



**HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL  
2019 SEMESTRAL EXAMINATION ONE  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
PRIMARY FIVE  
PAPER 2 BOOKLET A**

NAME : \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS : P5 \_\_\_\_\_

INDEX NO : \_\_\_\_\_

28 QUESTIONS

28 MARKS

**TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 HOUR 50 MINUTES**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

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

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

Booklet A : \_\_\_\_\_ / 28

Booklet B : \_\_\_\_\_ / 67

**TOTAL : \_\_\_\_\_ / 95**

Parent's signature: \_\_\_\_\_



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). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

1 How \_\_\_\_\_ milk do you need to add to the flour to make the pancake batter?

- (1) any
- (2) few
- (3) many
- (4) much

( )

2 They decided to go home by \_\_\_\_\_ as their parents were too busy to fetch them.

- (1) myself
- (2) ourselves
- (3) yourselves
- (4) themselves

( )

3 Mr Gopal \_\_\_\_\_ an accident at the road junction last week.

- (1) witness
- (2) witnesses
- (3) witnessed
- (4) was witnessing

( )

4 I prefer to read \_\_\_\_\_ night when it is quiet and peaceful.

- (1) at
- (2) in
- (3) on
- (4) by

( )

5 Harry failed his examination \_\_\_\_\_ he studied hard for it.

- (1) hence
- (2) despite
- (3) although
- (4) because

( )

6 John will be playing the piano for the school choir at the school annual concert next month. He \_\_\_\_\_ piano lessons since he was seven years old.

- (1) is attending
- (2) was attending
- (3) has been attending
- (4) had been attending

( )

7 Mrs Chan, the Science teacher, is going to conduct an experiment today, \_\_\_\_\_ she?

- (1) isn't
- (2) aren't
- (3) hasn't
- (4) doesn't

( )

8 Jane would not have gone for the picnic if she \_\_\_\_\_ that it would rain heavily.

- (1) know
- (2) knows
- (3) has known
- (4) had known

( )

9 "I found \_\_\_\_\_ photographs while cleaning Grandpa's cupboard," Mary exclaimed while holding them up.

- (1) this
- (2) these
- (3) that
- (4) those

( )

10 The swarm of bees \_\_\_\_\_ by Peter when he found it in his bathroom last Sunday.

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

( )

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). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

11. The flat is \_\_\_\_\_. No one is living there now.

- (1) hollow
- (2) vacant
- (3) occupied
- (4) inhabited

( )

12. Ben became widely known as a \_\_\_\_\_ for his generous donations to many orphanages and nursing homes.

- (1) miser
- (2) subscriber
- (3) spendthrift
- (4) philanthropist

( )

13. The students were \_\_\_\_\_ by their Art teacher for their bad behaviour.

- (1) rebuked
- (2) illustrated
- (3) discouraged
- (4) commended

( )

14. My medical report indicates that I have to \_\_\_\_\_ my love for fast food if I want to improve my cholesterol levels.

- (1) give in
- (2) give up
- (3) give off
- (4) give away

( )

15. The dog growls \_\_\_\_\_ whenever it sees strangers walking past the house.

- (1) seriously
- (2) alarmingly
- (3) imminently
- (4) menacingly

( )



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

A generation of music lovers are damaging their hearing with audio players that emit dangerously high noise levels. Many young people are at risk of worsening hearing loss, listening regularly to loud music through their headphones (16) over their devices. World Health Organisation (WHO) is urging manufacturers and regulators to ensure smartphones and audio players have software that can help limit people from listening to music too loud for too long. (17)

It is proposed that certain features like automatic volume reduction and parental control of the volume are introduced so that when one goes over the sound limit, the device will automatically reduce the volume to a level which is not going to harm the ears. The effort through this standard is really to empower the user to make the right listening choice. WHO is also looking at volume levels in places such as clubs and sports arenas. It aims to develop a regulatory framework for the different venues, which often have very high levels of sound being played over a long period of time. There is a need to protect the people working in such establishments too. (18)  
(19)  
(20)

(Adapted from The Straits Times website – Too loud! Music lovers risk hearing loss: WHO, 14 February 2019)

16. (1) losing  
(2) cutting  
(3) thinning  
(4) deteriorating

( )

17. (1) restrict  
(2) suppress  
(3) maximise  
(4) exterminate

18. (1) tops  
(2) eclipses  
(3) exceeds  
(4) overtakes

19. (1) lower  
(2) shrink  
(3) narrow  
(4) diminish

20. (1) stadiums  
(2) territories  
(3) battlegrounds  
(4) constituencies

Study this flyer carefully then answer questions 21 to 28.

