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RIVER VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL  
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2 / 2017  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2  
PRIMARY 5

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ (     )                      Total Mark : \_\_\_\_\_ / 28

Class : Primary 5 \_\_\_\_\_

Date : Thursday, October 26, 2017

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**Booklet A**

Duration of Paper (Booklets A and B) 1 h 50 min

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

1. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all the instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 28 questions (Questions 1 to 28).
4. Answer all questions.
5. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

For each question from 1 to 10, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. Gopal is \_\_\_\_\_ honest and sincere boy. Everybody likes him.
  - (1) a
  - (2) an
  - (3) the
  - (4) this
  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ taken his medication, Ahmad went to his bedroom to rest.
  - (1) After
  - (2) While
  - (3) Having
  - (4) Although
  
3. If we had not taken a wrong turn, we \_\_\_\_\_ arrived on time.
  - (1) will
  - (2) would
  - (3) would have
  - (4) would have had
  
4. Regularly reading weather forecasts \_\_\_\_\_ us to plan our activities for the day.
  - (1) help
  - (2) helps
  - (3) helped
  - (4) helping
  
5. As the boys played happily, one of them fell and hurt \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) himself
  - (2) herself
  - (3) ourselves
  - (4) themselves

6. \_\_\_\_\_ hard the children tried, they simply could not push the rock out of their way.
- (1) If
  - (2) Should
  - (3) However
  - (4) Nevertheless
7. Gina, together with her parents, \_\_\_\_\_ the concert later today.
- (1) is attending
  - (2) are attending
  - (3) was attending
  - (4) were attending
8. Felicia, with \_\_\_\_\_ I am working on the project, is not in school today.
- (1) who
  - (2) which
  - (3) whom
  - (4) whose
9. The teacher witnessed the students \_\_\_\_\_ the walls and scolded them.
- (1) vandalise
  - (2) vandalism
  - (3) vandalised
  - (4) vandalises
10. Although Peter said he had finished his food, I still saw \_\_\_\_\_ rice grains on his plate.
- (1) one
  - (2) little
  - (3) much
  - (4) several

For each question from 11 to 15, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

11. Feeling overwhelmed, Sadiq stormed out of the house to \_\_\_\_\_ some steam.
- (1) let in
  - (2) let on
  - (3) let off
  - (4) let back
12. "Please don't interrupt my \_\_\_\_\_ of thoughts. I am trying to figure out a solution to this problem!" my mother snapped.
- (1) chain
  - (2) series
  - (3) program
  - (4) sequence
13. Kenny's sister broke his toy, so he \_\_\_\_\_ by breaking hers.
- (1) repeated
  - (2) retaliated
  - (3) reiterated
  - (4) recommended
14. Debby's \_\_\_\_\_ behaviour is unexpected. She is usually very friendly.
- (1) quiet
  - (2) hostile
  - (3) diligent
  - (4) boisterous
15. Train breakdowns result in \_\_\_\_\_ being late for work.
- (1) users
  - (2) visitors
  - (3) residents
  - (4) commuters

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

When Bill entered his house, he was shocked. For a split second, he was paralysed. His house was in a mess and his living room floor was strewn with his household items.

(16) (17)

"The documents..." his voice trailed off as he made a beeline for the room to check the safe. It appeared to be intact but he couldn't be sure. Whoever was after the secret documents had ransacked the entire house for them. He punched in the code and the safe door opened. He sighed in relief upon seeing the documents inside.

(18) (19) (20)

*Teacher's own*

16. (1) crippled  
(2) disturbed  
(3) speechless  
(4) immobilised
17. (1) filled  
(2) mixed  
(3) dirtied  
(4) littered
18. (1) gave out  
(2) amped up  
(3) faded away  
(4) lowered down

19. (1) strolled to  
(2) looked for  
(3) sprinted to  
(4) searched for

20. (1) unfixed  
(2) unharmed  
(3) untouched  
(4) unoccupied

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Study the poster carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28.

