if | (K) of | (N) was |
| (B) are | (E) had | (H) in addition | (L) or | (P) were |
| (C) at | (F) have | (J) is | (M) some | (Q) which |

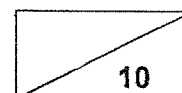
Gelato, an Italian version of ice cream, is always a favourite, especially during summer. Many _____ craving that nice cup of cold ice cream to battle the hot sun. Whether you like Italian gelato _____ the more common American ice cream, it is a comforting treat for that time _____ the year. Gelato is different from the common ice cream _____ of its very light texture. It is made with milk rather than cream.

Gelato has a variety of flavours and _____ are served in different unique plastic containers. _____ you like eating gelato, you might be curious to know where it came from. It appears that the original gelato did not come from Italy but rather, somewhere else.

You might be surprised that the first gelato _____ ingredients such as rice, spices, some snow and milk. _____ to some people, the true origin of frozen and iced desserts is China. A long time ago, Chinese people would freeze overcooked rice, certain spices and milk in snow _____ resulted in a variety of historical gelato. Later on, other versions of frozen desserts made from fruit juices and milk were popular among the Chinese community, even before the arrival of Marco Polo. By that time, people could easily buy frozen delicacies. They _____ found in the streets of Beijing which was called Khanbaliq during that time.

Regardless of the debate where the first gelato was really made, a lot of people now enjoy the ice-cold treat everywhere around the world!

Adapted from <https://blog.alcas.us/the-history-of-gelato>



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

Tunisia's Ahmed Hafnaoui has shocked the swimming world with a stunning win in the
(39)
men's 400-metre freestyle final. The 18-year-old, whose beat off the challenge of Australia
(40)
and USA to win gold, had actually finishing eighth at the 2018 Youth Olympic Games.
(41)
Hafnaoui had entered the final as the underdog as he had the slow qualifying time of the
(42)
eight finalissts. Not much was expected of the 18-year-old as he entered the pool in what is
(43)
norrmaly the obscure Lane 8.

Minutes later, Hafnaoui made sure the world's eyes were entirely on Lane 8 after he
(44)
stunningly outshone every other swimmer to winning the gold medal. Hafnaoui screamed and
(45) (46)
pumped his fists in happily as cameras circled around him. He seemed geniunelee shocked at
the result.

(47)
"I just can't accepts that — it is too incredible!" He placed both hands on his
(48) (49)
forrhead as he jubilantly took in the vicctoree. When asked how he kept his lead, he simply
said, "I don't know. I just put my hand in the water. That's it." The swimmer seemed at a
(50)
lawss for words. Shaking his head, he said, "It's a dream that came true."

Adapted from <https://www.npr.org/sections/tokyo-olympics-live-updates/>

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Hawker Culture in Singapore is an essential part of Singaporeans' way of life today. Hawker centres can be found all over our _____. Today, there are more than 110 hawker centres across the island. People _____ all walks of life often gather at hawker centres. They dine and bond over _____ favourite hawker food.

The origins of Hawker Culture in Singapore can be _____ back to the mid-1800s. The first street hawkers would fill the streets selling a variety of _____ such as *laksa* and *satay*. Being a street hawker was a common _____ amongst many early settlers. This was due to the fact that it did not _____ a lot of money and skills to set up a stall. _____, from 1968 to 1986, the government licensed and relocated street hawkers into hawker centres and markets. This was because street hawkers _____ about problems such as poor hygiene and obstructed _____ along the road. Now, the newly built hawker centres and markets have proper sanitation and facilities.

Many hawker dishes _____ from the food cultures of different immigrant groups who settled in Singapore. Hawker stalls _____ Chinese, Malay, Indian food such as *wanton noodles*, *lontong* and *roti prata* and many other diverse types of dishes. Over time, they have evolved to become the local dishes that we love. Singaporeans and _____ from other countries have fallen in love with these dishes.

The vibrant Hawker Culture in Singapore that we _____ today is the result of the support of many – the hawkers, community groups, organisations, government and Singaporeans who patronise them. To ensure its continuity, there have been ongoing _____ to promote our hawker centres and hawker food. We must continue to pass on the legacy of our hawker culture to our future generations.

Adapted from <https://www.oursheritage.gov.sg/hawker-culture-in-singapore/>

For each of the following questions, 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(s). (10 marks)

- 66 Miss Tay does not like to perform. However, she decided to participate in the Children's Day performance.

although _____

- 67 Mrs Tan praised Faith for her kindness.

