



**AI TONG SCHOOL
2023
END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION
PRIMARY 5**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)
BOOKLET A**

Total Time For Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not open the booklet until you are told to do so.
Follow all instructions carefully.
Answer all questions.

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary 5 _____

Date: 24 October 2023

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Paper 1	Paper 2	Paper 3	Paper 4	Total Marks
55	95	20	30	200

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 Much to Mrs Tan's disappointment, her students had performed _____ her expectations in the test.
- (1) over
 - (2) within
 - (3) under
 - (4) below
- 2 "They will come to our party, _____?" asked Sarah.
- (1) don't they
 - (2) won't they
 - (3) didn't they
 - (4) wouldn't they
- 3 The class of students _____ patiently right now for their teacher to arrive.
- (1) wait
 - (2) waits
 - (3) is waiting
 - (4) are waiting
- 4 Henry, as well as Martin, _____ at the park every Sunday.
- (1) cycle
 - (2) cycles
 - (3) cycled
 - (4) was cycling
- 5 "How _____ luggage will you be bringing for our holiday?" Mr Tan asked his wife.
- (1) few
 - (2) little
 - (3) much
 - (4) many

- 6 Mary delivered the parcel to Mr Teo _____ since her mother could not.
- (1) itself
 - (2) myself
 - (3) herself
 - (4) himself
- 7 We watched our friends _____ in the school concert last week.
- (1) dance
 - (2) dances
 - (3) danced
 - (4) dancing
- 8 Barry, _____ cat was ill, went to the vet yesterday.
- (1) who
 - (2) which
 - (3) whom
 - (4) whose
- 9 "Visiting the dentist once every six months _____ important for good oral health," Father said.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
- 10 _____ it rains heavily, we will proceed with the camping trip.
- (1) Except
 - (2) Unless
 - (3) While
 - (4) If

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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 Larry ended up _____ the blame for the mistake as no one else stepped forward to tell the truth.
- (1) passing
 - (2) keeping
 - (3) admitting
 - (4) shouldering
- 12 We cheered wildly without _____ when it was announced that our school had won the Track and Field championship.
- (1) restraint
 - (2) restriction
 - (3) regulation
 - (4) resistance
- 13 Being highly _____, Oscar is always able to point out the slightest change in his friends' appearance.
- (1) vigilant
 - (2) envious
 - (3) observant
 - (4) conscious
- 14 Natalie _____ her assignment late and received a failing grade as a consequence.
- (1) turned in
 - (2) turned up
 - (3) turned out
 - (4) turned down
- 15 She gazed _____ at the music box on display which she knew she could not afford.
- (1) closely
 - (2) needily
 - (3) longingly
 - (4) curiously

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)

Standing in the canteen, Susie spotted her new classmate, Amy. Mrs Goh, their form teacher, had introduced her to the class that morning. Amy looked lost and seemed hesitant of what to do. Susie gave a little smile of understanding as she had been in the same situation before and decided to approach Amy.

"Hi, Amy. Do you need help?" Susie asked. Amy's face lit up and she nodded. "If you're wondering what to eat, let me recommend the noodles from the Japanese food stall. Not only is it tasty, it is also economical at \$2 a bowl. In addition, the stall owner dishes out the portion liberally and the large serving will keep you full till lunchtime," Susie said. Amy grinned and thanked Susie for her help.

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- 16 (1) insecure
(2) unaware
(3) impatient
(4) uncertain
- 17 (1) empathy
(2) affection
(3) concern
(4) pity
- 18 (1) radiated
(2) gleamed
(3) lightened
(4) brightened
- 19 (1) popular
(2) affordable
(3) worthwhile
(4) discounted
- 20 (1) selflessly
(2) charitably
(3) adequately
(4) generously

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Study this article from a magazine, Brain Food, and then answer questions 21 to 28.

Weekly Nature Feature: Our Beloved Busy Bees

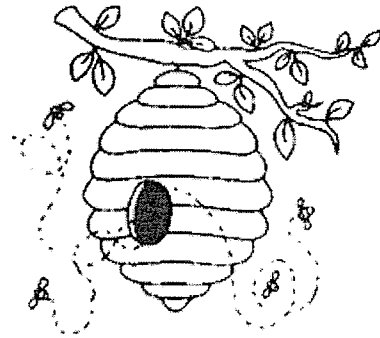
by Samantha Lee
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Bees are fascinating insects that play a crucial role in our environment!