# Wholesome Bakes

Written by Celeste Nathan

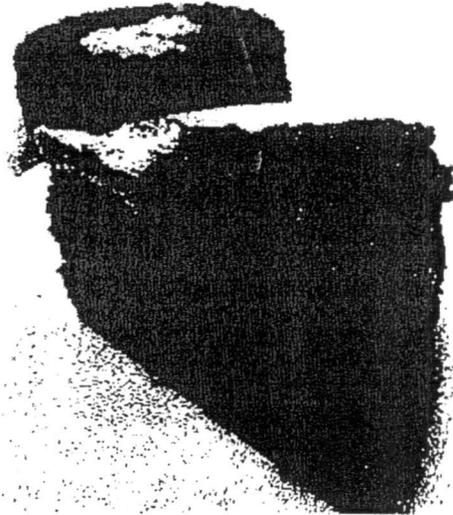


Joe and Gaby, a married couple, run Wholesome Bakes from home, providing nutritious bread and cakes to all who want to eat healthily. They are disciplined about exercising regularly and eating healthily.

As preparing home-cooked meals in the midst of busy schedules seems like an impossible task to most people, Joe and Gaby decided to quit their full-time jobs and open this bakery. Their aim: to provide healthy bread and cakes for themselves, their friends and all health-conscious people.

At Wholesome Bakes, the ingredients used to bake the bread and cakes are hormone and chemical free. They also do not contain preservatives, artificial colourings, sweeteners and trans fat. Joe and Gaby are single-minded about serving wholesome bakes that taste good and we are sure their efforts are appreciated.

Visit their website at [wholesomebakes.sg](http://wholesomebakes.sg) to check out their products! Call 9123 4567 to place your orders!



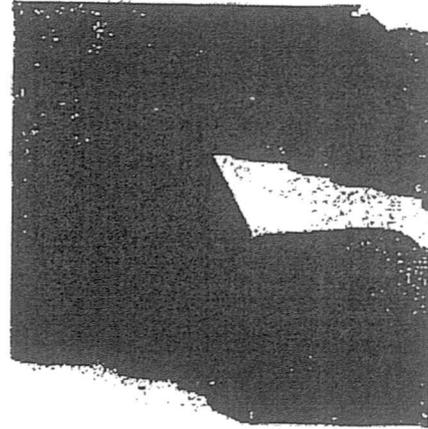
*Our reader, Ella Sue, wrote to us about this lovely bakery. She has been a regular customer for a year and buys their cinnamon bread and pandan cake every week. For her wonderful recommendation, she has won a \$50 TGIF Restaurant voucher! Congratulations, Ella!*



Celeste Nathan and her team got to try some of the bread and cakes available at Wholesome Bakes during their visit!

*This is what Celeste said, "Usually, my children don't eat wholemeal bread because they don't like the texture. I was pleasantly surprised by how soft and tasty this was and bought a loaf home for them to try. I'm delighted that my children also liked it and are now eating healthier bread every day!"*

Well done, Wholesome Bakes!



From the Food Paradise team...



**We want to hear from you!**

What do you think about this home-based bakery? Would you give its bread and cakes a try? Do you know of other budding home-based food businesses?

Write to us at [contact@foodparadise.com.sg](mailto:contact@foodparadise.com.sg) and stand a chance to win restaurant vouchers!

**We want to meet you!**

Do you enjoy eating local food? Do you enjoy making new friends?

We organise weekly 1-day food trails that feature the best of Singapore's humble hawker fare. We also organise monthly free food tasting sessions at newly-opened eateries. Visit [foodparadise.sg](http://foodparadise.sg) for the details of upcoming events and register early to avoid disappointment! Limited slots available!