# The Breakfast Club Carnival 2019

*The Largest Breakfast Picnic Carnival in Singapore*

*The Breakfast Club aims to equip parents with approaches to raise happier and healthier children.*

**Date:** 10 March 2019, Saturday  
**Time:** 8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.  
**Venue:** The Lawn @ Marina Bay

Free goodie bags for  
all ticket buyers.



## Record Setting

Come and have a picnic with your family as we set the new record for the highest breakfast picnic turnout in Singapore!

**Ticket Price:** \$12 per adult / \$6 per child  
Special discount will be given to the early birds, if you purchase your tickets before 10 Feb 2019.



Buy your carnival tickets now at  
[www.thebreakfastclub.com.sg](http://www.thebreakfastclub.com.sg)

## Tickets Giveaway

There are 5 sets of tickets to be given away. Each set consists of 4 tickets. Each ticket can be used to admit either an adult or child. Follow these steps to stand a chance to bring your whole family for a morning of fun:

- Like and share "The Breakfast Club" Facebook page
- To win an additional pair of tickets, you must also share a healthy breakfast recipe on your Facebook page with your friends

**Closing date:** 28 Feb 2019

## For Parents

- Learn about the nutritional value of foods by understanding food nutrition labels
- Participate in cooking classes to learn how to prepare quick and healthy breakfast meals for children
- Pick up paediatric massage skills from experts to boost the overall well-being of infants

## For the little ones

- Balloon Sculpting
- Bouncy Castle
- Face-painting
- Recycling Art
- Obstacle Course
- Sports Try-outs





### Sports Try-outs

- Children will be able to try out fencing, wushu, mini-golf and soccer.
- No prior experiences in any of the sports area are needed.
- Comfortable clothing and track shoes are required to participate in this activity.
- Each sport try-out can only accommodate 20 participants.
- Each child can only sign up for one sport try-out.



Email [breakfastclub@outlook.com](mailto:breakfastclub@outlook.com) to book a slot for your child by 8 March 2019.



### Best-dressed Family

Attend the carnival with matching outfits for your whole family and stand a chance to win products and shopping vouchers worth \$1200!

**Registration time:** 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

**Registration venue:** Booth next to the stage

**Showtime:** 11 a.m.

\*All shortlisted families will be invited onstage to display their outfits for voting by carnival attendees.



Eating breakfast keeps your body healthy. On the other hand, children who skip breakfast are likely to feel tired, restless and may even become overweight. Find out more at [www.thebreakfastclub.com.sg/health](http://www.thebreakfastclub.com.sg/health)



### Organise

**The Breakfast Club**

### Sponsors



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). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

21. The main purpose of this flyer is to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) give away tickets to the carnival
- (2) urge families to have breakfast together
- (3) encourage families to attend the carnival
- (4) set the record for the highest breakfast picnic turnout , ( )

22. Look at the section "Record Setting". The exclamation mark used at the end of the sentence "...highest breakfast picnic turnout in Singapore!" is used to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) tell the readers firmly to attend the carnival
- (2) make the passage interesting for the readers
- (3) excite the readers to participate in a record-breaking event
- (4) shock the readers about the rare chance to have a picnic together ( )

23. Which of the following statements is true about "The Breakfast Club' Carnival 2019"?

- (1) All the activities are only for children.
- (2) A goodie bag will be given to all ticket buyers.
- (3) Tickets must be purchased before 10 February 2019.
- (4) The carnival is the first breakfast picnic event in Singapore. ( )

24. Iman wants to participate in the Sports Try-outs. His parents should \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) be accompanied by an adult
- (2) send an email to book a slot for him
- (3) purchase sportswear from the sponsor, Ahmad Sports
- (4) have experience in the particular sports he wants to try out ( )