Read on to find out more about them!

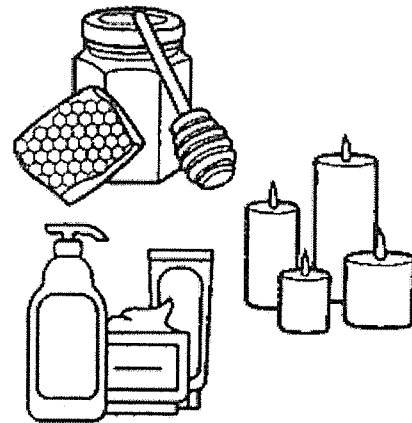
The Life of Bees

Bees live in interesting communities. In every hive, there are three types of bees: the queen, the drones and the workers. The queen is the only female bee that lays eggs. The drones are male bees that mate with the queen. The workers are all female and seem to be responsible for everything – they build the hive, collect nectar, make honey and take care of the young bees.



The Importance of Bees

Bees are responsible for pollinating many of the plants we rely on for food, ensuring that the plants are able to reproduce. Without bees, our supply of countless fruits, vegetables and nuts may run out one day. In addition to pollination, bees produce honey, beeswax and royal jelly, which are used for diverse purposes. Honey is a natural sweetener that is good for health. Beeswax is used in cosmetics and candles. Royal jelly is a popular ingredient in beauty and health products as it is believed to offer anti-ageing benefits and boost the immune system. As you can see, bees are extremely important for the environment and human survival.



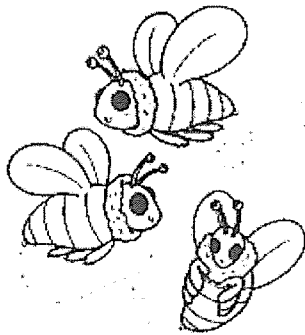
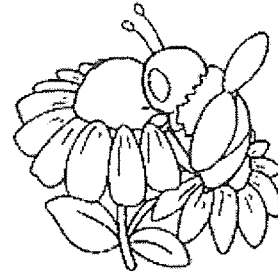
The Threats to Bees

Unfortunately, climate change, habitat destruction and chemical use are the main threats bees face. To protect them, we can plant bee-friendly plants in our gardens, support local beekeepers and reduce our use of pesticides.



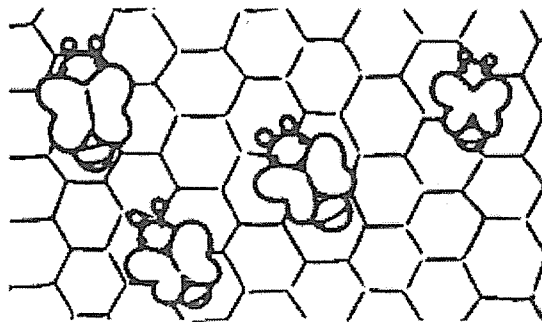
How Honey is Made

Bees leave their hives in search of flowers and use their long tongue, which works like a straw, to suck a sugary juice called nectar out of the flowers. The nectar is stored in a second stomach – known as the honey stomach.



After filling their second stomach, the bees will return to their hive and pass the nectar through their mouths to other bees. Those bees will chew on the nectar for about thirty minutes and pass it to another bee. As the nectar is passed from bee to bee, it is turned into honey.

Once the nectar becomes honey, the bees will store it in honeycomb cells, which are like little jars made of wax. The bees then flap their wings over the honey, fanning it to assist the evaporation of excess water and make it thicker like syrup. Once the honey is ready, the bees will seal the cells using wax lids.



At this point, skilled beekeepers can take the finished honey from the hive, taking care not to disturb the colony or damage the hive.

