AI TONG SCHOOL

2013

CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT 1

PRIMARY 6

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 1 (WRITING)

Total Time For Booklets A and B: 1 hour 10 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

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Answer all questions.

Name:_____( )

Class: **Primary** _____

Date: **4 March 2013**

Parent's Signature: _____

Total Marks:

55

Part 1: Situational Writing (15 marks)

(1) Study the recruitment advertisement below.

PACK and SAVE Company

We are currently inviting interested individuals to apply for the following position at our branch in Orchard Road:

SALES ASSISTANT (Full / Part-time)

Requirements:

- Friendly and pleasant personality
- Fluent in English
- 18 years old and above
- 6-day work week (8-hour shift)
- Weekends and public holidays included

Interested applicants are to come for a walk-in interview on 3 October 2013, 10am – 5pm

Venue
Woodlands Warehouse (next to Woodlands MRT Station)
Blk 867, Woodlands Ave 3, #01-43, Singapore 200867
Contact Number: 6680 6365

Your task

Your cousin, Yvette, has just completed her 'A' levels and is looking for a part-time job to earn some extra pocket money. You saw the advertisement in the newspapers and would like to inform her of the job opportunity.

Imagine that you are Jason. Write an email to Yvette, informing her about what you have read.

You are to refer to the advertisement on Page 1.

You must include the following points in your email:

- which company is hiring
- how to apply for the job
- when and where the interview will be held
- reasons why you think she is suitable for the job

You may re-order the points. Please remember to write in full sentences.

Part 2: Continuous Writing (40 marks)

You may use to write on **either** Question 2 or Question 3.

Question 2

Write a story based on the picture below. Your story should be **at least 150 words** long.

For your story, make use of the points below.

- who the people were
- what did the people do
- what happened in the end

You may reorder the points. You may also include other relevant points.

Question 3

My mother and I were at the shopping mall. Suddenly, someone behind us screamed. We turned around and saw a man running away.

Based on the above situation, write a composition of **at least 150 words**.

In your composition, make use of the following points:

- who the man was
- what you did
- what happened in the end

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PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET A

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

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Name:_____( )

Class: **Primary** _____

Date: **4 March 2013**

Parent's Signature:_____

Total Marks:

95

Section A: Comprehension-Graphic Stimulus (5x1 mark)

Study the following poster and answer questions 1 to 5.

CHRISTMAS ROUND THE CORNER

A *fundraising event brought to you by Bright Star Community Club in support of Bright Star Orphanage (B.S.O.)

Join us in spreading the cheer this festive season!

Date: 23 December 2013

Time: 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Venue: Bright Star Community Club

Jumbo Sale Zone!
Promotions on:
- Handmade accessories
- Second-hand clothing
- Traditional toys

Razzle Dazzle Zone!
Special performances:
* Carolling by orphan of B.S.O
* Dance items by Dance Werkz
* Clown magician - Mr Jingo

Food Galore Zone!
Over 25 stalls of local delights

Games Carnival Zone!
Over 20 carnival games

For more information, please call Mr John Yong at 6889 8889, email Ms Charis Oh at charis_oh@bscc.org.sg or visit Bright Star Community Club's website at www.bscc.org.sg

Sponsors: Happy Carnival Food Paradise DanceWerkz

*Funds raised will be channelled to the building fund of Bright Star Orphanage

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

1. The **main** aim of the event is to _____.

   (1) recycle second-hand clothing
   (2) raise money for the building fund of Bright Star Orphanage
   (3) spread the joy of Christmas to the orphans of Bright Star Orphanage
   (4) celebrate Christmas around the corner with Bright Star Community Club

2. This event is organised by _____

   (1) Food Paradise
   (2) Happy Carnival
   (3) Bright Star Orphanage
   (4) Bright Star Community Club

3. What should Jane do if she would like to find out more about the event?

   (1) Email Mr John Yong
   (2) Log on to www.bscc.org.sg
   (3) Contact Bright Star Orphanage
   (4) Call Ms Charis Oh at 6889 8889

4. Edmund likes to dance and collect toys. He should visit the _____ zones during the fundraising event.

   (1) Jumbo Sale and Razzle Dazzle
   (2) Jumbo Sale and Games Carnival
   (3) Food Galore and Games Carnival
   (4) Games Carnival and Razzle Dazzle

5. According to the poster, which one of the following statements is **true**?

   (1) Participants are encouraged to cheer during the event.
   (2) Orphans from B.S.O. will be singing Christmas carols at the event.
   (3) Only members of Bright Star Community Club can attend the event.
   (4) New clothing, accessories and handmade toys are sold at the event.

Section B: Grammar MCQ (7x1 mark)

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. Our netball team made it to the finals, _____?

(1) did they
(2) didn't they
(3) would they
(4) wouldn't they

7. _____ Janice _____ Joyce hate the smell of dairy products, thus they will never consume them.

(1) Both ... and
(2) Either ... or
(3) Neither ... nor
(4) Whether ... or

8. Mr Chua will be taking Daniel and _____ to the Marine Life Park this Friday.

(1) I
(2) me
(3) mine
(4) myself

9. Ellen felt that the bottled drink was tasteless as she did not _____ the bottle before drinking from it.

(1) shake
(2) shook
(3) shakes
(4) shaken

10. As Siti was busy with work, she _____ her colleagues' invitation to go for an extended lunch break.

(1) turned off
(2) turned out
(3) turned away
(4) turned down

11. Cheryl felt maligned when she was labelled a backstabber as she had never _____ ill about Desiree before.

(1) speak
(2) spoke
(3) speaks
(4) spoken

12. The audience gasped as they watched the contestant _____ the wrong answer for the million-dollar question.

(1) chose
(2) choose
(3) chosen
(4) chooses

Section C: Punctuation MCQ (3x1 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.

As Jasmine made her way up the ladder gingerly, she started to regret her decision.

"Why did I agree to go through this high element course **(13)** she wondered.

Reaching the top of the ladder **(14)** Jasmine trembled uncontrollably. Her phobia of heights made it difficult for her to transfer her weight onto the tight rope. The safety instructor, Miss Lee, tried to instruct Jasmine on what she should do next.

"Take the first step," Miss Lee encouraged **(15)** and don't look down."

With that piece of advice, Jasmine took a deep breath and stepped onto the tight rope carefully.

13. (1) [,"] comma and inverted commas
(2) [."] full-stop and inverted commas
(3) [?"] question mark and inverted commas
(4) [!"] exclamation mark and inverted commas

14. (1) [-] dash
(2) [,] comma
(3) [.] full-stop
(4) [;] semi-colon

15. (1) [:] colon
(2) [,] comma
(3) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(4) [. "] full-stop and inverted commas

Section D: Vocabulary MCQ (5x1 mark)

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. Dan was in a moral _____ because he could not decide if he should admit to causing the hit-and-run accident or remain silent about it.

    (1) tussle
    (2) dilemma
    (3) confusion
    (4) uneasiness

17. This proposal will never be approved by the organising committee because it is _____ with loopholes.

    (1) tainted
    (2) fraught
    (3) designed
    (4) punctuated

18. The persistent police officers apprehended the suspect successfully as they were _____ in their pursuit of him.

    (1) agile
    (2) tactical
    (3) relentless
    (4) deliberate

19. The _____ woman loves to attract the attention of others by dressing in flashy colours whenever she attends a party.

    (1) stylish
    (2) elegant
    (3) pompous
    (4) flamboyant

20. The Commandos are the elite of our military force as they have undergone _____ stress during their demanding training phase.

    (1) enlarged
    (2) immense
    (3) opportune
    (4) aggressive

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5x1 mark)

For each question from 21 to 25, 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.

Hock Sim has always been attracted to 'The Great Singapore Sale'. As an avid (21) shopper, his eyes light up whenever he discusses where to find the best buys with his peers. As such, Hock Sim's friends regard him as the epitome (22) of a shopaholic. He has exceptional (23) stamina when it comes to shopping. His friends are often astounded (24) by how he is able to shop at Orchard Road from the second the malls open till the minute they close. Hock Sim never feels spent (25) after a long day of shopping. However, most people would be tired if they were to shop the entire day.

21. (1) eloquent
    (2) expressive
    (3) enthusiastic
    (4) experienced

22. (1) sign
    (2) example
    (3) spokesperson
    (4) representative

23. (1) unique
    (2) magical
    (3) stunning
    (4) remarkable

24. (1) tickled
    (2) confused
    (3) surprised
    (4) perturbed

25. (1) poor
    (2) upset
    (3) satisfied
    (4) exhausted

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Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5x1 mark)

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

"Madam, are you feeling fine? Is there anything I can do for you?" a soothing voice queried.

"No... I mean, yes, I'm fine. Just a little tired. Thank you," I replied gently, telling a white lie.

I must have looked very pale for the kind air stewardess to notice me. I was feeling out of sorts as my nerves had gotten the better of me. This was my maiden flight. I had never even flown to Malaysia for a holiday before. If it were not because of my daughter's graduation ceremony in Canada, I would not have embarked on my long-haul journey from Singapore. Having anticipated my inability to withstand such a long trip, my daughter had specially arranged for my flight to transit in Japan.

I prayed. However, my heart was still beating fast.

"Perhaps I should ask for a hot drink? Or should I listen to some music?" I thought.

Finally, I settled on savouring my favourite book once more, which I have brought along on the flight. True enough, it made me feel better after some time.

Suddenly, the plane trembled mildly, causing me to drop my book on the floor. In a bid to retrieve it, I hit my head against the back of the seat that was directly in front of mine. Seconds later, the plane shook even more, sending a shiver down my spine as I rubbed the bruise forming on my forehead. I never expected myself to be that **unlucky**. How many people had ever experienced such turbulence in their lives, and this was my very first flight!

Audible screams filled the air while others exclaimed loudly. I merely shut my eyes, held my breath and grabbed onto my seat tightly. I definitely did not wish for my life to end just like that. Thankfully, everything went back to normal after a few minutes, marking the end of an eventful day. I heaved a sigh of relief.

As my flight continued, I beamed with **satisfaction**. I was proud of how I had reacted in times of emergency. I was looking forward to sharing my experience with my beloved daughter.

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. With reference from lines 1 to 11, why was the writer nervous?

(1) She felt tired.
(2) She told a white lie.
(3) She had never gone to Malaysia before.
(4) She was flying in a plane for the first time.

27. Where was the first destination for the passengers in the plane?

(1) Japan
(2) Canada
(3) Malaysia
(4) Singapore

28. The writer managed to calm herself down by _____.

(1) reading a book
(2) praying fervently
(3) listening to music
(4) sipping a hot drink

29. Why did the writer consider herself to be "unlucky" (line 21)?

(1) She felt a shiver running down her spine.
(2) She dropped her favourite book on the floor.
(3) She hit her forehead against the back of a seat.
(4) She experienced turbulence on her maiden flight.

30. The writer's "satisfaction" in line 27 suggests that she was delighted because she _____.

(1) had an eventful day
(2) did not lose her life on the flight
(3) could reunite with her daughter soon
(4) remained calm when the plane experienced turbulence

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CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT 1

PRIMARY 6

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET B

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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Answer all questions.

Name:_____ ( )

Class: Primary_____

Date: 4 March 2013

Parent's Signature:_____

Marks:

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Section G: Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

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 to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) after	(D) before	(G) had	(K) if	(N) on
(B) along	(E) by	(H) has	(L) in	(P) out
(C) at	(F) from	(J) how	(M) off	(Q) why

Tired of hearing students bursting into tears over results, Mr Josiah Ng decided to spread a little joy during the examination period. Taken aback **(31)**_____ how competitive some of his peers could be, Mr Ng wondered **(32)**_____ there could not be a more positive tone to their daily lives.

