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PRIMARY FIVE

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2

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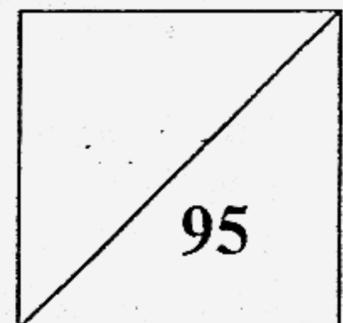
INSTRUCTIONS

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

Follow all instructions.

Answer all questions.

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Section A: Graphic Stimulus (5 x 1 mark)

Study the following advertisement and answer questions 1 to 5.

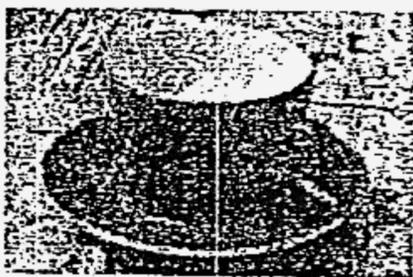
Town Council Reading Club



Members' Night – Come in to buy any book and we will give you a discount of 50 % - YES, it applies to all books !

THIS SATURDAY'S ACTIVITIES

TIME	ACTIVITY
12.00 – 1.00 p.m.	Talk by Dino Plighton, Lebon Prize Winner for children's stories
1.30 – 4.30 p.m.	Autographing by Chef Bala on his latest book
3.30 – 4.30 p.m.	Reading of famous Indian mythologies by Miss Sharma



Calling all senior citizens !
Special menu for you this weekend at the
cafe ! Drinks and snacks at 20 % discount !

Free Membership !

Application forms available at The Town Council Reading Club

01 – 02 Town Council, Supremo Plaza

Telok Ayer Road

Singapore 510106

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) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. Every member of the Town Council Reading Club will be given _____ on Members' Night.
 - (1) Bala's latest book
 - (2) free drinks and snacks
 - (3) 50% discount on all books
 - (4) 50% discount on selected books

2. Chef Bala will be _____ his latest book at the club.
 - (1) signing
 - (2) selling
 - (3) writing
 - (4) printing

3. A special menu for _____ will be provided at the café this weekend.
 - (1) infants
 - (2) children
 - (3) teenagers
 - (4) old folks

4. There will be _____ activities altogether at the Town Council Reading Club this weekend.
 - (1) two
 - (2) three
 - (3) four
 - (4) five

5. You need to _____ to be a member.
 - (1) pay a membership fee
 - (2) visit the Supremo Plaza
 - (3) fill up an application form
 - (4) write to Town Council Reading Club

Section B : Grammar (7 x 1mark)

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.

6. This project could take anything _____ six months to five years.
- (1) by
 - (2) at
 - (3) from
 - (4) between
7. If I had been informed earlier, I _____ signed the contract.
- (1) will not
 - (2) would not
 - (3) will not have
 - (4) would not have
8. "Matilda" was written by Roald Dahl, _____ ?
- (1) wasn't it
 - (2) isn't it
 - (3) was it
 - (4) is it
9. _____ Bob wanted to learn how to play the guitar, his parents insisted that he learn the cello instead.
- (1) If
 - (2) As
 - (3) Unless
 - (4) Although
10. They do have their arguments _____ that does not warrant a separation.
- (1) so
 - (2) but
 - (3) since
 - (4) unless

11. Miss Ng helped Jenny to _____ the problems faced by her parents.

- (1) understood
- (2) understand
- (3) understands
- (4) understanding

12. Not all my classmates _____ arrived yet. We shall wait for them.

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

Section C : Punctuation MCQ (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.

The doctor decided to put his overweight patient on a diet. "I want you to eat regularly for two days (13) he instructed, "then skip a day and repeat this procedure for two weeks. The next time I see you (14) you should have lost at least two kilograms."

When the man returned, he had lost eight kilograms. The doctor asked (15) You did this just by following my instructions?"

The patient nodded and replied, "I thought I was going to drop dead that third day."

"From hunger?"

"No, from skipping."

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

Section D : Vocabulary (5 x 1mark)

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.

16. The ship left Singapore for the first time on her _____ voyage.
- (1) final
 - (2) swan
 - (3) initial
 - (4) maiden
17. The accused was offered _____ of \$20 000.
- (1) bill
 - (2) bail
 - (3) bait
 - (4) bale
18. After examining the patient, Dr Lim _____ some medicine for him.
- (1) injected
 - (2) dispensed
 - (3) diagnosed
 - (4) prescribed
19. That elegant lady looks _____. I have seen her before.
- (1) similar
 - (2) peculiar
 - (3) familiar
 - (4) particular
20. The police found the _____ remains of the waitress who was dismembered into ten parts.
- (1) messy
 - (2) pathetic
 - (3) gruesome
 - (4) outrageous

Section E : Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1mark)

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

The police received a call from a man telling them that he had accidentally kidnapped a toddler sitting in the (21) back seat of a car he had stolen.