For each question from 21 to 28, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

21. Look at the section "Wholesome Bakes". What does "impossible task" in the ~~first~~ <sup>second</sup> paragraph refer to?
- (1) exercising regularly
  - (2) quitting full-time jobs
  - (3) eating home-cooked meals
  - (4) preparing home-cooked meals
22. Which of the following words from the section "Wholesome Bakes" is used to describe how Joe and Gaby feel about providing nutritious and tasty products?
- (1) busy
  - (2) disciplined
  - (3) appreciated
  - (4) single-minded
23. According to the article, why should readers visit the Wholesome Bakes website?
- (1) to contact Joe and Gaby
  - (2) to read about Joe and Gaby
  - (3) to find out about their bread and cakes
  - (4) to place orders for their bread and cakes
24. Which of the following statements about Ella is correct?
- (1) She recommended TGIF Restaurant.
  - (2) She paid \$50 for a restaurant voucher.
  - (3) She writes articles about Wholesome Bakes.
  - (4) She buys Wholesome Bakes' products every week
25. Which of the following statements about Celeste is not true?
- (1) She tried some bread and cakes at Wholesome Bakes.
  - (2) She was glad that her children were eating healthier bread.
  - (3) She expected Wholesome Bakes' wholemeal bread to be soft and tasty.
  - (4) She knew that her children did not usually like the texture of wholemeal bread.

26. What is the purpose of the questions in the section "We want to meet you"?
- (1) to understand readers better
  - (2) to start a conversation with readers
  - (3) to attract suitable readers for upcoming events
  - (4) to check whether readers knew about upcoming events
27. Victor should write to [contact@foodparadise.com.sg](mailto:contact@foodparadise.com.sg) if he wants to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) learn how to bake bread and cakes
  - (2) find out more about home-based businesses
  - (3) provide information about a popular hawker stall
  - (4) share his experience of patronising Wholesome Bakes
28. Which of the following is a likely reason why readers might register for 1-day food trails?
- (1) They enjoy eating local food.
  - (2) There are many slots available.
  - (3) Free food tasting sessions are included.
  - (4) Singapore's award-winning hawkers will be featured.

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Class : Primary 5 \_\_\_\_\_

Date : Thursday, October 26, 2017      Parent's Signature : \_\_\_\_\_

**BOOKLET B**

Duration of Paper (Booklets A and B) 1 h 50 min

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

1. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all the instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 51 questions (Questions 29 to 79).
4. Answer all the questions.
5. Write all your answers in this booklet.

	<b>Mark Obtained</b>	<b>Maximum Mark</b>
<b>Booklet A</b>		28
<b>Booklet B</b>		67
<b>Total</b>		95

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.

**EACH WORD CAN ONLY BE USED ONCE.**

(A) as	(D) have	(G) must	(K) their	(N) where
(B) are	(E) himself	(H) of	(L) these	(P) will
(C) has	(F) in	(J) such	(M) up	(Q) with

It is often seen that when parents drop off their child at a childcare centre, the child screams as if he is going to die. We feel sympathetic towards the child because we understand that the child's mind \_\_\_\_\_ not yet developed enough to realise that Mummy or Daddy will come back.

(29)

One parent shared, "Just as we are leaving the childcare centre, he dives onto the floor and attaches \_\_\_\_\_ to my leg. At that point, I just want to scoop him \_\_\_\_\_ and run off back home \_\_\_\_\_ him."

(30) (31) (32)

Experts say that \_\_\_\_\_ behaviour is perfectly normal. Parents must allow the child to "cry out" this process \_\_\_\_\_ learning from an early age. Their strong reaction is a reflection of \_\_\_\_\_ fear of losing the source of their love. \_\_\_\_\_ simpler terms, their tears are proof of their immense love for their parents.

(33) (34) (35) (36)

When faced with situations like the above, parents \_\_\_\_\_ advised to stay calm and affirmatively let them know that they \_\_\_\_\_ be back for them. Becoming emotional at this point only confuses them and makes the temporary separation all the more difficult.

(37) (38)

*Adapted from "How to get what you want and Want what you have by John Gray"*

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

SMRT has sacked the train driver involved in the fatal accident that took place

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in March 2016. This was done although the investigation not being completed by

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the relevant authorities. The familyys of the victims have questioned SMRT's

(41)

(42)

decided to sack the driver but have yet to receeve a response.

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The two mantainance staff, aged 24 and 26, were on their way to check on

(44)

a warning signal on the track while they were killed by an oncoming train. While LTA

and MOM are conducting investigations into the case, it has been determined that

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the cause of the deaths can be attributes to a lapse in communication.