(33)_____ seeing his peers nod off while studying in the library, an idea hit him. Mr Ng believed that it would be nice **(34)** _____ his friends were to wake up to a snack next to them. That began his 'While You Were Sleeping campaign, a movement that encouraged strangers to carry **(35)**_____a simple act of kindness while another slumbered. It **(36)** _____ since gone global, with many still participating actively in it today.

Participants could leave a positive anonymous note **(37)**_____with a snack or a drink for the person. To kick **(38)**_____ the campaign, Mr Ng roped **(39)**_____friends to create a publicity video that had become viral. Those who hail **(40)**_____Australia, Malaysia and New Zealand commented that they had given or received a simple snack and note. To Mr Ng, the spreading of graciousness should never be a single person's job.

Adapted from Lim, L.K. (2012, Dec 12). 'While You Were Sleeping', someone was nice to you. The Straits Times.

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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.

History was made on Wednesday afternoon when Singaporean paddler, Feng

(41) [ ]

Tianwei, won the women's singles bronze medal match. Having lose her semi- finals

(42) [ ]

match just a day before, Tianwei regained her **kampousure** quickly and displayed a

(43) [ ]

veylient effort in winning the bronze medal match.

(44) [ ] (45) [ ]

Without **disapointink** the fans in Singapore, Tianwei takes just 25 minutes to

(46) [ ] (47) [ ]

trounce her Japanese **opounant**. Even though the Japanese was ranked high than

(48) [ ]

Tianwei, she had no chance at defeat our local pride throughout the match.

(49) [ ]

Feng Tianwei, which Singaporeans now sing praises of, will feature next in the women's team event. She will spearhead the team in the hope of showcasing another

(50) [ ]

specktairculer performance against the rivals. The team will be working towards retaining the silver medal earned in the 2008 Olympic Games.

Adapted from Chen, M (2012, August 2). Olympics: Feng wins Singapore's 1st individual medal in 52 years. The Straits Times.

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Section I : Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

I reported excitedly for my first assignment as a volunteer with The Tiger Befrienders. Armed with an array of **(51)**_____ essentials – brooms, mops, scrubs, rags, pails, disinfectants and detergents, my team and I were all geared to clean Mrs Sunita's one-room flat. Having lost her husband, her only loved one, two years ago, the elderly widow has been staying **(52)** _____ in her humble dwelling. Mrs Sunita lacked the physical strength to **(53)**_____the cleanliness of her home because she was plagued **(54)** _____multiple illnesses.

As we entered her home, we were appalled by the sight **(55)** _____ us. Mrs Sunita's place was **(56)** _____ with countless items that were stacked untidily, leaving us with little room to move around freely. Seeing a thick layer of dust on the window panes and furniture was a clear **(57)**_____that the place had not **(58)**_____ cleaned for the longest time. That was confirmed by the unpleasant **(59)** _____ that hung in the air.

"How could anyone live in such an unbearable condition?" I wondered. My heart **(60)**_____ for Mrs Sunita when I saw her plight. Though it seemed like an **(61)** _____ task to clear the huge mess, we were **(62)**_____to do our best to clean Mrs Sunita's home. After **(63)**_____ a mask across each of our faces, we braced **(64)** _____and set off to work.

My fear of household **(65)**_____ such as cockroaches, lizards and termites did not deter me from doing my part in cleaning the dilapidated home. All I wanted was for Mrs Sunita to have a comfortable place to live in. I was confident that we would make it come true for Mrs Sunita.

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

For each of the questions from 66 to 70, rewrite the 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. The pair of running shoes was sold at a discounted price. Joel wanted to buy it.

_____ which

_____.

67. Mrs Chan loves to dine at the Thai restaurant. It serves a wide variety of Thai food.

_____ where

_____.

68. Molly tried very hard. She still could not overcome her fear of water.

However _____

_____.

69. Mr Low asked Craig, "Did you have breakfast here this morning?"

Mr Low asked Craig _____

_____.

70. An eclipse rarely occurs. That never fails to arouse the public's interest.

The rare _____

_____.

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Section K: Comprehension Open-Ended (10 x 2 marks)
Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

I had mixed feelings when I found out that Mr Fahy was going to be my History teacher. His bulky frame that towered over everyone else and the ferocity in his huge eyes never failed to intimidate me. However, many seniors had sung praises of Mr Fahy's unorthodox teaching methods, unlike other teachers who taught in traditional ways. He always had his means of making history come alive. That fuelled my anticipation in attending Mr Fahy's first History lesson.

Being introverted by nature, I had few friends in school, and I knew no one in my History class. As I entered the classroom on the first day of school, I found a seat in the middle, hoping that it would be a strategic position where I could blend into the faceless crowd. I certainly did not want to attract the attention of my seemingly frightening teacher during the first lesson. The last thing I wanted was to be called upon to answer questions.

Five minutes passed and Mr Fahy was still not in sight. My teacher being late for the first lesson was totally unexpected. Perhaps I should lower my expectations and be prepared for a mundane first History lesson instead. As I was about to drift off into a state of daydream, the classroom door flung open forcefully. That jolted me back to reality. A burly man dressed in a bizarre costume swaggered into the classroom.

"Are my eyes playing tricks on me?" I wondered. Standing before me was what appeared to be an Indian Maharaja. It was not long before I realised that that was Mr Fahy. His dramatisation of a great Indian prince was made even more realistic through the way he spoke and moved. Every word was uttered with a convincing Indian accent. Every movement he made stayed true to that of a real prince. All my fears of Mr Fahy were unfounded. Mr Fahy was just a gentle giant, a true educator who sought to share his knowledge with his students in authentic ways.

The three-hour lesson was the most interesting one I had ever had because a seemingly boring topic on Indian history was made alive by Mr Fahy. I looked forward to the next History lesson, extremely keen to discover other tricks Mr Fahy would have up his sleeves. Unfortunately, that expectation was never going to be met.

Mr Fahy never appeared for our second History lesson. Instead, it was the principal who turned up. Taking a deep breath before clasping his hands together, the principal readied himself to speak to us. In a sombre tone, he told us that Mr Fahy had suffered a serious stroke the previous night. Thus, he would be unable to continue with his teaching duties for the rest of the year. My heart sank upon hearing that.

Even though I had only attended one lesson conducted by Mr Fahy, I felt as though we had already forged a certain affinity. With a tinge of sadness, I muttered a silent prayer for Mr Fahy as I did not want the worst to happen to him.

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Which word in the first paragraph has the same meaning as "unusual"?

_____

_____

72. Give two reasons to explain why the writer was frightened of Mr Fahy.

_____

_____

73. What does "That" in line 6 refer to?

_____

_____

74. Why did the writer see the crowd as "faceless" (line 10)?

_____

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75. Describe clearly how Mr Fahy ensured that his dramatisation of the Indian prince was made even more realistic.

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76. Explain fully why the writer said that his "fears of Mr Fahy were unfounded" (line 24).

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77. Why was the writer's "expectation" (line 30) never going to be met?

_____

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78. What did the principal do to prepare himself before making the announcement to the students?

_____

_____

79. Quote the four-word phrase in the last two paragraphs which shows that the writer had fostered a bond with Mr Fahy.

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80. What was "the worst" (line 40) thing that could happen to Mr Fahy?

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- CHECK YOUR WORK CAREFULLY -

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ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2013
SCHOOL : AITONG
SUBJECT : PRIMARY 6 ENGLISH

TERM : CA1

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
2	4	2	1	2	2	1	2	1	4	4	2	3	2	3	2	2

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
3	4	2	3	2	4	3	4	4	1	1	4	4	E	Q	A	K

Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
K	H	B	M	L	F

41)lost 42)composure 43)valiant 44)disappointing 45)took

46)opponent 47)higher 48)defeating 49)whom 50)spectacular

51)cleaning 52)alone 53)maintain 54)with 55)before/awaiting

56)crowded 57)indication 58)been 59)smell 60)ached

61)impossible 62)willing 63)wearing 64)ourselves 65)pests

66)Joel wanted to buy the pair of running shoes which was sold at a discounted price.

67)The Thai restaurant which serves a wide variety of Thai food is where Mrs Chan loves to dine at.

68)However hard Molly tried, she still could not overcome her fear of water.

69)Mr Low asked Craig if he had breakfast there that morning.

70)The rare occurrence of an eclipse never fails to arouse the public's interest.

71)The word is " unorthodox".

72)Mr Fahy had a bulky frame that towered over everyone else and he had ferocity in his eyes.

73)It refers to Mr Fahy having his means in making history come alive.

74)The writer did not know anyone in his History class.

75)He said each word with a convincing Indian accent and moved like a real prince.

76)Mr Fahy was not as fierce as he thought but was a gentle giant and a true educator who sought to share his know ledge with his students in authentic ways.

77)Mr Fahy suffered a severe stroke and could not continue with his teaching duties for the rest of the year.

78)The principal took a deep breath and clasped his hands together.

79)The phrase is "forged a certain affinity."

80)Mr Fahy could die due to the serious stroke he suffered.

METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

Founded in 1887

CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT 2013
PRIMARY 6
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
BOOKLET A

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Name: ( )

Class: Primary 6._____

Date: 4 March 2013

Booklet A	**/ 30**
Booklet B	**/ 65**
TOTAL	**/ 95**

This booklet consists of 9 printed pages.

Study the following brochure and then answer questions 1 to 5.

Join us for a fun-filled time @ Sunway Square

16 - 24 March 2013

School's out! But it's fun-time at Sunway Square!
Where else can you have fun and learn some new and exciting skills at the same time? Here at Sunway Square, for an entire week, have an enjoyable time by choosing one or even more of the many delightful activities that are lined up for the young and the young at heart.

Check Out These Exciting Holiday Events*!

Animated Balloon Sculpture

Come and see balloons transformed into various shapes of animals.

Friday	22 March	4 pm
Saturday	23 March	2.30 pm
Sunday	24 March	4.30 pm

Ventriloquist Show

Be entertained at this enjoyable puppet show. It's packed with jokes, songs and magic!

Saturday	16 March	4 pm
Sunday	17 March	4 pm

Balloon Sculpture Workshop

Keen to learn and master the art of Balloon Sculpturing? Set aside an hour to come and join one of these sessions.

Friday	22 March	4.30 pm
Saturday	23 March	3 pm
Sunday	24 March	5 pm

Rainbow The Magic Clown

Be thrilled by Rainbow as he amazes you with his wacky Magic Show!

Sunday	17 March	3 pm
Thursday	21 March	7 pm
Sunday	24 March	3.30 pm

Amazing Juggling Act

From balls to fruits, this amazing juggler is able to juggle them all with ease. Don't forget to check out his exciting and hilarious antics!

Sunday	17 March	4 pm
Thursday	21 March	4.30 pm
Sunday	24 March	3 pm

Magic Workshop

Eager to master some simple magic tricks? Attend this workshop and learn from the experts.

Sunday	17 March	3.30 pm
Sunday	24 March	4 pm

Juggling Workshop

Here's a great chance to learn the art of how to master simple juggling tricks from the experts.

Sunday	17 March	4.30 pm
Sunday	24 March	3.30 pm

Instant Giveaway
for the first 80 shoppers every day.
Valid with a minimum of $70 spent**
(Maximum of 3 same day combined receipts)
Limited to 1 gift per shopper per day.

**Terms & Conditions apply

** Each session lasts for approximately 30 minutes, unless otherwise stated.*

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For each of the questions from 1 to 5, 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)

1 According to the brochure, the holiday programmes will be held _____ of March 2013.

(1) in the middle
(2) in the beginning
(3) towards the end
(4) throughout the whole month

2 Jason intends to pick up some skills from the different sessions available at these holiday events. Which two events should he attend?

(1) Juggling Workshop and Ventriloquist Show
(2) Balloon Sculpture Workshop and Magic Workshop
(3) Rainbow The Magic Clown and Juggling Workshop
(4) Amazing Juggling Act and Balloon Sculpture Workshop

3 Sarah intends to be at the Sunway Square on Saturday, 23 March. She will only be at the mall from 2 pm to 3 pm. How many event(s) can she attend?