The police spokesman said that the (22) extremely anxious and worried parents of the 3-year old Anna made a police report early in the morning, when they discovered their car had been taken from their garage.

The thief saw little Anna in the car and (23) discovered that it was too late. In a panic, he called the police, saying he wanted to (24) leave the child at a place where the police could find her. Eventually, he dumped the car and little Anna at a car service centre before fleeing.

The parents were reunited with the child two hours later. Despite her (25) difficult experience, it was reported that little Anna was largely not shocked.

21. (1) front
(2) side
(3) rear
(4) adjoin
22. (1) troubled
(2) distraught
(3) annoyed
(4) irritated
23. (1) realized
(2) understood
(3) appreciated
(4) agreed
24. (1) throw
(2) abandon
(3) unload
(4) alight
25. (1) ordeal
(2) crisis
(3) disaster
(4) accident

Section F : Comprehension (MCQ) (5 x 1mark)

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

When we hear or speak of Edison, the inventor and founder of the famous General Electric Company, we consider him a genius, a person who achieved great success and made a great impact on our modern world. But do you know this genius suffered from hearing loss as a child and by the time he was a teenager, he was diagnosed as deaf? He attended school for only 3 months and was home schooled as his teachers thought that he was not good enough for school. Did these obstacles stop him from achieving success? 5

No. He was the one who said, "Genius is 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration." He certainly had natural talent but natural talent alone would not produce lasting work of success. In reaching for success, we do not sit around and wait for inspiration to strike before we start working hard. Often, it is as we perspired that we are more ready to be inspired. This is the hope that Thomas Edison holds out to all of us --- that there is a great possibility that all of us can be geniuses if we are prepared to work hard and do so with the right attitude. 10

He worked long hours and took short naps in his laboratory. Quite often, after one of these short naps, he would get a bright idea. Even while he slept, he was thinking of new ideas and exploring novel ways of working out problems. It was his subconscious mind working hard, making connections between the familiar and the unfamiliar, creating inspiration. 15

Although he encountered difficulties, he remained single-minded and steadfast in pursuing his goals. For him, there was no question of giving up. He was able, in his own words, to stand up again and again after every fall and move forward. 20

Having the right perspective of our efforts is also essential. Edison once said, "I have not failed 700 times. I have succeeded in proving that those 700 ways do not work. When I have eliminated the ways that will not work, I will find the way that will." His excitement grew as he inched closer to pinning down something that worked. 25

For each question from 26 to 30, 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.

26. Edison was home schooled because he was _____.

- (1) poor
- (2) deaf
- (3) a genius
- (4) not academically inclined

27. His success was due to his _____.

- (1) bright ideas
- (2) inspiration
- (3) natural talent
- (4) hard work and perseverance

28. He treated his falls as _____.

- (1) methods that failed
- (2) failures and was upset over it
- (3) injuries that required attention
- (4) perspiration and perseverance

29. The word 'steadfast' in line 21 means _____.

- (1) feeble
- (2) continuous
- (3) responsible
- (4) persistent

30. What can we learn from this passage?

- (1) We are all geniuses
- (2) Natural talent is the route to success.
- (3) We have to sweat it out to be successful.
- (4) Diligence and determination is the key to success.

BOOKLET B

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Section G : Grammar Cloze (10 x 1mark)

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 in order to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

A. up	E. at	J. its	X. over
B. to	F. so	K. among	P. from
C. this	G. by	L. in	Q. away
D. for	H. with	M. besides	

Consumer electronics show Comex 2006 managed to pull (31) _____ almost 700,000 visitors this year, thanks to the increased number of vendors and Singaporeans' insatiable appetite for electronic gadgets.

The show saw some 750 vendors, filling (32) _____ three expo halls with the latest electronic gadgets and accessories.

(33) _____ the new vendors at this year's show were flat-screen TV vendors such as Sharp, Toshiba and Hitachi.

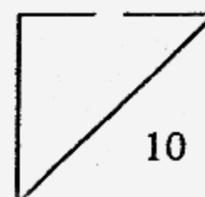
This year, photo buffs also got to see the latest digital cameras (34) _____ Nikon and Canon. They were also treated (35) _____ an exhibition organised by the Photographic Society of Singapore.