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(47)

Thus, the news of the sacked of the train driver comes as a shock to many.

One of the victims' older brother questioned if it was morally correct to sack the

(48)

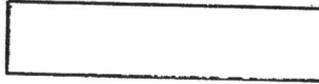
driver espesally since the investigations have yet to be completed. Blogger Andrew

Loh asked if the driver was really at fault, and even if so, whether he should be made

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to bear the full responsebiliti.

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The sacked train driver was unavallabel for comments at press time. When SMRT was approached for comments, a spokesman, Mr Patrick Nathan, commented that the company does not comment on staff disciplinary issues.

*Adapted from "Today, September 2016"*

Fill in the blanks with a suitable word.

The oldest man in the world died on 30 April this year. He was believed to be 146 years old and (51)\_\_\_\_\_ in a village in Central Java. Although it is claimed that he was born in December 1870, it is uncertain if this is true as there are no documents to prove it. However, this raises the question: What is the maximum lifespan of modern man?

In 1961, Dr. Leonard Hayflick came up with the (52)\_\_\_\_\_ about 120 years. He and his (53)\_\_\_\_\_ conducted extensive research on (54)\_\_\_\_\_ the body ages. They (55)\_\_\_\_\_ many amazing discoveries about the body's (56)\_\_\_\_\_ to rapidly replace and repair damaged cells. When the body is unable to do these, the body begins to age and we eventually (57)\_\_\_\_\_.

(58)\_\_\_\_\_ can we do to live longer? Scientists have indicated that much of our lifespan is related to our genetics. We may inherit certain genes from our parents that may lengthen our life or (59)\_\_\_\_\_ it. For (60)\_\_\_\_\_, we may inherit genes that make us more prone to certain diseases (61)\_\_\_\_\_ cancer.

However, regular exercise, good nutrition and (62)\_\_\_\_\_ rest play a vital role too. Health experts have confirmed that 75 to 150 minutes of exercise (63)\_\_\_\_\_ week, in the form of running or playing sports, helps to keep the body healthy. Consuming nutrient-rich (64)\_\_\_\_\_ also benefits the body.

"I have led a long life because I have people (65)\_\_\_\_\_ love me, and love looking after me," the oldest man had said the year before. Perhaps love and happiness are the missing ingredients in allowing us to live longer.

*Adapted from "Little Red Dot, May 9, 2017" and "The Bloodline by James Rollins"*

For each of the questions from 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).

66. Mother scolded Tom. He told a lie.

\_\_\_\_\_ for  
\_\_\_\_\_

67. Siti was disappointed as she could not solve the word problem.

Much to Siti's \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68. Michelle's mother asked her, "Have you checked your timetable for tomorrow?"

Michelle's mother asked her if \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. Jared is my friend. His parents are lawyers.

\_\_\_\_\_ whose \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70. The children are driven to school by their parents every morning.

Parents \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 79.

Clara listened for the sound of the helicopter that was bringing in her grandfather. She had never been so **anxious** before. She had ensured the medical team and necessary equipment were ready to attend to him immediately upon his arrival.

As Clara sat under the shade of a tree, her thoughts drifted to the times her grandfather would take her on hikes when she was a little girl. He was a burly man with broad shoulders. He would effortlessly carry Clara in one hand and his bag of hiking equipment in the other and would walk for hours. Her love for the outdoors grew under his influence but her interest in exploring remote areas only began recently.

She cringed as her thoughts drifted to the present. As she stared at the vast Amazon jungle, her heart filled with emotion. *Why did I let him go? Why couldn't I persuade him to stay behind and let the younger members of the team visit the site?*

She knew it was no use blaming herself for the disaster. He was too stubborn to listen to her and now, he, along with his four companions, was afflicted with the virus too. The two others who had returned with news of the discovery of the cave last week were already dead. She knew that **they** too had little hope of surviving. Thankfully, the virus wasn't contagious from a human host; otherwise, they would all be dead by now.