(1) One
(2) Two
(3) Three
(4) Four

4 Mdm Lim may **not** be able to redeem a gift if _____.

(1) her expenditure for that day exceeds $80
(2) she has only one receipt amounting to $70
(3) she has redeemed a gift on the previous day
(4) she is not among the first 80 shoppers for that day

5 The main objective of this brochure is to _____.

(1) give away freebies
(2) encourage people to visit this shopping mall
(3) keep the children occupied from 16 to 24 March
(4) provide the performers with opportunities to display their skills

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For each of the questions 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. (7 marks)

6 Lauren, as well as her siblings, _____ excited to visit ~~their~~ her grandparents in Australia during the upcoming school holidays.

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

7 The student leaders _____ free packets of milk in the canteen when the fire alarm went off.

(1) distributed
(2) are distributing
(3) have distributed
(4) were distributing

8 _____ of the boys in that class shows an interest in pottery.

(1) Both
(2) Many
(3) None
(4) A few

9 Susan hardly gets the opportunity to go shopping, _____?

(1) do she
(2) does she
(3) don't she
(4) doesn't she

10 If they had paid attention, they _____ understood the lesson.

(1) had
(2) have
(3) will have
(4) would have

11 We were terrified when the robbers demanded that we _____ all our money to them.

(1) hand in
(2) hand out
(3) hand over
(4) hand down

12 _____ I was free that day, I accompanied her to the library.

(1) Until
(2) Since
(3) While
(4) Although

For each of the questions 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. (3 marks)

"I'm thinking about what we could do during this school holiday **(13)** said Jill to her best friend, Helen.

"Well," Helen replied thoughtfully **(14)** we usually go to a movie or meet the other girls for some shopping. But let's do something different this time." The two girls paused for a while. What else could they do other than shopping and going to the movies**(15)**

"I know!" Jill exclaimed. "What if we rent a chalet at the beach and spend a couple of days just relaxing?"

Helen's eyes lit up. "Sounds like a great idea!" Helen said excitedly.

13 (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [,"] comma and inverted commas
(4) [?"] question mark and inverted commas

14 (1) [.] full stop
(2) [,] comma
(3) [,"] comma and inverted commas
(4) [."] full stop and inverted commas

15 (1) [?] question mark
(2) [!] exclamation mark
(3) [?"] question mark and inverted commas
(4) [!"] exclamation mark and inverted commas

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For each of the questions 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. (5 marks)

16 Detectives are _____ the area for clues to the murder of that young boy.

(1) probing
(2) combing
(3) observing
(4) scrutinising

17 We were reminded by Mr Ong to _____ ourselves to the topic under discussion and not to digress.

(1) adapt
(2) confine
(3) subject
(4) conform

18 Adam has made a number of _____ while on a student exchange programme in Japan.

(1) colleagues
(2) compatriots
(3) accomplices
(4) acquaintances

19 The teacher advised Maya and Laura that even though they had had their share of disagreements, it was essential for the two girls to forgive each other and _____.

(1) look before they leap
(2) give the devil his due
(3) let bygones be bygones
(4) never do things by halves

20 The family lawyer read out the will that _____ that all her wealth would be divided equally among her own children and step-children.

(1) signified
(2) stipulated
(3) suggested
(4) sponsored

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For each of the questions from 21 to 25, 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)

I was going on one of my rounds when I spotted an elderly woman attempting to sit up on her hospital bed. She looked **(21)** **thin and sickly** as she lay back on the hospital bed, exhausted by her failed attempts to do so. Without much hesitation, I approached her. Standing next to her bed, I smiled and nodded at her. It was my signal to her that I understood what she had intended to do and proceeded to assist her accordingly. As I lifted her **(22)** **gingerly**, I was very surprised at how light she felt in my arms. Just as I was about to put her on the wheelchair, she started coughing. Before I could say anything, she **(23)** **puked** all over my uniform. Though I was a little taken aback, I gently placed her on the wheelchair and patted her at the back.

"Are you all right, Madam?" I asked her kindly.

She lifted her apologetic eyes at me as she attempted to wipe her mouth. I could see tears welling up her eyes. I simply smiled and gave her a **(24)** **reassuring** squeeze on her arm before pressing the call button to summon help. I stayed with her until two of my colleagues arrived to take over in assisting her. As I slowly walked away to get myself clean, I was overwhelmed with emotions. My heart really went out to her. I was still not able to comprehend how anyone could be so unfeeling as to **(25)** **walk out on** one's own mother. What has happened to filial piety? What is happening to the world?

21 (1) lanky
(2) pallid
(3) gaunt
(4) scrawny

22 (1) tactfully
(2) promptly
(3) hesitantly
(4) delicately

23 (1) spat
(2) gagged
(3) vomited
(4) excreted

24 (1) firm
(2) gentle
(3) protective
(4) comforting

25 (1) discard
(2) abandon
(3) eliminate
(4) relinquish

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METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

Founded in 1887

CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT 2013
PRIMARY 6
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
BOOKLET B

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 6._____

Date: 4 March 2013

This booklet consists of 9 printed pages.

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 to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) are	(D) from	(G) of	(K) than	(N) up
(B) at	(E) in	(H) on	(L) then	(P) were
(C) but	(F) into	(J) out	(M) until	(Q) where

When I heard the rumble, I knew something was very wrong. Some friends and I had hiked to the top _____ (31) an active volcano just outside Pacaya, Guatemala.

_____ (32) our vantage point, we could see small red jets of hot lava shooting _____ (33) of the volcano's cone, but our guides said there was nothing to worry about.

We could see the bursts but not hear them _____ (34) all of a sudden, there was a slow, deep rumble that sounded like an avalanche. _____ (35) we started hearing the lava jets as they exploded hundreds of feet _____ (36) the air. Next, a large yellow cloud – sulphurous, like rotten eggs, enveloped us. It was only three in the afternoon _____ (37) the sky was black and you could feel the heat of the explosion. It was like you _____ (38) standing right next to a raging campfire.

Our guides started running as fast as they could and they were shouting _____ (39) us to do the same. It was good we ran because I looked back and there was a river of lava _____ (40) we had been standing. Even the slowest person can outrun the lava but you can't outrun the debris that comes raining down on you.

Adapted from *What It Feels Like*

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Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each <u>underlined</u> word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box. (10 marks)

In 1937, Sylvan Goldman, the owner of a grocery store was ***inspyered*** *to invent a*

(41) [ ]

shopping trolley. He observed that the shopping baskets of the time were

(42) [ ]

fleemzee *and becamequite heavy to carry.*

(43) [ ]

By <u>imagine</u> two folding chairs pushed together, wheels placed underneath

and a basket on top, Goldman had the first idea of a 'shopping cart'. The carts were

(44) [ ]

designed to be ***colapssable*** *but the prototypes folded up too easily and often*

gave way completely. Even when the shopping carts were perfected, they were not

(45) [ ] (46) [ ]

popular with the shoppers <u>which</u> felt they would show <u>its</u> weakness if they could not carry

(47) [ ]

their ***perchases*** *in a basket. So Goldman employed a team of people to push the carts*

(48) [ ]

around his store and demonstrate their <u>useful</u>.

(49) [ ]

The shopping trolley as we know it today has changed from the origeenel design but

(50) [ ]

is now seen in <u>all</u> supermarket and in many other stores. It has become so popular that now

it comes in all shapes and sizes.

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15 marks)

Throughout the oceans and seas of the world, there is a huge variety of stingrays. Australia alone has over 35 _____ (51) Stingrays are broad, flat fish with blunt teeth, which they use for crushing the shells of their _____ (52) They feed on molluscs, small fish, worms and other small creatures they find.

The tail of a stingray is usually slender and whip-like and sometimes has a fin. Most rays are slow-moving and many bury _____ (53) in mud or sand where they are _____ (54) effectively to avoid being seen.

Rays are usually non-aggressive and are _____ (55) to humans. They only attack if they have been stepped _____ (56) or are threatened in some way. An effective _____ (57) of preventing this is to use a shuffling movement when _____ (58) water where stingrays may be foraging in the sand for food.

Some stingrays have poisonous barbs in their tails. These barbs can cause excruciating _____ (59) and are known to be lethal. Thousands of years _____ (60) indigenous Australians tied stingray barbs to the spears that they used _____ (61) hunting and fighting. Even when the barbs are dried, the venom still _____ (62) dangerous for a long period of time.

The late Steve Irwin, a famous promoter of Australian wildlife, was _____ (63)

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after being stabbed near the heart by the barb of a stingray. Steve had been swimming above the ray, while _____ (64) it for one of his wildlife documentaries, when the ray _____ (65) threatened by his close presence. It reacted by attacking him.

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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 As a result of his mischief, David was punished by the discipline mistress.

_____

for being _____

67 The referee blew the whistle at half time during the football match.

The whistle _____

_____

68 Aunt Sue felt bored so she participated in activities organised by the Community Club.

_____

out of _____

69 Tom asked Mary, "What do you think of my new bicycle?"

Tom asked Mary what _____

_____

70 Chee Meng left home early as he was enthusiastic on his first day of work.

Filled _____

_____

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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

That snake provided me with one of the most dreadful experiences in my life in my period of solitude. It was a little after midnight when it came. I had lain restlessly on my bed in the little room, and it was so still that the lapping of the fide on the beach made a clear tinkling sound. The breathing of logo, my dog, as he lay asleep on the floor in the other room, was distinct. 5

Suddenly I heard a slight rustling on the Papuan mats on the floor of the other room. I threw up the mosquito-net, rose, took my gun, lit the gas lamp and stepped to the open doorway, guessing what had caused the rustling.

I only had a glimpse of the other room, for the gas lamp was empty, and there was only a breath of gas in the pipes, but the flicker of light was sufficient to show me. in the middle of the floor, making straight for the sleeping dog, a carpet-snake. , shouted, and Togo awoke at once, barking. Then the gas gave its final flickerand went out, but not before I saw the snake make for the wall and up towards the roof.

I made a bonfire of matches on the table which occupied the centre of the room. To have recharged the gas lamp would have taken such a time thatthe snake would 15 probably have disappeared before I finished. The bonfire revealed to me the snake lying along the ceiling beam of the house, and with a spear that hung on the wall, I poked it till its head was in such a position as to allow me to get at it. I shot it with my gun and with that, the snake's great long length came down and down, till it hung straightover the table like a mighty rope. 20

Although its head was shot almost completely away, it was still filled with life and vigour, and with the end of its tail,it took a good, strong grip of the beam. Togo sprang up on the table and sunk its teeth in it. I beat at it with a gun and jabbed the spear into it.

Blood from its shot head dripped onto the bonfire, spluttering. Snake's blood! 25 Frenzied, I beat at its long length; then I dropped both gun and spear and grasped it with my hands and pulled. Then suddenly the thing released its grip of the beam and came tumbling down in a mighty monstrous mass that blotted out the bonfire and splashed my face with blood, and the next moment, I was hanging tightly onto the doorpost, for in falling, the snake had coiled itself around my arm, covering it from 30 elbow to shoulder.

The great coil about my arm was hard as iron, and as cold. It was a little slimy. I tried to bite that awful coil. It was like biting steel. With my bare foot, I tried to kick at where it stretched to the table. I tried to wrench my arm free. I knew these efforts were futile. Still, I tried them. The pain must have been very great; but I was not aware of it. 35 So mentally shocked was I that there was no room for physical pain.

Togo was snapping at the head, now and then gripping and pulling. Then, when it seemed to me I had clung to the door-post for hours – though it was really only a few moments, the coil began to slacken. With the pull of the snake upon it, the table was turning over. A moment later, the table crashed over and the coil slackened completely, 40 dropped heavily to the ground and my arm was free.