Faith was _____

- 68 He was determined. He won the race.

Because of his _____

- 69 Hui Xin did not drink enough water. She had a headache.

_____ **as a result of**

- 70 Latha asked her mother, "When are you taking me to the library?"

Latha asked her mother _____

Read the passage on page 10 of Booklet A and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

71 What was the 'truth' mentioned in line 5 that the author wanted to find out? [1m]

72 Fill in the table below by identifying the correct word/sentence from the passage. [2m]

Question	Sentence/Word from the passage
a) Which word from the second paragraph tells us that the author was skinny?	
b) Which four-word phrase from the fifth paragraph shows that the author was devastated that his brother was blind?	

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

_____ The author questioned Mother.

_____ The author hugged his brother.

_____ Mother hugged the author.

74 Based on lines 13-18, fill in the following table. [2m]

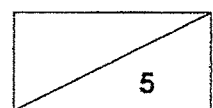
	What the author thought the reason was	What the real reason was
David kept tripping		

75 Explain clearly why the author's parents kept the truth from him. [2m]

- 76 Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. [3m]

<i>Word from the passage</i>	<i>What the word refers to</i>
a) dream (line 13)	
b) fact (line 14)	
c) talent (line 27)	

- 77 Based on lines 19-21, why did the author stop the conversation suddenly? [2m]



- 78 Based on lines 22-37, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	True / False	Reason
a) David would often return home late on purpose.		
b) The author's family did not want David to take part in the school's musical concert.		
c) David was confident as he stepped onto the stage.		

- 79 Which **two** of the following words best describe how the author felt in lines 30 to 39? Put a tick ✓ in the box beside each of your answers. [2m]

DO NOT TICK MORE THAN TWO BOXES.

determined ☐

heartbroken ☐

proud ☐

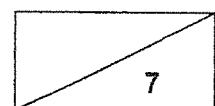
nervous ☐

relieved ☐

excited ☐

- 80 What do you think the author meant when he said "David truly has that" (line 39)? Support your answer from the passage by stating how David "had that". [2m]

End of Paper



ANSWER KEY

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BOOKLET A (PAPER 2)

Q1	1	Q2	2	Q3	1	Q4	4	Q5	4
Q6	3	Q7	4	Q8	3	Q9	1	Q10	1
Q11	4	Q12	4	Q13	1	Q14	3	Q15	3
Q16	1	Q17	1	Q18	3	Q19	3	Q20	2
Q21	4	Q22	2	Q23	3	Q24	1	Q25	3
Q26	2	Q27	2	Q28	4				

BOOKLET B (PAPER 2)

Q29	B	Q30	L	Q31	K	Q32	D	Q33	M
Q34	G	Q35	E	Q36	A	Q37	Q	Q38	P

Q39	who	Q40	finished	Q41	slowest	Q42	finalists
Q43	normally	Q44	win	Q45	happiness	Q46	genuinely
Q47	accept	Q48	forehead	Q49	victory	Q50	loss

Q51	country	Q52	from	Q53	their	Q54	traced	Q55	food
Q56	job	Q57	need	Q58	However	Q59	brought	Q60	vehicles
Q61	are	Q62	sell	Q63	foreigners	Q64	know	Q65	campaigns

Q66	Miss Tay decided to partocopate in the Children's Day performance although she does not like to perform.
Q67	Faith was praised by Mrs Tan for her kindness.
Q68	Because of his determination,he won the race.
Q69	Hui Xin had a headache as a result of not drinking enough water.
Q70	Latha asked her mother when she was taking her to the library.
Q71	The 'truth' was whether or not David was blind.
Q72	(a) scrawny (b) my heart was shattered
Q73	1, 3, 2

Q74	He thought it was because David was too young to walk.	David had an inherited condition and was blind.
Q75	They did not know how to tell the author and knew he would be heartbroken if he knew the truth.	
Q76	<p>(a) The author's dream of showing David the author's cool soccer moves or playing videogames with David</p> <p>(b) the fact that David was blind</p> <p>(c) David's talent of being able to replicate a piece of music after listening to it played once on the piano despite being blind.</p>	
Q77	He realised David could hear the conversation and did not want him to be affected by it.	
Q78	False	He would board the wrong bus by accident.
	False	The whole family was extremely thrilled for him.
	True	David entered the stage with the widest smile on his face.
Q79	proud, excited	
Q80	He meant David has an indomitable spirit. He was blind but still was able to replicate a piece of music after listening to it being played once on the piano.	

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END