25. To take part in the Best-dressed Family Contest, the family must \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) go on the stage to showcase their outfits
- (2) visit [www.thebreakfastclub.com.sg](http://www.thebreakfastclub.com.sg) to register
- (3) spend \$1200 on baby wear to qualify for the contest
- (4) submit a photograph of themselves in matching outfits ( )

26. Based on the flyer, which of the following is not something parents can do at The Breakfast Club Carnival 2019?

- (1) Prepare a healthy breakfast
- (2) Be taught massaging skills for babies
- (3) Learn how to read food nutrition labels
- (4) Acquire tips to match outfits for the whole family ( )

27. What must one do in order to win more than four tickets to the carnival?

- (1) Register at the booth next to the stage at 9 a.m.
- (2) Share a healthy breakfast recipe onstage at the carnival.
- (3) Email [breakfastclub@outlook.com](mailto:breakfastclub@outlook.com) to participate in the lucky draw.
- (4) Like and share the "The Breakfast Club" Facebook page together with a healthy breakfast recipe on your personal Facebook page. ( )

28. Based on the information provided in the flyer, which of the following statements is true?

- (1) Skipping breakfast will affect children's energy level.
- (2) Parents get to pick up massage skills for themselves.
- (3) Children will be able to try out as many sports within a time limit.
- (4) All families will be invited onstage to compete for the best-dressed family prize. ( )



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**PAPER 2 BOOKLET B**

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Section	Marks	
Grammar Cloze		10
Editing for Spelling and Grammar		12
Comprehension Cloze		15
Synthesis / Transformation		10
Comprehension Open Ended		20
<b>Total</b>		<b>67</b>



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**

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(A) about	(D) as	(G) in	(K) them	(N) to
(B) among	(E) but	(H) is	(L) this	(P) while
(C) are	(F) by	(J) their	(M) of	(Q) your

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The Health Promotion Board (HPB) revealed that 43 per cent of teenagers consume sugary drinks daily. (29) \_\_\_\_\_ habit seems to be cultivated when they were younger. Another HPB survey conducted (30) \_\_\_\_\_ teachers, parents and caregivers showed that 28 per cent of (31) \_\_\_\_\_ provided sugary drinks more than once a week to (32) \_\_\_\_\_ children aged between four and nine years old.

One can of sugary drink contains seven teaspoons of sugar. Sugar is bad for health because it provides zero nutritional value (33) \_\_\_\_\_ increasing calorie intake.

Research shows that the consumption of sugary drinks (34) \_\_\_\_\_ associated with poor dietary choices and obesity in children – and these health issues follow them to adulthood. (35) \_\_\_\_\_ lifelong dietary habits are formed at an early age, it is important to pay more attention to what our children and teenagers (36) \_\_\_\_\_ consuming. HPB recommends that children between three and six years old drink three (37) \_\_\_\_\_ five glasses of water daily.



(38) \_\_\_\_\_ addition, HPB has launched the "Let's Drink Water Campaign". This campaign aims to raise awareness of the importance of drinking water. It also encourages children and teenagers to replace sugary drinks with water.

*Adapted from <https://www.hpb.gov.sg/article/singapore's-first-let's-drink-water-campaign-encourages-children-and-teens-to-consume-more-water-and-less-sugary-drinks>*



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

A triathlon is an exciting race that combines three difficult endurance

(39)

sports. Although there were a wide array of sports that can be selected,

(40)

organisers will usually choose the combenation of swimming, cycling and running.

In 1978, the first Hawaiian Ironman Triathlon was held. It was the most difficult race of that time. It included a 3-km swim, a 180-km cycle around the

(41)

island and a maraton run of over 42km. There were only fifteen male athletes

(42)

who participated in that event and not all of them complete the race. Now,

(43)

there can be hundreds or even thosands of participants, both male and female.

Twin sisters, Sylvia and Patricia, from Canada had always wanted to break the Ironman records. They started swimming when they were six years old and

(44)

entered their first swimming compatetion when they were eight years old. In secondary school, they started training for track and cross-country running

(45)

(46)

serious. In the first year that they took part of triathlons, each girl won five out of seven races. Last year, the girls tied for the first place in ten races

(47)

they had participate in. In the latest Ironman Triathlon win, Sylvia crossed only 2 minutes ahead of Patricia.