I sprang into my bedroom, found some matches and struck one. It was making its way slowly out of the main doorway, onto the verandah. By the time, it had reached the ground, where I could see it more or less plainly in the clear darkness, I was ready and waiting for it, and I blew it to pieces with my rifle. 45

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Then I recharged the gas lamp and lay in the brightness of the light till daylight, trembling, afraid to shut my eyes for fear I should see that monstrous gleaming rope For many nights afterwards, I lay awake, while as for Togo, I am sure he knew full well that he himself had been the object of the snake's intrusion, for often he would awaken with a short and sudden yelp and spring up, as though he, too, had imagined a quiet rustling on the Papuan mats of the floor. 50

Adapted from *My Crowded Solitude by Jack McLaren*

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71 Based on the first paragraph, why was the writer able to hear the snake?

_____

_____

72 What was the first indication the writer had of the presence of the snake?

_____

_____

73 What seemed to be the purpose of the snake in coming into the writer's house?

_____

_____

74 Why was the writer only able to get a glimpse of the snake?

_____

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75 Which three-word phrase from **paragraph 6** tells us that the snake was large?

_____

_____

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76 What does 'them' in line 35 refer to?

77 "The pain must have been very great; but I was not aware of it." (line 35) write not
Why was the aware of the pain?

78 Explain clearly how did Togo try to help his master during the attack .

79 Explain clearly what the writer did to the snake upon escaping from its embrace.

80 What effect did the encounter with the snake have on the writer and Togo?

END OF PAPER

ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2013
SCHOOL : MGS
SUBJECT : PRIMARY 6 ENGLISH

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L	F	C	P	B	Q

41)inspired 42)flimsy 43)imagining 44)collapsible 45)who

46)their 47)purchases 48)usefulness 49)original

50)every 51)species 52)prey 53)themselves 54)hidden

55)harmless 56)on 57)way 58)wading 59)pain

60)ago/back 61)for 62)remains 63)killed/injured

64)filming 65)felt

66)David was punished by the discipline mistress for being mischievous.

67)The whistle was blown by the referee at half time during the football match.

68)Aunt Sue participated in activities organized Community Club out of boredom.

69)Tom asked Mary what she thought of his new bicycle.

70)Filled with enthusiasm, Chee Meng left home early on his first day of work.

71)The house was so quiet that the writer could hear the sound of the tide on the beach from his house and the sound of his dog breathing. So since it was so quiet, the writer was able to hear the snake.

72)He heard a slight rustle on the mats on the floor of the other room in his house.

73)The snake wanted to attack the writer's dog and eat it up.

74)The lamp in the other room was lighted but the light was very dim and it kept flicker, so the writer could only get a glimpse of the snake.

75)The phrase is "mighty monstrous mass".

76)The word refers to the writer's efforts to writer his arm free.

77)He was mentally shocked at the fact that the snake had coiled around his arm that he could not feel any physical pain.

78)It tried to help its master by snapping at the snake's head, gripping the snake, pulling it and biting it.

79)He shot the snake with his rifle upon escaping from the snake's embrace.

80)A few nights after the incident happened, the writer could not sleep. Togo could sleep but every so often, he would be awaken with a short and sudden yelp and then spring up.

NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL

2013 CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT 1

PRIMARY 6

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Booklet A	/ 30
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TOTAL	/ 95

Name:_____( )

Class: Pr. 6_____

Date: 26 February 2013

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Parent's Signature & Date

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

Section A – Graphic-Stimulus Comprehension (5 x 1 mark)

Study the advertisement carefully and answer questions 1 to 5.

NAC-EXXONMOBIL
Concert in the Park

ARTS FOR ALL

SUNDAY

27th Jan 2013

4.00PM - 6.30PM

Singapore Botanic Gardens

Shaw Foundation Symphony Stage

Come with your mats & picnic baskets and join us for a fun-filled afternoon with the entire family!

Performances by

Tsing Quartet

Don Richmond

Juz B

Singapore Broadway Harmonica Ensemble

Hosted by:

Danny Yeo

For more information,
visit http://www.nac.gov.sg or call +65 63469400.
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Secondary Activity

Reeycled Rhythms is a collaboration of music lover's and recycling enthusiasts, putting together everyday household / disposable / recyclable items to make melodies and beats that are fun to watch and even more fun hands-on! Making tissue box guitars, pet bottle shakers, ice cream stick harmonicas and rain-sticks from cups are just a few of the popular and easy-to-do items.

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

1. Which of the following is **not** a performer in the concert?

   (1) Juz B
   (2) Danny Yeo
   (3) T'ang Quartet
   (4) Don Richmond

2. The main purpose of the concert is to _____.

   (1) organise a picnic for the public
   (2) encourage people to appreciate the arts
   (3) introduce new exhibits at the Singapore Botanic Gardens
   (4) allow musicians to collaborate with others to create musical instruments

3. At the "Recycled Rhythms" booth, people can _____.

   (1) donate unwanted items
   (2) learn how to cross stitch
   (3) create musical instruments out of recycled materials
   (4) collect autographs from the performers at the concert

4. Which one of the following statements is true?

   (1) Participants must bring mats and picnic baskets for the event.
   (2) Participants must sign up on Facebook in order to attend the event.
   (3) The most important activity for the event is the "Recycled Rhythms" activity.
   (4) Participants do not have to be skilled in Art and Craft in order to take part in the "Recycled Rhythms" activity.

5. The main target audience of the advertisement are _____.

   (1) artists
   (2) families
   (3) designers
   (4) musicians

Section B – Grammar (7 x 1 mark)

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 corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

6. After the pupils _____ their lunch, they proceeded to work on their projects.

   (1) take
   (2) taking
   (3) had taken
   (4) have taken

7. My parents let me _____ to the movies last night.

   (1) go
   (2) goes
   (3) went
   (4) gone

8. The man who took care of the orphans _____ praised in the President's speech last night.

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

9. Non-members are not allowed entry into the club _____ they are accompanied by a member.

   (1) if
   (2) until
   (3) except
   (4) unless

10. The man _____ dog attacked his neighbour was fined $5000.

   (1) who
   (2) which
   (3) whom
   (4) whose

11. Samuel claimed to be good _____ singing.

(1) in
(2) at
(3) on
(4) for

12. The musical school _____ many applicants as there were no vacancies left.

(1) turned in
(2) turned out
(3) turned over
(4) turned away

Section C – Punctuation Discrete (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 (OAS).

The sea began to recede quickly and tourists on the beach were astounded.

"Mummy, is this normal **(13)** LittleJenny asked.

"I have never seen this before (14) her mother replied She knew that something was not right. She carried Jenny and ran towards the direction of a cliff overlooking the sea.

As the tourists on the beach fled towards higher ground, the sea returned, but much larger than before. "Run **(15)**" a lifeguard hollored at the tourists who stood rooted in shock.

The waves swallowed everything in its path. The beach chairs, surfboards and even food carts lining the beach were all gone. Thankfully, everyone on the beach had managed to reach high ground safely and were awaiting rescue.

13.
(1) [,] comma
(2) [?] question mark
(3) [,"] comma and inverted commas
(4) [?"] question mark and inverted commas

14.
(1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [,"] comma and inverted commas
(4) [."] full stop and inverted commas

15.
(1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [?] question mark
(4) [!] exclamation mark

Section D – Vocabulary (5 x 1 mark)

For each question from 16 to 20, one of the four options is the correct answer. Make your choice and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

16. It was no _____ when we heard that Jimmy won the Talent Quest. He was the best singer in the school.

    (1) shock
    (2) surprise
    (3) anticipation
    (4) enthusiasm

17. Remember that this task is easier if everyone contributes as _____.

    (1) better be safe than sorry
    (2) many hands make light work
    (3) too many cooks spoil the broth
    (4) a bad workman blames his tools

18. Joyce did not feel hungry and only _____ her food.

    (1) picked at
    (2) polished off
    (3) wolfed down
    (4) went through

19. Even though he had been wrongfully imprisoned for many years, Nelson Mandela showed great courage in _____ to fight for the freedom of his people.

    (1) disaster
    (2) adversity
    (3) accident
    (4) misadventure

20. Police officers have the authority to _____ in order to calm a tense situation down.

    (1) interpret
    (2) interview
    (3) intervene
    (4) interrogate

Section E – Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

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

Africa is probably the most diverse continent in the world. While most people **(21)** take it to be true that all the countries there are largely similar, the truth is that they are not. The countries there are as **(22)** diverse as those on other continents. Even within a country such as South Africa, it is made up of many tribes and groups of people. Furthermore, there are two thousand languages spoken on the continent!

When **(23)** envisioning what Africa looks like, do you see a dense rainforest, a lifeless desert, white sandy beaches or snow-capped mountains? Oddly enough, Africa has all these places. Tourism to these parts of Africa has become increasingly **(24)** well-liked by many in recent years and it is very possible to travel through all these places in one trip. When planning your next vacation, why not consider this **(25)** fascinating continent? You will never regret it!

21. (1) infer
    (2) assume
    (3) suggest
    (4) propose

22. (1) strange
    (2) defined
    (3) different
    (4) separated

23. (1) asking
    (2) admiring
    (3) observing
    (4) visualising

24. (1) desired
    (2) popular
    (3) infamous
    (4) requested

25. (1) brilliant
    (2) famous
    (3) fanatical
    (4) captivating

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Section F – Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)
Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

The taxi suddenly stopped. The taxi driver yelled at me in a language I did not understand, gesticulating wildly. I stared at him and he continued to point wildly in many different directions. I could tell that he was agitated, so I paid the fare, got off and heaved my luggage out from the boot. He did not even bother to help me with my luggage and sped off the moment the boot was closed. 5

We had circled the block nine times. Or was it ten? Perhaps it was eleven. I had lost count. The street was dimly-lit and I could see a tattered road sign. I walked towards it and tried to match the symbols on the road sign with the one on a business card. It seemed to match. I quickly walked towards a passer-by and showed him the business card. He glanced at it and shook his head. 10 Again, he replied in a language I did not understand and walked off.

I decided to try my luck at a small café along the street. As I entered the café, I blurted out, "Anyone here speaks English? Anyone?" Most eyes in the café turned towards me, and I felt a little embarrassed and silly. A burly man got up from his seat in the corner and walked towards me with swift, giant strides. I 15 **feared the worst** and I tried to reach for the handle of the door.

As the burly man was within an arm's length, I turned and tried to flee. However, his large hand grabbed my shoulder and I heard a deep but gentle "Yes." I was so glad to finally have someone to speak to since my plane landed hours ago. He led me to his seat and asked, "Are you lost? Which hotel are you 20 looking for? There aren't any nearby."

"Oh, there are. Look! Look at the business card." I quickly offered.

He glanced at it and immediately shook his head. "Young man, you have been cheated. The road name is correct but it says 4235. In my country, all buildings have even-numbered addresses. Odd numbers are for open spaces." 25

I stared in disbelief at what he had just said. I had saved up an entire year for this trip. The hotel's rates were ridiculously cheap compared to other hotels in the country. I should have known it was too good to be true. I looked into my wallet and all I had was a few hundred dollars and my plane ticket home. I could only afford two nights' stay at another hotel and I had planned to be on a 30 two-week vacation.

"I need to arrange for a flight home. Can I borrow a phone?" I asked.

"Come on! Stay and enjoy the beautiful sights in my country! Look, there is a room with a small bed here. You can stay as long as you like. No charge." Bo, the burly man, smiled. 35

My jaws almost dropped at his extremely generous offer. Over the next two weeks, Bo and his family members took turns to drive me around to the various places of interest in his country. Bo even sent me to the airport on my departure date. As I prepared to enter the boarding gate, I gave Bo a huge hug.

I whispered in his ear, **"This country is beautiful but it is not as beautiful as its people."** I wiped my eyes and headed towards the plane. 40

For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the correct answer and shade the corresponding ovals on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

26. Why was the taxi driver agitated?

(1) He was tired.
(2) He did not like the author.
(3) He did not know where he was.
(4) He had been driving around the same place too many times.