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 The purpose of the sub-headings in bold is to _____.
- (1) separate the paragraphs in the text
 - (2) break the text into smaller chunks
 - (3) highlight the key words in the text
 - (4) make the text more interesting
- 22 Which of the following is **not** true of a bee's community?
- (1) There is only one queen in every hive.
 - (2) The drones play a role in reproduction.
 - (3) The queen takes care of the young bees.
 - (4) The workers leave the hive in search of flowers.
- 23 According to the article, honey can _____.
- (1) treat illnesses
 - (2) make food taste sweet
 - (3) produce natural sweeteners
 - (4) create beeswax and royal jelly
- 24 In the section "The Importance of Bees", which word best describes the uses of the substances produced by bees?
- (1) natural
 - (2) diverse
 - (3) anti-ageing
 - (4) responsible
- 25 The section "The Threats to Bees" is included in the article for all the following possible reasons except to _____.
- (1) encourage people to keep bees
 - (2) discourage the use of pesticides
 - (3) raise awareness of the plight of bees
 - (4) persuade people to grow certain plants

- 26 In "The nectar is stored in a second stomach – known as the honey stomach.", the dash is used to present the second part as _____ the first part.
- (1) an effect of
 - (2) a definition of
 - (3) an emphasis on
 - (4) less important than
- 27 Bees turn nectar into honey by _____.
- (1) bringing nectar back to their hive
 - (2) filling their second stomach with nectar
 - (3) chewing on nectar and passing it to one another
 - (4) using their long tongue to suck nectar out of flowers
- 28 What is the **main** purpose of the article?
- (1) to inform readers how bees make honey
 - (2) to broaden readers' knowledge of bees
 - (3) to encourage the protection of bees
 - (4) to point out how important bees are

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Please note that the passage for Comprehension questions 71 to 80 is on the next page. You may now go on to Booklet B.

Refer to the passage below when you answer questions 71 to 80 in Booklet B.

"Gary, it's the start of a long weekend. Shall we go for lunch at Southpoint Mall and then go to the arcade after school? The new game that we have been waiting for was launched recently!" Jason asked his best friend excitedly during recess. That had always been their plan whenever there was a long weekend. Instead of the enthusiastic reply that Jason was expecting, Gary looked away and mumbled an excuse. "I can't. I have to look after my sickly grandmother," Gary responded. His voice was so soft that Jason had to strain his ears to catch the words. "I see. We can go some other time then," Jason said reassuringly, though he was **puzzled**. For as long as he had known Gary, Gary had never declined a visit to the arcade. Moreover, had he not been eager to play the new game? 5

For the rest of the day, Gary stayed away from Jason in case he asked more questions. He was not ready to tell Jason the truth. He had taken on a part-time job, working at the fast-food restaurant near his home. In a way, he had not told Jason a lie when he said he had to take care of his sickly grandmother. Gary wanted to chip in to ease his family's **financial burden**. Her condition required frequent visits to the hospital, and these contributed to the high medical expenses. He had decided that getting a part-time job was the best solution. 10 15

As soon as the dismissal bell rang, Gary grabbed his bag, rushed down the stairs and zoomed out of the school gates. He had to go home and get ready for his shift at the fast-food restaurant. He **did not want to be late**. It was only his second week on the job. Latecomers would also have their extra allowance deducted, and he could not afford that. Upon reaching home, he took a quick shower and changed into his work uniform. "I'm leaving, Mum!" Gary called out. Having kissed his grandmother goodbye, he set off. 20

After locking his bicycle securely, Gary entered his workplace. Many tables were already occupied. More customers were streaming in, looking for seats. He braced himself for the weekend crowds. Gary took his position behind the counter as a teenager stepped up and started rattling off his order. Gary's fingers moved rapidly to key in the items ordered. He took great care in ensuring that **they** were correct. The teenager moved aside to wait for his order after making payment. 25

"Next order, please," Gary said as he placed a tray in front of him. When he looked up, he realised that he was face to face with none other than Jason. "Gary? Is that you?" Jason spoke. Gary's face flushed, as red as a beetroot. He struggled to answer. How was he to explain to Jason? Eventually, he managed a small smile and asked Jason for his order again. Thankfully, Jason placed his order without making a fuss. Seeing that the restaurant was busy, Jason told Gary that they could talk during his break time. Gary nodded and said that **it** would be in an hour's time. Jason would wait. 30 35