A sudden **whirring sound** some distance away stirred her from her thoughts. "He's here, madam. Perhaps you would like to wait here for him," one of her crew members suggested.

"No. I am going!" Clara retorted as she marched to the landing site. As she approached the site, she saw her grandfather emerge. Over the years, he had

aged and wasn't the sturdy man he once used to be. He even used a walking stick to stabilise himself. However, what she saw shocked her.

In just two days, he had grown so thin, that his clothes seemed to swallow him. He had become skin and bones. As she embraced him, tears welled up in her eyes. The realisation hit her that her grandfather was not a superhero she once thought he was, but a mere mortal - one she was going to save at all costs.

*Adapted from "The Bible of Clay, Julia Navarro"*

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**ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.**

71. Where were Clara and her crew members? [2m]

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72. Find a word between lines 5 and 14 that has the same meaning as these. [4m]

(i) muscular	
(ii) isolated	
(iii) wandered	
(iv) convince	

73. Who did "they" in line 18 refer to? [1m]

74. Based on the story, state whether each statement in the table below is True or False. Then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

Statement	True / False	Reason
Clara loved exploring different places from a young age.		
Clara blamed herself for letting her grandfather explore the dangerous cave.		
Clara wanted her grandfather to be cured.		

75. In a few words, explain why Clara felt the following emotions. [2m]

anxious (line 2)	
shocked (line 27)	

76. Why were Clara and the other crew members safe from the virus? [2m]

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77. What caused the "whirring sound" in line 21? [2m]

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78. Compare now Clara's grandmother's appearance had changed over the years and fill in the table below. [2m]

<i>Past</i>	<i>Present</i>
	He had aged and was not sturdy anymore.
He could hike for hours with Clara and his hiking bag in his hands.	

79. Describe Clara's character using an adjective. Support your answer with evidence from the passage. [2m]

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**Booklet A**

Q 1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
2	3	3	2	1	3	2	3	1	4
Q 11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
3	1	2	2	4	4	4	3	3	3
Q 21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
4	4	3	3	3	3	4	3		

**Booklet B**

Q 29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
C	E	M	Q	J	H	K	F	B	P
Q39)	despite		Q43)	maintenance		Q47)	came		
Q40)	families		Q44)	when		Q48)	especially		
Q41)	boss		Q45)	attributed		Q49)	responsibility		
Q42)	receive		Q46)	sacking		Q50)	unavailable		

Q51)	living	Q56)	function	Q61)	like
Q52)	number	Q57)	die	Q62)	adequate
Q53)	assistant	Q58)	What	Q63)	a
Q54)	how	Q59)	shorten	Q64)	foods
Q55)	made	Q60)	example	Q65)	who
Q66)	Mother scolded Tom for telling a lie.				
Q67)	Much to Siti's disappointment, she could not solve the word problem.				
Q68)	Michelle's mother asked her if she had checked her timetable for the next day.				

Q69)	Jared, whose parents are lawyers, is my friend.
Q70)	Parents drive their children to school every morning.
Q71)	Clara and her crew members were at the Amazon Jungle.
Q72)	burly, remote, drifted, persuade
Q73)	It refers to Clara's grandfather and the four other crew members.
Q74)	<p>False. Clara's love for the outdoors grew under her grandfather's influence but her interest in exploring remote areas only began recently.</p> <p>True. She blamed herself for letting her grandfather <b>explore</b> the dangerous cave and did not persuade him to stay behind and <b>let</b> the younger members of the team visit the site.</p> <p>True. She was going to save her <b>grandfather</b> at all costs.</p>
Q75)	<p>She wanted her grandfather to be healed <b>quickly</b>.</p> <p>In just two days, her grandfather had grown so thin.</p>
Q76)	The virus was not <b>contagious</b> in a human host so they were safe from it.
Q77)	The 'whirring sound' came <b>from</b> the helicopter that was bringing her grandfather.
Q78)	<p>He was a <b>burly</b> man with broad shoulders.</p> <p>He had a <b>walking</b> stick to stabilise himself.</p>
Q79)	The <b>adjective</b> is filial. She was willing to save her grandfather at all costs.