27. In line 16, what caused the writer to fear the worst?

(1) He realised that he was lost.
(2) He realised that no one spoke English.
(3) He realised that he could be attacked by the burly man.
(4) He realised that the hotel was not located in the area he was in.

28. Why did the burly man say that the writer had been cheated?

(1) He knew where the hotel was.
(2) He knew that the hotel's address was a fake.
(3) He knew that the hotel's rates were too good to be true.
(4) He knew that the taxi driver had taken the writer to the wrong place.

29. What did the writer decide to do immediately after he realised he had been cheated?

(1) He decided to call home.
(2) He decided to continue with the trip.
(3) He decided to arrange for an earlier flight out of the country.
(4) He decided to ask the burly man for another place to stay in.

30. What did the writer mean when he said that "This country is beautiful but it is not as beautiful as its people" (lines 41-42)?

(1) He was not impressed with the country.
(2) He had seen more beautiful sights in other places.
(3) He felt that Bo and his family were his best experience on the trip.
(4) He felt that the country had left a strong impression on him and would return soon.

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Section G – Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)
There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40 in the passage below. From the list of words in the box, choose the most suitable answer for each blank and write its letter (A to Q) in it. "I" and "O" have been omitted to avoid confusion in marking.
Use each word only ONCE.

A)	also	D)	did	G)	however	K)	them	N)	this
B)	before	E)	even	H)	if	L)	these	P)	to
C)	can	F)	from	J)	over	M)	they	Q)	why

These are exciting times for Brazil, the largest country in South America. Brazilians are overjoyed that, 31)_____ the next three years, there will be two major sporting events taking place: World Cup 2014 and the 2016 Summer Olympics. Sporting events like 32)_____ not only bring much cheer to the people but they also bring much needed investment into the country. The government, sporting authorities and sponsors will invest billions of dollars 33)_____ upgrade stadiums, transportation, shops and hotels. However, many sceptics ask 34)_____ the money spent will be worth it.

No one 35)_____ really tell if the money spent will be worthit. Even the government and their experts cannot do so. There are, 36) _____, many benefits to Brazilians from the investment. The new roads, airports and rail systems will provide 37)_____ with much greater convenience when travelling. Spectators at sporting events will get to enjoy a more pleasant experience than _____. All new stadiums will have roofs to shield people from the rain or the harsh rays from the sun.

The money spent on these sporting events will 39)_____ give Brazilians the opportunity to showcase their vibrant culture and fun-loving ways. To many Brazilians, 40)_____ if they end up paying lots of taxes for these events, the fun they will have will be worth every cent. After all, they happen only once in a lifetime.

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.*

Proverbs are words of wisdom and these sayings are often used to teach common

41) _____

sense to people. Some proverbs may seem ridiculous, such as **curioucity** killed the cat,

42) _____

but they may actually happen in real life. In 1916, a cat in New York **wanded** onto the roof

43) _____

of an apartment block and was trapping. It began to wail and the owner called for the fire

44) _____

brigade for help. Even though the firemen found it strange to offer assistants to a pet, they

45) _____

soon arrived and tried to help the cat off a roof. They lowered a rope from the side of the

46) _____

building but the cat ignored it. It owner even climbed up the fire ladder to persuade the cat

47) _____

to leave the roof, but to no **aveil**.

48) _____

After hours of attempts, the **exhorsted** firemen packed up their equipment and left.

49) _____

Rather than risk further embarrassing, the owner also returned to her home. The next day,

50) _____

there was a sudden **komotion** among the residents in the building. The cat had freed itself.

Instead of returning to its home, the cat continued exploring the rooftop until it fell through a chimney. The cat was killed.

Section I – Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)
Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Flowers are renowned for their beautiful scents. Most perfumes are made 51)_____ flower extracts. However, can you imagine flowers which 52)_____ like rotten meat? These flowers are known as "carrion flowers and they 53)_____ such odours in order to attract pollinators like flies and beetles. The colour of these flowers 54)_____ that of rotting meat as well.

Carrion flowers can range in 55)_____ from a few centimetres in diameter to almost a metre across and can weigh up to eleven kilograms. One of the largest carrion flowers 56)_____ the Rafflesia flower, which is only found in the rainforests in South-East Asia. In 1818, Sir Thomas Stamford Raffles led an expedition into the Indonesian rainforests. A member of the expedition who stumbled upon the flower decided to 57)_____ it after his team leader, Raffles. Since then, more than twenty other species of Rafflesia flowers have been 58)_____.

Many species of Rafflesia flowers are critically 59)_____ and some have become extinct in recent years. Due to the size of these flowers, they may 60)_____ up to nine months to bloom. Even then, the blooming period may only be three days long. As a 61)_____, seeing and smelling these flowers in bloom is extremely rare.

One 62)_____ of the Rafflesia flowers, *Rafflesia arnoldi,* has been selected as the National Flower of Indonesia. Some people might find the choice of the *Rafflesia arnoldi* to be rather strange due to its nature as a carrion flower. However, the Indonesian government has chosen it to represent the diversity of the country's 63)_____ and fauna.

As the Rafflesia flowers are parasitic, they do not photosynthesize or make their own 64)_____. Instead, they obtain nutrients and water by growing on another plant known as Tetrastigma. Therefore, as the Tetrastigma plant becomes threatened today due to human activities in the rainforests, the survival of the Rafflesia flowers is also in 65)_____. More needs to be done to protect it.

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

For questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the given one(s).

66. "Will you be visiting me tomorrow?" Mrs Lee asked John.

Mrs Lee asked John _____

_____

67. The manager sensed that his workers were tired. He dismissed them early.

Sensing _____

_____

68. Jenny did not apologise for her mistake. She pretended to be innocent.

Instead of _____

_____

69. Jim and Andrew were friends. Jim agreed to help Andrew.

_____ **on account of**

_____

70. Everyone had a good time at the party. Tony did not have a good time at the party.

Except for _____

_____

Section K – Comprehension (10 x 2 marks)
Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80

Like every Sunday morning, the farmers' market in Norwich was bustling. People darted from stall to stall looking for the freshest and cheapest produce they could find. At a corner of the market, Morris sat restlessly at his stall, waiting for customers to buy his recent harvest. The harvest had been poor. There had been too little rain that year and his fruit trees did not produce many fruits as a result. Furthermore, the price of fertilisers had gone up threefold and he could not afford it.

As Morris waited, his thoughts drifted to the days when he could be free to pursue his dreams. He had wanted to be an artist and he even attended art school for three years. However, since his parents became too old to tend to the orchard, he had to take over the farm. To his dismay, he knew nothing about farming even though he spent his entire childhood on the farm. As his parents did not want him to be a farmer, they taught him very little about maintaining an orchard.

A man dressed in a fine pin-striped suit soon walked over with three assistants in tow. He began to peruse through Morris' fruits. Morris introduced himself but the man did not reply. Morris was bewildered. The man looked up and turned to his assistants. Without saying a word, his assistants looked at his expression and started scribbling frantically into their notebooks. The man then turned towards Morris and shook his head.

"How long have you been farming, Morris?" The man finally spoke in a crisp, upper-class accent.

"Not long. This is my second year back in the farm," Morris replied.

"I see. It's no wonder your fruits look shrivelled." He picked up an apple, bit into it and then spat it out. "They taste awful as well."

Morris' head hung low after he heard what the man had said. As he looked up again, he realised that the man was staring at the sign hanging by his stall. It was something that Morris had painted that morning and the paint was still wet. Even though he had not put much effort in it, it was by far the most beautiful sign in the market. Morris had also signed it like any artist would to their masterpieces.

"No... not a farmer. An artist. A true artist," the man mumbled to himself.

The man turned to his assistants and raised four fingers. One of the assistants quickly pulled out a cheque book, wrote something on it and handed it to Morris. Morris rubbed his eyes several times and was about to ask a question when the assistant spoke.

"This is for the crate of fruits here, as well as the sign on your stall. We will continue to give you this amount every week until you want us to stop. However, you must fulfil this condition: Stop farming and start painting," said the assistant in a stern and firm voice.

Morris knew that the assistant was not joking. He simply nodded. The assistants carried the crate of fruits and the man lifted the sign. They walked off to a large town car which was waiting for them. Morris knew that with the four thousand dollars a week, he could afford to find helpers to tend to his family's orchard and provide him with enough money to pay for his art materials.

The cheques came every week and Morris painted finer and finer works. His paintings began to receive critical acclaim. He decided to organise his first ever exhibition in London and he wanted to invite his benefactor. However, he realised that he did not even know his name and that the cheques were signed by a bank official. 45

On the day of his exhibition, he dedicated his largest painting to his benefactor. He wrote on it: "Dedicated to a great man." While at the exhibition, someone tapped on Morris' shoulder and passed him an envelope. He opened it and found a newspaper clipping. It was the obituary of a person. Morris shed a tear, walked up towards his largest painting and added "Sir Walter Smith". 50

71. Referring to the first paragraph, what was Morris' occupation?

_____

_____

72. Why was Morris' harvest poor that year?

_____

_____

73. Give two pieces of evidence from paragraph three to show that the man was rich.

_____

_____

74. Which word in paragraph three has the same meaning as "to examine carefully"?

_____

_____

75. How did the man know that Morris was an artist?

_____

_____

76. How much did the man pay Morris for the sign and the fruits that day?

_____

_____

77. Quote a sentence which tells you that Morris' paintings were well-received by experts.

_____

_____

78. Why was Morris unable to invite the man for his exhibition?

_____

_____

79. How did Morris feel after he had read the newspaper clipping? Why did he feel that way?

_____

_____

80. Did Morris find out the man's name in the end? How can you tell?

_____

_____

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ANSWER SHEET

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41)curiosity 42)wandered 43)trapped 44)assistance 45)the

46)Its 47)avail 48)exhausted 49)embarrassment

50)commotion 51)from 52)smells 53)emit 54)resembles

55)size 56)is 57)name 58)found 59)endangered

60)take 61)result 62)species 63)flora 64)food 65)doubt

66)Mrs Lee asked John if he would be visiting her the nest day.

67)Sensing that his workers were tired, the manager dismissed them early.

68)Instead of apologising for her mistake, Jenny pretended to be innocent.

69)Jim agreed to help Andrew on account of their friendship.

70)Except for Tony, everyone had a good time at the party.

71)Morris was a farmer.

72)There was not enough rain and the price of fertilizers had gone up threefold and he could not afford it.

73)The man was dressed in a fine pin-striped suit and had three assistants.

74)The word is " peruse".

75)He could see that Morris had painted a beautiful sign that morning.

76)The man paid Morris four thousand dollars for the sign and the fruits.

77)The sentence is " His painting began to receive critical acclaim".

78)Morris did not know the man's name as the cheque was signed by a bank official.

79)Morris felt sad. He was sad that he could not give his largest painting to the man as he was dead.

80)Yes, he did. He walked up to the largest painting and added "Sir Walter Smith".

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PRIMARY 6

PAPER 2: BOOKLET A

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 min

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:
DO NOT TURN OVER THIS PAGE UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO DO SO.
READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.
ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.

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Section A: Graphic Stimulus (5x1m = 5m)
Study the following text and then answer questions 1 to 5.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION for HEALTHY LIFESTYLE presents

12th Launching of Healthy Lifestyle Month *April 2013*

Seminar
On
"Getting To The Heart Of The Matter"

Date	: Saturday, 21 April 2013
Venue	: **CONWARD CENTENNIAL, BALLROOM, LEVEL 2**
Time	: 10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
Registration fee	: $25 per person (inclusive of refreshments and Goody bags)
Guest-of-Honour	: **Mr Gabriel Kwok**, Senior Minister of State for Health & Information, Communication and the Arts
Speaker	: Dr Amos Sim and cardiologists Dr Alvin Tay & Dr David Lim

The Seminar will be held in English and Mandarin concurrently.