(48)

Triathlons require persevere as well as good judgment and

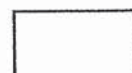
(49)

self-reliance. A contestant may have to change their bicycle tyres in the middle of the race or decide on the best way to swim over a wave. The sisters spent many long days training hard to improve their stamina and skills. They would

(50)

relax by doing quiet activities like reading and watching television programmes.

Adapted from "Two at a Time", Active Comprehension. UK: Prim-Ed Publishing, 2000.



Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Through advancement in technology, human communication has evolved over the years. A message used to take days or even weeks to be delivered but nowadays, communication (51) \_\_\_\_\_ place almost immediately. In this time and day, we just need to pick up our (52) \_\_\_\_\_, dial a number and shortly, we will be able to talk to our friend at the other end of the line. Similarly, if you need to send a message to someone, we can simply compose an (53) \_\_\_\_\_ on a computer or smart phone and send it electronically. Within seconds, the recipient (54) \_\_\_\_\_ be able to read it.

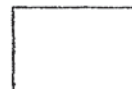
Before the (55) \_\_\_\_\_ of telephones, modern postal services or the internet, people used riders (56) \_\_\_\_\_ horseback to carry messages from place to place. In places where horses could not reach, pigeons were used. Pigeons were reared and (57) \_\_\_\_\_ to fly home from distant places. (58) \_\_\_\_\_ months of training, these homing pigeons were then made to carry messages across oceans, mountains, deserts and hostile lands to their owners and other users. This must be the original airmail service in the world.

A message for the pigeon post had to be short and light. In the early days, the message was put in a small capsule and tied (59) \_\_\_\_\_ the pigeon's neck or fixed beneath its wings.

Later on, the paper was rolled up and attached to (60) \_\_\_\_\_ main tail feathers. The pigeon would also wear a tiny bell to (61) \_\_\_\_\_ away birds of prey that might attack it while in flight.

Those (62) \_\_\_\_\_ used pigeons included the Greeks, the Romans, the Egyptians, the Chinese, the French and the British. One of the important deliveries made by the pigeon post was messages during times of (63) \_\_\_\_\_. Trained pigeons in old China passed secret messages for people fighting (64) \_\_\_\_\_ the cruel warlords. Despite the usage of postal service by land and sea by most countries later on, homing pigeons were still kept (65) \_\_\_\_\_ their valuable service. These days, homing pigeons are entered into competitions with the winner receiving prize money at the end.

Adapted from "Pigeon Post". *Active Comprehension*. UK: Prim-Ed Publishing, 2000.





For each of the questions 66 to 70, 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 sentence(s).

(10 marks)

66. John and his sister do not like to eat beef.

Neither \_\_\_\_\_ nor \_\_\_\_\_

67. Mrs Tan was shopping in London. She came across a rare painting.

\_\_\_\_\_ while \_\_\_\_\_

68. "I forgot to complete my assignment last night," Jane said.

Jane said \_\_\_\_\_

69. We were disappointed. He did not turn up for the interview.

Much to \_\_\_\_\_

70. Mr Lim will suffer a heart attack. He must take his medication.

If \_\_\_\_\_



flashed with a loud sound, and the beast sprang to one side and rolled over in the stillness of death. The goat also lay dead beside it. The villagers rushed forward to check on the tiger while Miss Mebbin pointed to the bullet wound on the goat. One of the villagers exclaimed, "The old tiger had died of a heart attack!" Mrs Packletide was annoyed at the discovery but still, she was pleased to be the possessor of a dead tiger.

25

Back in England, Mrs Packletide threw a big party so that all her friends and neighbours, including Loona Bimberton, could admire her tiger-skin rug and hear her account of the tiger hunt. She smiled delightfully as her guests praised her bravery. They marveled at her fearlessness as they hung on to her every word, not wishing to miss any details.

30

"It will be amusing if **they** knew what really happened," said Miss Mebbin with a laugh.

"Surely you won't give me away, Miss Mebbin?" Mrs Packletide said sheepishly.