During the break, Gary sat down with Jason. He apologised for not explaining the situation earlier. He realised that he would no longer be able to live a carefree life like most of his peers and his main worry before confiding in Jason was being teased. Jason listened attentively without saying a word. When Gary was done, he patted him on the shoulder. "You shouldn't have kept it from me. I'm proud of you. As your friend, I understand your situation. It's admirable that you are willing to sacrifice your free time after school to help your family," Jason remarked. Hearing this, Gary exhaled and felt a heavy load slide off his shoulders. 40

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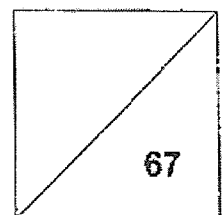
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Marks:



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) also | (D) between | (G) for | (K) off | (N) to |
| (B) and | (E) but | (H) from | (L) on | (P) when |
| (C) any | (F) each | (J) of | (M) over | (Q) with |

Most of Bird Paradise's 'residents' have settled in after their big move to their new home at Mandai Wildlife Reserve. The new bird park opened on 8 May, and operates _____ 9am to 6pm daily. There are free shuttle services within the park _____ the convenience of visitors.

Visitors can look forward _____ themed walk-through aviaries where they can get up close _____ personal with the birds. There are _____ play areas for children, including one _____ trampolines. The larger aviaries are able to house more species so that they can interact with one another in the same area. Some birds are friendly and may land _____ visitors. They are encouraged to exercise caution _____ interacting with the birds. During Keeper Talk sessions, flocks _____ macaws, penguins and songbirds will be featured while the keepers share more about the birds.

After a day of walking around the park, visitors can take a rest and satisfy their hunger at _____ of the seven food and beverage outlets. They can choose from buffet-style restaurants, fast-food chains or sandwich bars.

Adapted from: www.channelnewsasia.com

Score: _____

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

Artificial Intelligence (AI) can be a difficult concept for adults to fully

(39)

understand, so explaining it to children is even harder. Even so, this explains is

(40)

necessary since they are more than likely to be exposed at it every day.

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Today, many young children have gedjits with smart functions, meaning

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chatbots like ChatGPT and other AI-generated software are easy accessible to them.

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It is important for them to be briefed over internet safety before interacting with

AI. An example of AI in practice that will help them gain a better understanding of

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the tecnology is the voice assistant, Siri, in iPhones. Children probably have many

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questions about AI, so give them just a few examples they are fammillar with can help

(47)

stimulate their curiousiti. The most vital part of this issue, however, is keeping

(48)

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vulnarebel children safe online. Online safety had always been a big concern. One way

to keep children safe is to use parental controls and password protection. Parents

(50)

need to have regular konvezasions with their children about online safety. Don't you

agree?

Adapted from: www.texnews.com

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Score:

Fill in the blanks with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

A Scoot plane flying from South Korea to Singapore found its left front wheel missing upon landing in Taiwan for a scheduled stop. Fortunately, _____ (51) one was injured. The front wheel, _____ (52) called the nose wheel, helps an aircraft to move on the ground and control _____ (53) direction during take-off and landing. An expert said the wheel could have been detached from the plane _____ (54) to loose screws.

Most passenger planes have two nose wheels. _____ (55) one goes missing, the other will still be able to _____ (56) the weight of the plane. As such, this incident posed little _____ (57) to the safety of the passengers. Nonetheless, the subsequent flight to Singapore on the same plane was cancelled to allow for more thorough checks to be _____ (58) out. The airport then arranged for _____ (59) plane to ferry the passengers. This caused a _____ (60) in the arrival time as the flight landed in Singapore a day later.

Speaking to the media, a Scoot spokesman expressed his _____ (61) on behalf of the airline, adding that hotel accommodation and flight refunds will be given to passengers. This is to _____ (62) up for the disruption caused. He assured that the safety of Scoot's customers and crew takes priority. Scoot will also continue to _____ (63) assistance to affected customers.

The incident has _____ (64) for airlines to have stricter inspections of all planes before they are given the green _____ (65) to take to the sky. All safety factors have to be considered so as not to compromise the lives of passengers and crew.