Buy your tickets now through NASWAP Website: www.naswap.com.sg, Naswap Hotline: 63485555 and Naswap Authorised Agents islandwide.

*** Free Health screening is available to Singaporeans and Singapore PRs aged 55 years and above.**
Topics:

- How to maintain a Healthy Heart for Life?
- Heart Attacks: Are You At Risk?
- How to Mend a Broken Heart?

Advisors:
National General Hospital
Mount Sinai Hospital

Main Sponsors:
Sun Channel Network
CIS Insurers and other sub sponsors

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

1. The seminar is organised by _____.

   (1) Sun Channel Network
   (2) National General Hospital
   (3) CIS and other sub sponsors
   (4) National Association for Healthy Lifestyle

2. The health seminar will be officiated by the _____.

   (1) Chief Executive Officer of Sun Channel Network
   (2) Chief Executive Officer of Conward Centennial
   (3) Chairman of the National Association for Healthy Lifestyle
   (4) Senior Minister of State for Health and Information, Communication and the Arts

3. Mr Jeffrey Low, a 52-year-old participant to the seminar, will not be entitled to _____.

   (1) a free health screening
   (2) goody bags given after the talk
   (3) attend a talk by the Guest-of-Honour
   (4) the refreshments provided by the organisers.

4. The word from the advertisement which has the same meaning as "at the same time" is "_____".

   (1) seminar
   (2) inclusive
   (3) screening
   (4) concurrently

5. Which of the following statements about the advertisement is false?

   (1) This is not the first time the event has been organised.
   (2) There are more than two organisations sponsoring the event.
   (3) The event will mark the beginning of the healthy lifestyle month.
   (4) The event is organized only for people with heart diseases.

Section B: Grammar Discrete (7 x1m = 7m)

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. The intruder entered the house _____ the open window.

   (1) into
   (2) beside
   (3) towards
   (4) through

7. My friend returned home very late last night, _____ she?

   (1) did
   (2) does
   (3) didn't
   (4) doesn't

8. Brian aimed hard _____ he could score a goal.

   (1) lest
   (2) unless
   (3) so that
   (4) in case

9. All Dorothy does is complain about everything. Everyone in the class is convinced that _____ grumbles as much as she does.

   (1) nobody
   (2) anybody
   (3) somebody
   (4) everybody

10. "I refuse to mark your paper _____ you complete your corrections!" said Mrs Wong to George.

   (1) if
   (2) when
   (3) since
   (4) unless

11 All of the furniture in Mr James' house _____ to a warehouse.

(1) has moved
(2) have moved
(3) has been moved
(4) have been moved

12. Alison is one of the girls who _____ travelling overseas frequently to see new places.

(1) like
(2) likes
(3) has liked
(4) have liked

Section C: Punctuation (3 x 1m = 3m)
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.

Ralph was eagerly waiting for Megan, his sister, to finish playing with the latest football video game that his father had bought for him.

"Shoot!" Ralph snapped, slapping Megan, his sister, on her back.

"Quiet (13) snarled Megan. "Go and do your school work. Stop distracting me. When it's your turn, I'll tell you (14)

Ralph walked away, muttering under his breath, "Girls (15) What's the matter with them? Why can't they be like boys? Why are they so bossy and unwilling to accept advice?"

13. (1) [,] comma
(2) [!] exclamation mark
(3) [."] full stop and inverted commas
(4) [!"] exclamation mark and inverted commas

14. (1) [.] full stop
(2) [,] comma
(3) [."] full stop and inverted commas
(4) [,"] comma and inverted commas

15. (1) [,] comma
(2) [!] exclamation mark
(3) [."] full stop and inverted commas
(4) [!"] exclamation mark and inverted commas

Section D: Vocabulary (8 x 1m = 8m)
For each question from 16 to 23, 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. A quiz will be held in _____ with the Speak Good English Movement Month.

(1) occasion
(2) apparent
(3) conjunction
(4) accordance

17. The young gentleman was _____ to the gathering crowd that was staring at him and continued to paint.

(1) naive
(2) ignorant
(3) oblivious
(4) insensitive

18. Clare, taking pity on the beggar's sad _____ , donated gifts of food and money to his family.

(1) plight
(2) furore
(3) scourge
(4) disposition

19. The salesgirl smiled at me, revealing a set of _____ white teeth.

(1) daring
(2) glaring
(3) glowing
(4) sparkling

20. The fireworks display at the end of each day at Hong Kong Disneyland was _____. The tourists and visitors were awestruck.

(1) scenic
(2) panoramic
(3) picturesque
(4) breathtaking

21. Mr Thomas has decided to go to the police station to _____ a complaint against his noisy neighbour .

(1) file
(2) offer
(3) advise
(4) propose

22. Tabitha used to live at 7 Simei Street, but her_____ address is unknown.

(1) actual
(2) current
(3) correct
(4) previous

23. Mrs Wang was so _____ in conversing with her neighbour that she forgot about the cake in the oven.

(1) perplexed
(2) engrossed
(3) persevering
(4) confounded

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1m = 5m)

For each question from 24 to 28, 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.

I could see a building from my house. I could see the cracked walls and the paint peeling from the walls. It was dilapidated (24) and empty. There was a rumour that the house was haunted, but instead of scaring (25) me away from the building, it only made me more curious (26) about it. I decided to investigate, and tiptoed as quietly (27) as I could into the house. Unfortunately, beneath my weight, the floorboards creaked (28) with each step I took.

24.
(1) shoddy
(2) inferior
(3) modest
(4) decrepit

25.
(1) forcing
(2) ushering
(3) tormenting
(4) frightening

26.
(1) worried
(2) inquisitive
(3) thoughtful
(4) preoccupied

27.
(1) coolly
(2) calmly
(3) silently
(4) casually

28.

(1) swayed
(2) bellowed
(3) squeaked
(4) thundered

Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1m = 5m)

Read the passage and answer questions 29 to 33.

It was a freezing day, a few years ago, when I stumbled on a wallet in the street. There was no identification inside. There were just three dollars and a crumpled letter that looked as if it had been carried around for years.

The only thing legible on the torn envelope was the return address. I opened the letter and saw that it had been written in 1945 – almost 40 years ago. I read it carefully, hoping to find some clue to the identity of the wallet's owner.

The writer in a delicate script, told the recipient, whose name was Michael, that they could no longer remain as friends. The writer's mother forbade their friendship because of their difference in social status. Nevertheless, the writer would never forget their strong bond and comradeship. It was signed, Jonathan.

It was a heartrending letter. But there was no way, beyond the name Michael, to identify the owner of the wallet. So I called the operator for help and they managed to track down a woman who was living in the address given in the letter.

The woman said that she bought that house from Jonathan's family and that Jonathan had moved with his mother to a nursing home. The woman gave me the name of the nursing home and I enquired and found out that Jonathan's mother had passed away but Jonathan was still with them.

I asked if I could stop by to see Jonathan as it was almost 10.00 p.m. The director of the nursing home said that Jonathan might be asleep. "But if you want to take a chance, maybe he's in the dayroom watching television."

The director and a guard greeted me at the entrance of the nursing home. We went up to the third floor and saw the nurse, who told us that Jonathan was indeed watching television. We entered the dayroom. Jonathan was a gentle, balding, be-spectacled old-timer with a warm smile and friendly eyes. I told him about the wallet and showed him the letter. The second he saw it, he took a deep breath. "Young man," he said, "this letter was the last contact I had with Michael." He looked away, then said **pensively**, "We were classmates in college and once he risked his life to save mine and from then on we became best of friends. But he came from a working class background and so my aristocratic family didn't approve of our friendship." He paused, "Yes, Michael Gerrard was his name. If you find him, tell him how grateful I am to him for saving my life and I still think of the good old days," he said, smiling through the tears that welled up in his eyes.

I thanked Jonathan, said good-bye, and took the elevator to the first floor. As I stood at the entrance, the guard asked, "Was Jonathan able to help you?" I told him Jonathan had given me a **lead** which I hoped would find the owner. I explained that I had spent almost the whole day trying to find the wallet's owner and was tired and would probably head home for now and continue searching again the next day.

Adapted from "Letter in the Wallet" Readers Digest, 1985

For each question from 29 to 33, 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)

29. It was difficult to find the owner of the wallet because _____.

(1) it was old and worn out
(2) the letter was not very clear
(3) it did not contain much money
(4) it contained very little information about the owner

30. The word **pensively** in line 28 means _____.

(1) gratefully
(2) generously
(3) respectfully
(4) thoughtfully

31. According to the passage, why did Jonathan discontinue his friendship with Michael?

(1) He lost contact with Michael
(2) His family and Michael's family were arch rivals.
(3) His family was against him being friends with an older boy.
(4) His family was against him being friends with a boy from a lower class.

32. What was the important "lead" that the author was referring to in line 36?

(1) Jonathan wrote the letter to Michael.
(2) Jonathan was still living in a nursing home.
(3) Jonathan had given the author the full name of Michael.
(4) Jonathan still fondly remembers his friendship with Michael.

33. According to the passage, which of the following statements is **true** about the author?

(1) The author wished that he had never found the wallet.
(2) The author was determined to find the owner of the wallet.
(3) The author felt that he would never find the owner of the wallet.
(4) The author was discouraged as he was experiencing difficulties in finding the owner.

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PAPER 2: BOOKLET B
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Booklet B	/67
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Any query on marks awarded should be raised by _____. We seek your understanding in this matter as any delay in the confirmation of marks will lead to delays in the generation of results.

Instructions:
DO NOT TURN OVER THIS PAGE UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO DO SO.
READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.
ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.

Section G: Grammar Cloze (10 X 1m = 10m)
There are 10 blanks, numbered 34 to 43, 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.

A) at	D) by	G) in	K) these	N) of
B) as	E) has	H) into	L) to	P) with
C) about	F) have	J) it	M) on	Q) which

Creative play is a central activity in the lives of children. In over 30 years of working with children, I _____ (34) observed one consistent feature of childhood: *creative play is a central activity* _____ (35) *the lives of healthy children.* Play helps children weave together all the elements of life _____ (36) they experience it. _____ (37) creative play, children blossom and flourish. Without _____ (38), they suffer a serious decline. The importance _____ (39) creative play in children's healthy development is well supported _____ (40) decades of research. Yet children's play is now seriously endangered. Parents, teachers, and mental health professionals alike, are expressing concern _____ (41) children who do not play. Children spend hours sitting still in front of screens - television, video game, and computer leading _____ (42) a steady decline in children's play.

A recent case _____ (43) happened in an elementary school showed the negative effect of the lack of play. A teacher used the word "imagination" in a class of young children. When they stared blankly at her, she gave an example from her own childhood when she used to play Wonder Woman. She would put on a cape and fly down the hill near her house with arms outstretched. "That's imagination," she explained.

Marks :

Section H: Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1m = 10m)
Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each <u>underlined</u> word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box numbered 44 to 53.

Mirrors have been around for a while, but they have not always been made of glass. The first mirrors, from around 600 B.C. (44) <u>is</u> very simple. Before the discovery of glass, they were made of reflective (45) **metereals** such as obsidian, bronze or copper, painstakingly polished into a sheen. Simple and primitive, they offered a (46) **thisthorted**, fairly unclear reflection. As such, they were used mainly (47) <u>to</u> show. They were also costly and hence were indications of (48) **pristeach** and wealth.

Then came the craftsmen of Venice (49) <u>which</u> were masters at working with glass. By 1291, they perfected the technique of (50) <u>blew</u> and rolling smooth, unblemished glass sheets. Coating such pieces of polished plate glass with a solution of tin (51) <u>or</u> mercury, they were able to create an object capable of accurately reflecting the world.

So prized was the secret of mirror (52) **manoofactcher** that artisans were granted special (53) **prevelages** by the government, and were even able to marry the daughters of nobles. There were two sides to the story: the Venetian state would also execute any craftsmen who attempted to reveal their methods to other countries.