Organised by Eastern Directories, Comex 2006 also celebrated (36) _____ 15th year by giving (37) _____ a Fiat Grande Punto in its lucky draw. Eastern Directories also organises the annual IT Show, which drew some 650,000 visitors in March.

(38) _____ these two consumer electronics shows, Singaporeans also spend millions of dollars (39) _____ two other shows, PC Show and Sitex, annually.

These two shows had raked in sales of (40) _____ \$20 million from its 800,000 visitors.

Adapted from BT September 04, 2006



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.

Burglars made away with about \$15 000 worth of loot from a home and two offices between

(41)

Wednesday to Thursday.

The wooden door of an office at Breezeway, Joo Chiat Road, was found unlocked and

(42)

(43)

slight bent when an office worker arrived on Thursday morning. Her kolleague had last secured the

premises the previous evening before leaving for home. The woman found a keyhole of the drawers

(44)

temppered with. A wallet, a cellphone ear-piece and cash amounting to \$2 200 were missing.

(45)

In another office break-in, a woman in her forties arrived at her office on Block 3015, Bedok

(46)

North Street 5 on Thursday morning and found the door unlocked. The office had been ransack and

drawers opened. A \$1 200 laptop, cash amounting to \$1 700 and a bunch of keys were missing.

(47)

In the housebreaking case, a couple returned to her home in Jalan Terang at about 5 p.m. on

Thursday and found that the grille of the storeroom had been bent and pushed in. Three watches worth

(48)

(49)

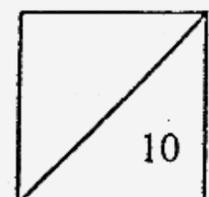
about \$1 000 were missing from a locked wardrope. About \$7 000 worth of jewelry and Japanese

(50)

currency equivelant to \$2 000 were also missing.

No alarms or closed-circuit television systems were installed at the three premises.

Adapted from The Straits Times, April 2006



Section I: Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

I have been keeping songbirds since I was ten years old, thanks to my grandfather who passed his hobby on to me. He gave me my first two (51) _____ and for a long time, they were the (52) _____ ones I had. But then I grew up and got hooked.

Rearing these birds does not come cheap. I have canaries, finches and long-tailed shamas. The latter which are my favourite breed can (53) _____ anything between \$80 and \$8 000. I have six of (54) _____

It was four years ago that my (55) _____ of birds really started growing. I would bring home one (56) _____ time to time and by the time my family realised how big the group had (57) _____, it was too late.

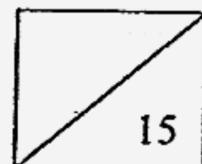
Generally, people tend to think that rearing songbirds is an old man's-hobby. Hence, when I take the birds out to the park, I am always the (58) _____ person there. Sometimes I feel out of (59) _____ but there is something about harnessing the (60) _____ of a bird that really excites me.

At first, they may not sing well, may be (61) _____ of humans or their tails might not be very long. Those with longer tails are seen as more valuable here. However, if you take good (62) _____ of them, take them out often to stretch their vocals and feed them a good diet, they do grow stronger and (63) _____ beautiful. So the bird you eventually get may not be the one you bought. That gives me immense satisfaction.

Every time I see a shama with (64) _____ that none of my other birds has – maybe a stronger voice or a longer tail – I feel like I have to get it. There isn't a number in my head I feel I have to stop at, even though my family is already sharing our house with seventeen of my feathered friends.

People say birds are all the (65) _____, but they are not. I can easily tell mine apart.

Adapted from The Sunday Times, April 2006



Section J : Synthesis/Transformation (5 x 2marks)

For each of the items 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentences 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).

66. Jane likes fruit juice. Her brother also likes it.

Both _____

67. This is the story book. I borrowed it from you.

which _____

68. The customs officer asked, "Have you anything to declare?"

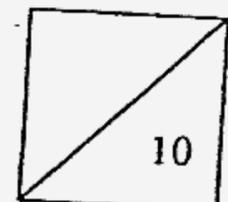
The customs officer asked _____

69. Your parents will be worried if you do not give them a call.

_____ unless

70. Susan was blind, yet she managed to do well in her studies.

Inspite _____



Section K : Comprehension (OE) (10 x 2marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

After landing in Hanoi, Vietnam, the taxi took me beyond the airport and past paddy fields basking in the light rain. Through this misty curtain, I could see the farmers and women bending over the young seedlings, doing backbreaking work for their livelihood. Silently, I saluted their Vietnamese spirit --- hardworking and persevering. When I finally arrived at Krung's house, I was given a warm welcome and that night, I sat down with his family to a hearty and scrumptious dinner prepared by his wife. 5