Adapted from: www.straitstimes.com

Score: _____

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 in the given sentence(s). (10 marks)

66 Shawn likes swimming. He does not like jogging as much.

_____ would rather

67 The programme was interrupted by a technical fault.

_____ caused an

68 The hikers sought shelter in the hut. They were safe from the downpour.

Upon _____

69 Betty was shocked when her best friend betrayed her.

As a result of _____

70 "I ate the cookies yesterday," Mrs Gan told her daughter.

Mrs Gan told her daughter _____

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Score:

Read the passage on page 10 of Booklet A and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

Do not write in this space.

71 Which three-word phrase from lines 1-9 shows Jason had difficulty hearing Gary? [1m]

72 Explain clearly why Jason was 'puzzled' in line 8. [2m]

73 Based on lines 1-16, 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) Gary responded enthusiastically when Jason asked him out to Southpoint Mall.		
b) Gary did not want to respond to questions from Jason.		
c) Gary's sickly grandmother needed treatment.		

74 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]

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
a) financial burden (line 14)	
b) they (line 27)	
c) it (line 35)	

75 Give two reasons why Gary "did not want to be late" in line 19. [2m]

76 What two things did Gary see that told him it was going to be busy at the fast-food restaurant? [2m]

Do not write in this space.

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

- _____ Jason came to the fast-food restaurant.
- _____ Jason said he and Gary could go out another time.
- _____ Jason told Gary he was proud of him.

78 Which two words from lines 29-35 best describe Gary when he first met Jason at the fast-food restaurant? Put a tick ✓ in the box beside each of your answers. DO NOT TICK MORE THAN TWO BOXES. [2m]

embarrassed	<input type="checkbox"/>	speechless	<input type="checkbox"/>
pleased	<input type="checkbox"/>	surprised	<input type="checkbox"/>
puzzled	<input type="checkbox"/>	thankful	<input type="checkbox"/>

79 In lines 36-37, Gary did not tell Jason about his situation at first. Fill in the table below with information from lines 36-43.

	How Gary felt
a) before telling Jason	
b) after telling Jason	

80 Explain fully why Jason said Gary should not have kept the situation from him in line 40. [2m]

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PAPER 2

Q 1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
4	2	3	2	3	3	1	4	1	2
Q 11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
4	1	3	1	3	4	1	4	2	4
Q 21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
2	3	2	2	1	2	3	4	H	G
Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38		
N	B	A	Q	L	P	J	C		

Q39)	Explanation	Q43)	On	Q47)	Curiosity
Q40)	To	Q44)	Technology	Q48)	Vulnerable
Q41)	Gadgets	Q45)	Giving	Q49)	Has
Q42)	Easily	Q46)	Familiar	Q50)	Conversations

Q51)	No	Q56)	Hold	Q61)	Apologies
Q52)	Also	Q57)	Danger	Q62)	Make
Q53)	The	Q58)	Carried	Q63)	Give
Q54)	Due	Q59)	Another	Q64)	Called
Q55)	When	Q60)	Delay	Q65)	Light

Q66)	Shawn would rather swim than jog.
Q67)	A technical fault caused an interruption of the programme.
Q68)	Upon seeking shelter in the hut, the hikers were safe from the downpour.
Q69)	As a result of her best friend's betrayal, Betty was shocked.

Q70)	Mrs Gan told her daughter that she had eaten the cookies the previous day.
Q71)	Strain his ears.
Q72)	Gary had never declined a visit to the arcade and Jason thought Gary was eager to play the new game.
Q73a)	False, Gary looked away and mumbled an excuse.
Q73b)	True, Gary stayed away from Jason.
Q73c)	True, Gary's sickly grandmother's condition required frequent visits to the hospital.
Q74a)	Gary's grandmother's frequent visits to the hospital contributed to the high medical expenses.
Q74b)	The teenager's order
Q74c)	The break time
Q75)	It was Gary's second week on the job and latecomers would have their extra allowance deducted.
Q76)	Gary saw that many tables were already occupied and more customers were streaming in.
Q77)	2, 1, 3
Q78)	Embarrassed, speechless
Q79a)	Worried
Q79b)	Relieved
Q80)	Jason was proud that Gary was willing to sacrifice his free time after school to help his family, and Jason would have understood Gary's situation.