Marks :

Section I: Synthesis/Transformation (6 x 2m = 12m)
For each of the questions from 54 to 59, 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).

54. John pursued his dream. He refused to give up in the face of adversity.

In his _____

_____

55. Peter's father did not know about the excursion. His mother did not know about the excursion as well.

Neither of _____

_____

56. Everyone is talking about the lady. She is my aunt.

_____ whom _____

_____

57. We drove on the highway for two hours. We decided to stop for a short break.

Having _____

_____

58. The pupils want to visit a museum. Mrs Lee wants to visit a museum.

_____ as well as _____

_____

59. Tommy commented that he had eaten too much snacks the previous night.

Tommy said, " _____

_____."

Marks :

Section J: Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1m =15m)
In the following passage, there are 15 blanks numbered 60 to 74. Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

We located our first herd away up on the expansive Couteau Plateau. There they were: a herd of (60)_____ five hundred animals grazing away on the pasture on top of the plateau. Their quick, alert movements, more like those of a deer (61)_____ those of a horse, showed that they were nervous beings that would dash off into space like a (62)_____ of wild birds on the slightest cause. There was one big steel-dust stallion, which grazed away from the (63)_____ of the herd, and it was obvious to our brave warriors that this iron-coloured fellow with the silver mane was the stallion (64)_____ ruled the herd. Our warriors directed all their (65)_____ to him, knowing that the movements of the entire herd (66)_____ on what he did. When we moved to within about five hundred metres of the herd, our brave warriors began to (67)_____ little noises, so that the horses could see us in the distance and would not be (68)_____ by surprise and be frightened into a stampede at seeing us at close (69)_____

"Hoh! Hoh!" our brave warriors grunted softly. The steel-dust stallion uttered a low whinny, and the entire herd (70)_____ their heads high into the air and, standing perfectly still as though charmed, (71)_____ intently at us with their big, nervous nostrils wide (72)_____ . They stood that way for moments, (73)_____ moving a muscle, looking hard at us. Then, as we came too (74)_____ the burly stallion reared its head and with a deep, rasping roar, it raced off into the faraway pasture. Along with it, the herd followed suit, much to our disappointment.

Marks

Section K: Comprehension Open-ended (10 x 2m = 20m)
Read the passage below carefully and answer questions 75 to 84.

"You beauty," remarked Daryl. The fully grown bull African elephant spun around, trunk raised to sniff the wind, ears spread wide. The right tusk was a long, straight, creamy yellow shaft that almost touched the ground, the left slightly shorter, with a graceful curve. Immediately Daryl recognised them from pictures he had seen. "Tshokwane, you beauty, I've been looking for you for a long time!" he whispered, and released the shutter.

Over the years, Daryl had developed an intimate knowledge of elephant behaviour. He was not surprised when the bull started to rush forward, head swaying from side to side. It was terrifying but Daryl recognised the bluff as mock charges are generally silent. Daryl stood up suddenly, waved his arms and scooped up the tripod, about to leave. Tshokwane wheeled around and retreated to the scrub. When Daryl looked over his shoulder to see Tshokwane framed by the emerald foliage, it was an opportunity not to be missed. Daryl turned and headed back slowly. As he adjusted the focus, Tshokwane suddenly burst into the clearing. Fifty feet away, he stopped momentarily, then gave a tremendous bellowing trumpet, lowered his head and charged again. ***This time it was for real!*** Daryl thought as he scrambled to his feet. Tshokwane was only about three metres away as Daryl turned to run.

The first blow felt like a punch in his lower back. The next one was much heavier. It catapulted Daryl head first through the thorns. Before Daryl had a chance to recover, the elephant was on him, monstrous legs stamping wildly. Daryl rolled wildly beneath, desperately trying to evade the huge stumps that flew down like pile drivers. ***This is it!*** he thought.

Then the prospect of leaving his wife, Sharna, galvanised him. He had to fight for his life. He threw his arms around Tshokwane's right foreleg, desperately hoping to ride out the attack. He clung like a leech as Tshokwane repeatedly dragged him to and fro, trying to dislodge him. Then he felt a python-like tightening above his knee. Its trunk! He was whipped nine metres into the sky like a rag doll. Then he crashed heavily to the ground. Regaining consciousness he spotted his revolver lying three metres away. ***I've got to get to it, he thought grimly***. If he could fire three shots, Sharna would recognise their prearranged distress signal and come to his aid. Gritting his teeth, he dragged himself towards it inch by inch. With one final effort he grabbed the gun, raised it over his head and fired three shots. Then he passed out again.

When Sharna heard the shots, she went cold. Immediately picturing a trampling, she drove into the bush in the direction of the shots, but she could not see through the thickened scrub. She knew he was seriously hurt. *What if I can't find him?* She had to find him before it was too late. Regaining consciousness, Daryl tried to fire off another three shots, but only managed to squeeze out two before he blacked out. To Sharna ***those*** were enough for her to crash through some thick bush on her left and burst into the clearing. Then she caught sight of Daryl, half hidden under a thornbush badly injured.

ANSWER IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

75. How did Daryl recognise that the bull African elephant was Tshokwane?

_____

_____

76. Explain clearly why Daryl thought the elephant was carrying out a mock charge?

_____

_____

77. In line ~~12~~ 11, Daryl felt that "..it was an opportunity not to be missed". What had Daryl intended to do?

_____

_____

78. *"This time it was for real!"* (lines 14-15). Explain clearly why Daryl felt that the elephant's charge was different?

_____

_____

79. *"This is it !"* (line~~s~~ 20-~~21~~) What do you think went through Daryl's mind?

_____

_____

80. Which word in paragraph 4 has the same meaning as "spurred into action"?

_____

_____

Marks

81. Explain clearly how Daryl was flung into the sky?

_____

_____

82. Why did Daryl try to get his revolver?

_____

_____

83. What does the expression "she went cold" (line 32) mean?

_____

_____

84. Explain clearly how Sharna was able to locate Daryl?

_____

_____

Marks

End of Paper

ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2013
SCHOOL : NANYANG
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TERM : CA1

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44)were 45)materials 46)distorted 47)for 48)prestige

49)who 50)blowing 51)and 52)manufacture 53)privileges

54)In his pursuit of his dream, he refused to give up in the face of adversity.

55)Neither of Peter's parents knew about the excursion.

56)The lady, whom everyone is talking about, is my aunt.

57)Having driven on the highway for two hours, we decided to stop for a short break.

58)The pupils, as wall as Mrs Lee, want to visit a museum.

59)Tommy said, "I ate too much snacks last night."

60)about	61)than	62)flock	63)rest	64)that
65)attention	66)depended	67)make	68)caught	69)range
70)raised	71)stared	72)open	73)without	74)close

75)The ball African elephant had a long straight, creamy yellow shaft that almost touched the ground, the left slightly shorter, with a graceful curve.

76)The elephant was silent and Daryl knew that mock charges were generally silent.

77)He had intended to take a photo of Tshokwane by the shrubs.

78)Tshokwane gave a tremendous bellowing-trumpet before lowering his head and charging again, unlike the mock charge which the elephant just swayed its heat from side to side silently.

79)He thought that he was going to die.

80)It is "galvanized".

81)When Daryl clung onto Tshokwane's leg, Tshokwane used its trunk to wrap around Daryl's leg and flung him into the sky.

82)He wanted to fire three shots so that his wife would recognize their prearranged distress signal and come to his aid.

83)It means that Sharna was was frightened.

84)After Daryl fired the initial three shots, he passed out and upon regaining consciousness, he fired another two shots before he passed out, again and those two shots were enough for Sharna to crash through some thick bush and locate Daryl.

ROSYTH SCHOOL
CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT 1, 2013
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
PRIMARY 6

Name:_____ Total Marks: /30

Class: Pr 6-_____ Register No.____

TOTAL DURATION FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 MIN

Date: 27 February 2013 Parent's Signature:

BOOKLET A

Instructions to Pupils:
1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Read the questions and follow all the instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 30 questions (Questions 1 to 30).
4. **Answer ALL the questions and write all the answers in this booklet.**

* This booklet consists of 11 pages altogether (including this page).

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Study the advertisement and answer questions 1 to 5. (5 marks)

Saturday, May 18, 2013

TEDDY'S Run For Their Lives!

5km / 10km races begin at 8:00 am

Where?

North Coast Park

What? (other events)

9:30 am - Live music by *Stone Creek Band*

9:45 am - Dog competitions

10:00 am - Games for kids

All day - Pet microchipping ($20)

All for a great cause!

Who?

Everyone!

Run or walk with your dog*,
your kids,
your neighbours,
or your friends.

**Leashed and vaccinated dogs only!*
**All dogs must wear the racing bibs provided.*

How?

Registration for all events from 7:00 am to 7:30 am

Registration fee of $30 includes ticket, T-shirt, racing bib and bandana for furry racers.

TEDDY

All proceeds go to TEDDY
- the orphanage for stray and abandoned dogs.

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

1. The main objective of organising these races is to _____.

   (1) promote pet microchipping
   (2) inculcate a sense of neighbourliness
   (3) raise fund for the orphanage for homeless dogs
   (4) encourage pet owners to walk their dogs regularly

2. At what time must Li Ming be at the venue if he wants to register his dog for the dog competitions?

   (1) 7:15 am
   (2) 8:00 am
   (3) 9:30 am
   (4) 9:45 am

3. What is NOT included in the registration fee?

   (1) Ticket
   (2) T-shirt
   (3) Racing bib
   (4) Furry racers

4. Apart from the races, other events include _____.

   (1) musicals
   (2) games for dogs
   (3) dog competitions
   (4) free microchipping

5. Which of the following is not compulsory for dogs participating in the races? They must _____.

   (1) be leashed
   (2) be vaccinated
   (3) wear bandanas
   (4) wear racing bibs

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. (7 marks)

6. Mr Singh is the man _____ opinion I respect.

(1) who
(2) which
(3) whom
(4) whose

7. The news on the election _____ updated and telecast hourly. We are waiting anxiously for the next update.

(1) are
(2) was
(3) is being
(4) have been

8. Please tell everyone who _____ already here to gather in the hall.

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

9. You can file the documents after we _____ them.

(1) signs
(2) signed
(3) had signed
(4) have signed

10. She changed her mind again, _____ she?

(1) isn't
(2) didn't
(3) wasn't
(4) doesn't

11. Go ahead _____ you're in a hurry. Don't let me hold you up.

(1) if
(2) but
(3) unless
(4) although

12. We are running _____ of oil. Please buy a bottle on your way back later.

(1) off
(2) out
(3) over
(4) down

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. (3 marks)

Ravenous, Alice quickly browsed through the menu in her hand. Soon, her eyes were fixed on the picture of the Bluefin Tuna Sashimi. She turned to Brenda, who was seated next to her at the mint **(13)** green bar table, and commented, "I just can't believe it **(14)** This delicacy was sold as pet food in North America prior to the 1960s."

"Are you going to order that?" asked Brenda.

Alice contemplated for a second. "No **(15)** she shook her head, "I want to do my part to save the endangered fish. I will have curry rice instead."

13. (1) (:) colon
(2) (,) comma
(3) (.) full stop
(4) (-) hyphen

14. (1) (,) comma
(2) (!) exclamation mark
(3) (, ") comma and inverted commas
(4) (! ") exclamation mark and inverted commas

15. (1) (,) comma
(2) (.) full stop
(3) (, ") comma and inverted commas
(4) (. ") full stop and inverted commas

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. (5 marks)

16. We are left with only about 2500 tigers in the world. If we do not save them now, they will soon become _____ and we will lose them forever.