The next morning, I visited Krung's father, riding pillion on Krung's scooter while he navigated through the narrow streets of the residential area where his father lived. The big three-storey house that stood before me was new and clean. Inside the sparingly furnished house, his white-haired father greeted me with an almost toothless smile, still in remarkably fine form for a man who was five years short of being a centenarian. As I bade him goodbye at the door, his grandnephew appeared. The picture of them standing there together in front of their house was an apt symbol of Vietnam being on the brink of change in this rapidly globalising world. 10

As I sat behind Krung on his scooter and toured Hanoi, I was able to talk with his wife who was riding pillion on another scooter moving companionably side by side with mine. The Vietnamese scooter, an affordable mode of transport, has been used to represent the Vietnamese mentality: quick, nimble, eager to learn and willing to adapt. As I rode pillion, I was able to experience the skilfulness of his manoeuvres on the streets and the instinctive knowledge he had of other drivers' behaviour, qualities which characterised the country's millions of riders. Travelling down the street, I was able to appreciate the creativity with which the people maximised the scooter's mobility, carrying not only people but also ducks, mattresses, huge glass sheet and other household items needed for daily living. 15 20

I visited both Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City. The pace in the former was slower and nostalgic, whereas the latter was just like Singapore back in the 1960s where there was an air of dynamic doing. The people of the city sought out any entrepreneurial opportunity they could find, guided by a materialistic drive. 25

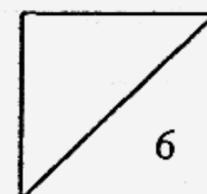
Three weeks later, as I took off from Ho Chi Minh City, the spring rains were falling again. I recalled the paddy fields I saw outside Hanoi's airport. It had been soon after the Vietnamese New Year began. Just as falling rain brings with it the promise of new life, I knew that the rest of the new year in Vietnam would stretch ahead with hope and vitality as long as the spirit of her people was willing. 30

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES

71. . What made the author salute the Vietnamese for being hardworking and persevering?

72. Which sentence in Paragraph 1 tells us that Vietnamese are friendly and hospitable people?

73. . What does "in remarkably fine form" tell us about Krung's father?



74. How old was Krung's father?

75. Name two characteristics of the Vietnamese scooter which allowed it to be manoeuvred easily?

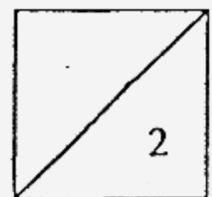
76. Why did the author think that the Vietnamese were creative?

77. Which city was more dynamic? State a reason to support your answer.

78. Which word in Paragraph 3 has the same meaning as "intuitive"?

79. According to the passage, how do you think Vietnam could stay ahead and grow with vitality in the New Year?

80. When did the trip to Vietnam take place?



Ai Tong Primary School

Answer Sheets

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
3	1	4	2	3	3	4	1	4	2
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
2	3	1	2	2	4	2	4	3	3
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
3	2	1	2	1	4	4	1	4	4
Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
L	A	K	P	B	J	Q	M	E	N

41. and 46. ransacked 51. songbirds 56. from 61. afraid
42. slightly 47. their 52. only 57. become 62. care
43. colleague 48. wardrobe 53. cost 58. youngest 63. more
44. tampered 49. jewellery 54. them 59. place 64. characteristics
45. at 50. equivalent 55. collection 60. potential 65. same

66. Both Jane and her brother like fruit juice.
67. This is the story book which I borrowed from you.
68. The customs officer asked me if I had anything to declare.
69. Your parents will be worried unless you give them a call.
70. In spite of Susan's blindness, she managed to do well in her studies.
71. The backbreaking tasks that they were doing in the paddy fields despite the rain made the author salute them.
72. The sentence is "When I finally arrived at Krung's house, I was given a warm welcome and that night, I sat down with his family to a hearty and scrumptious dinner prepared by his wife".
73. It tells us that Krung's father is still very healthy.
74. Krung's father was ninety-five year old.
75. They were fast and nimble.

76. The Vietnamese maximized the scooter's mobility, carrying not only people but also ducks, mattresses, huge glass sheet and other household items needed for daily living.
77. Ho Chi Minh City was more dynamic the people in that city grabbed every business opportunities available to make a living.
78. The word is "instinctive".
79. The country would develop if the Vietnamese were willing and determined to work hard.
80. It took place during the start of the New Year.