35

"I've seen a house that I will like to buy," replied Miss Mebbin. "It is quite a bargain but I don't have the money."

Miss Mebbin now lives in her pretty house which is the wonder and admiration of her friends. When asked if she had plans for another hunt, Mrs Packletide whispered, "The incidental expenses are too heavy!"

71. Why did Mrs Packletide want to go to exotic places on her travels? (2m)

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72. Which phrase from the second paragraph tells us that Loona Bimberton had an exciting story to share? (1m)

73. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, what decision did Mrs Packletide make after hearing Loona Bimberton's travel account? Why did she come to that decision? (2m)

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74. Why do you think a goat was tied to a tree in the tiger hunt? (1m)

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75. What animal did Mrs Packletide shoot? (1m)

76. Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write the answers in the column on the right. (3m)

Word from the passage	What the word refers to
<b>we</b> (line 16)	
<b>they</b> (line 32)	
<b>It</b> (line 36)	

77. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage. (1m)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs Packletide fired her rifle.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The goat and the tiger lay dead in the forest.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The goat was tied to the tree.

78. Based on the passage, fill in the boxes below. (2m)

How the character felt	What made her feel that way	What she did as a result
Mrs Packletide was jealous of Loona Bimberton.		She arranged for a tiger hunting trip to India.
Miss Mebbin was amused by the reaction of the guests at the party.	Mrs Packletide's friends and neighbours did not know the truth behind the tiger's death.	



79. Based on the passage, 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) Miss Mebbin was a good friend of Mrs Packletide.		
(b) Miss Mebbin was excited about killing the tiger when she and Mrs Packletide went on the hunt.		
(c) Mrs Packletide threw a party for her friends and neighbours.		

80. Which two words in the last paragraph show how Miss Mebbin's friends felt about her newly acquired cottage. (2m)

and

81. Explain clearly what you think Mrs Packletide meant when she said that 'the incidental expenses are too heavy.' (2m)

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# ANSWER KEY

**YEAR : 2019**

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**TERM : SA 1**

## BOOKLET A

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

## BOOKLET B

Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
L	B	K	J	P	H	D	C	N	G

Q39	Q40	Q41	Q42	Q43	Q44
is	combination	marathon	completed	thousands	competition
Q45	Q46	Q47	Q48	Q49	Q50
seriously	in	participated	perseverance	contestant	activities
Q51	Q52	Q53	Q54	Q55	Q56
takes	phone	e-mail	will	invention	on
Q57	Q58	Q59	Q60	Q61	Q62
trained	After	to	its	scare	who
Q63	Q64	Q65			
war	for	for			

**Q66 Neither John nor his sister likes to eat beef.**

**Q67 Mrs Tan came across a rare painting while shopping in London.**

**Q68 J id that she had forgotten to complete her assignment the previous night.**

**Q69 Much to our disappointment, he did not turn up for the interviewer.**

**Q70 If Mr Lim does not take his medication, he will suffer a heart attack.**

**Q71 She was in search of adventure and wanted to share it with her friends when she went back to London.**

**Q72 held her audience captive.**

**Q73 She wanted to shoot a tiger and make a tiger-skin rug, she wanted to beat her neighbour, Loona Bimberton in her travel experiences.**

**Q74 It was to lure the tiger to come and eat the goat when Mrs Packletide shot it.**

**Q75 The goat**

- Q76 a) Mrs Mebbin and Mrs Packletide  
b) Her friends and neighbours.  
c) The house Mrs Mebbin wanted to buy.
- Q77 2 Mrs Packletide fired her riffle.  
3 The goat and the tiger lay dead in the forest.  
1 The goat was tied to the tree.
- Q78 a) Loona Bimberton held her audience captive with stories of her in a private plane with a Algerian pilot.  
b) She asked Mrs Packletide for the house she wanted to buy.
- Q79 (a) False <> Mrs Mebbin blackmailed Mrs Packletide, even though she already had been paid.  
(b) False <> She thought she was in danger.  
(c) True <> She had gotten a tiger-skin rug and wanted her friends and neighbours to admire it.
- Q80 admiration and wonder.
- Q81 She meant that she had spent a huge sum of money to buy the house for Miss Mebbin so that she would not reveal her secret.