(1) extinct
(2) dormant
(3) dominated
(4) endangered

17. The charity organisation was _____ by the support they had received.

(1) overcast
(2) overcome
(3) overloaded
(4) overwhelmed

18. Ali came up with such a perfect idea for a project. Let's _____ it!

(1) adapt
(2) adopt
(3) induct
(4) improvise

19 Feeling sorry for him, she decided to _____ his request.

(1) forsake
(2) abandon
(3) acknowledge
(4) accommodate

20. My grandmother is very _____ in her views. That's why my family is steeped in tradition.

(1) quaint
(2) eccentric
(3) superstitious
(4) conventional

For each question from 21 to 25, 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)

As the hillside became steeper, I paused for breath. Nearby, a sheep bleated and an elderly monk in crimson robes beamed (21) at me. Below on the boulder-studded hill sprawled the maroon and white stone buildings of the 600-year-old Drepung monastery. In the distance, across a green valley, loomed (22) snow-capped peaks.

It was a magnificent scene, but I had little time to admire it. I was trying to catch up with the half-dozen track-suited Tibetan teenagers and the young European woman ahead of me. While I had difficulty walking on the pavement, they bound along as nimbly (23) as goats and finished circling the monastery long before I did.

I finally joined them, feeling awkward (24), for all of them were blind. To make matters more infuriating (25), they were walking up and down this hill near Lhasa only to get into shape for something more strenuous - a trek at more than 7000 metres in the snowbound Himalayas.

Adapted from Reader's Digest

21. (1) smiled
(2) winked
(3) blinked
(4) sneered

22. (1) hung
(2) hovered
(3) emerged
(4) threatened

23. (1) agilely
(2) actively
(3) gracefully
(4) animatedly

24. (1) ashamed
(2) unpleasant
(3) disconcerted
(4) uncomfortable

25. (1) amazing
(2) perplexing
(3) challenging
(4) exasperating

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

World War II was coming to an end in the Philippines. In our small village in Botolan, Zambales, life was returning to something like normal. I left my village in June 1945 to start a new life in Manila. In 1959, I attended a three-month UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation) - sponsored community development course in Mysore City, India. Participants came from Africa, Asia and Scandinavia.

Entering the living quarters, I was dismayed to discover that my roommate was a Japanese man. Even before we were introduced to each other (his name was Kei Kiriake), I felt a thick invisible barrier had sprung up between us. Unbidden, memories of war stirred in my mind.

I recalled the Japanese soldier who had looted our house. Finding no money or valuables, he had grabbed my father and pressed the cutting edge of his bayonet to his neck. Mother fainted as a result.

In desperation, I recalled that rank-and-file soldiers feared the Kempetai, the Japanese military police. I told the soldier that I studied in the Japanese-run school and my teacher, Ino San, was an officer in the Kempetai. "I'll go see him now," I said, speaking the "Nippon-go" I had learned in school.

The brutish lout lifted his bayonet. My gamble had worked.

Now, more than 15 years later, I could barely tell the difference between the soldier who had almost killed my father and Kei - they were both Japanese and they both deserved my contempt. I was rude and inconsiderate to Kei, conveying my hatred in many different ways. Meeting each other, I wrinkled my nose, indicating that I did not like his smell. I called him "Bowlegged San" to his face.

One evening, Kei was writing a letter while I sat on my bed reading. Our room was silent, as usual, but I was itching to challenge him for the atrocities committed by his countrymen. "Can we talk?" I asked.

He stopped writing and for the first time, we faced each other squarely. I bluntly told him about the atrocities committed by his countrymen during their three-year occupation of the Philippines. My hate list was endless.

Throughout the whole tirade, Kei maintained a respectful silence. When I was through, he took a bundle of pictures from his suitcase and laid them on the table. They were photos of Japanese survivors of the atomic bomb - people who were reduced to skin, protruding bones and horrible deformities of all types.

Kei told me that he was a 13-year-old boy in Hiroshima when the bomb was dropped. Unlike almost half the city's population, he somehow survived the blast.

Like most post-war Filipinos, I believed that we had a monopoly on the ills and misfortunes of war. After hearing Kei's story and seeing his photos, the myth was shattered - the Japanese had had their share of misfortunes too. I realised that there are no victors in war, only victims.

Adapted from Reader's Digest

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. (5 marks)

26. What caused the barrier (line 9)?

(1) Kei was a soldier.
(2) Kei was Japanese.
(3) Kei was bowlegged.
(4) Kei had body odour.

27. The soldier went to the author's house to _____.

(1) rob his family
(2) meet his teacher
(3) learn the "Nippon-go"
(4) kill the author's father

28. What was the author's intention when he initiated the talk with Kei? He wanted to _____.

(1) confront him
(2) see Kei's photos
(3) talk about his father
(4) find out Kei's opinions of the war

29. Kei's photos showed _____.

(1) the atrocities of the Japanese
(2) the aftermath of the atomic bomb
(3) how Hiroshima looked like 15 years ago
(4) how Kei looked like when he was 13-year-old

30. What was the myth (line 40)?

(1) There are victors and victims in war.
(2) There are no victors in war, only victims.
(3) The Japanese had their share of misfortunes in the war.
(4) Only the Filipinos suffered from the atrocities of the war.

☺ End of Booklet A ☺

ROSYTH SCHOOL
CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT 1, 2013
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
PRIMARY 6

Name: _____

Class: Pr 6- _____ Register No. _____

TOTAL DURATION FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 MIN

Date: 27 February 2013 Parent's Signature: _____

BOOKLET B

Instructions to Pupils:
1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Read the questions and follow all the instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 50 questions (Questions 31 to 80).
4. **Answer ALL the questions and write all the answers in this booklet.**

	Maximum	Marks Obtained
Booklet A	30	
Booklet B	65	
Total	95	

Component	Question Numbers	Marks Obtained
Comprehension Cloze	51 – 65	
Comprehension Open-ended	71 – 80	

* This booklet consists of 8 pages altogether (including this page).

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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 to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) up	(D) for	(G) the	(K) to	(N) if
(B) when	(E) had	(H) has	(L) an	(P) since
(C) and	(F) in	(J) who	(M) yet	(Q) unless

It was an act of human kindness. Larry DePrimo, a 25-year-old policeman, 31)_____absolutely no intention of receiving any credit 32)_____ the act. It happened on a cold winter night 33)_____the city of New York. Larry was patrolling the streets 34)_____he found a homeless man without shoes curled up outside a store.

The policeman had worn two pairs of woollen socks that night, 35)_____he was feeling cold. Larry asked the man 36)_____he had anything to put on his feet.

"It's alright, Sir. I've never had a pair of shoes," the man replied and walked away, but the policeman caught 37)_____with him near a Skechers store. Out of compassion, Larry bought a pair of boots for the man. As the policeman fitted the boots on the man, Jennifer Foster, a tourist, grabbed her handphone 38)_____ captured the moment.

"39)_____man's face lit up like it was Christmas, like he had just been given, literally, a million dollars," Jennifer said. She posted the picture on the New York Police Department Facebook page and soon it went viral. Larry DePrimo became 40)_____online sensation. He was also interviewed on television for his kind act.

Adapted from an article from www.nydailynews.com dated 30 November 2012

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each <u>underlined</u> word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box. (10 marks)

Kelvin's father, Mr Lim, had worked 13 years in the construction industry.

(41) [ ]

Mr Lim struggled <u>in</u> the rising cost of living. He could not pay the instalments for his

(42) [ ]

flat and was forced to sell it at a <u>lose</u>. Mr Lim was determined to find a better-paying

(43) [ ]

job. However, his educational **kwalificayshens** – or the lack of them –

(44) [ ]

proved to be a <u>stumble</u> block.

(45) [ ]

The N-Level **gradyouate** did some research and found out that a

(46) [ ]

tower crane operator can earn up to $4000 a month. With the **asistence** of the

(47) [ ]

North East Community Development Council, Mr Lim was **sukcesfull** in getting

(48) [ ]

financial help to cover <u>a</u> cost of a tower crane operator course. Today, Kelvin is

(49) [ ]

very happy as his father is employed as a **laisensed** tower crane operator.

(50) [ ]

Mr Lim <u>earn</u> a basic salary of $3000. If he works overtime, his pay can reach $5000.

Adapted from 'Breaking Through', North East Heartbeat Jan/Mar 2013

Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15 marks)

18-year-old Muakula is the youngest *Dau Ni Vonu* in Fiji. The *Dau Ni Vonu*, also (51)_____ as turtle monitors, are men who have taken on the massive challenge of protecting the turtles. Why would a teenager like Muakula get so (52)_____ in a bid to protect the one creature he has been feeding on for most of his young life? Muakula answered simply, "Now, the turtle is my friend!"

It has been around two years (53)_____ Muakula last ate turtle meat. The realisation hit (54)_____ like a storm one day while participating in a turtle monitor training session organised by World Wildlife Fund in his village. It was (55)_____ that he realised just how defenceless the turtles really are.

"This is one animal that doesn't put (56)_____ a fight, from the moment we catch it to the time we kill it," Muakula said. "It's a sad creature. It just quietly waits to (57)_____." Now, he deeply (58)_____ killing turtles for food and wants to make a (59)_____ for them.

"I found out how their numbers kept on going down," Muakula said. "I know that if we don't do something about it, future (60)_____ will never get to see a turtle. Knowing the important role the turtles (61)_____ in our marine environment helped cement my decision."

These days, Muakula actively rallies behind turtles wherever and whenever he can – especially with his worst critics – his (62)_____ in his village. Initially, they often (63)_____ him, taunting him with mouth-watering turtle meat dishes. However, Muakula (64)_____ and eventually more of his friends signed up as turtle (65)_____

"Now like me, they want to help turtles for life," Muakula said proudly.

Adapted from 'Turtle Friend for Life', wwf.panda.org, dated 3 January 2013

For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentences, using the words 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. James volunteered to help the needy. His father is a teacher.

_____ whose

_____

67. Sarah completed the marathon although it rained.

In spite of _____

_____

68. Both Nancy and Jane dislike spiders.

Neither _____ nor

_____

69. "Where did you go?" Nick asked Susan.

Nick asked Susan _____.

_____

70. Roy will not make careless mistakes if he pays close attention to his work.

Unless _____

_____

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

Herrick, the rescue pilot, had to make sure that the helicopter was close enough to get near *Kawa*, but far enough so that the yacht would not be hit. It was adrift in high waves and strong winds. Cold and exhausted, Horgan, who started his solo journey from Tahiti, was in deep distress by the time the helicopter arrived. The 63-year-old sailor had lost control of his yacht as there was a power failure. He had no option but to use a hand-held radio to inform the coastguard. Unable to steer the yacht, Horgan was stranded at sea.

Smith, the paramedic, put on his harness and waited. Taylor had to turn a metal chain to let Smith slowly down to the yacht. The **trio** discussed and felt that the helicopter was in danger of hitting the mast. "Listen, you need to get yourself away from this yacht," Taylor shouted to Smith. They then instructed Horgan to lower his life raft and paddle away from the yacht. Soon, Taylor lowered Smith to the waters. The paramedic swam towards Horgan who was in the life raft. He put a harness around Horgan and attached it to his own. However, what happened next was unexpected. Confused by fear, cold and fatigue, Horgan turned back to the yacht, attempting to throw his leg over the side of the yacht. As a result, his harness was entangled with the rope between the yacht and the life raft. The tangled mess worsened as the waves hit the yacht.

Both of them were pounded against the yacht. Smith had bruises all over. Over and over again, Smith tried to convince Horgan to let go but to no avail. After 15 minutes, Horgan suddenly went limp. To Smith, it looked like Horgan had drowned or just given up. As Horgan slipped out of the harness, he floated away from the yacht and the tangled ropes. Finally, Smith was able to free himself. Just as he was engulfed by the next wave, Taylor pulled him up in the nick of time. Within seconds, Smith was back in the safety of the helicopter.

Herrick informed his colleagues that they had little fuel left and feared for their survival. However, the men decided to complete their mission. Within seconds, Taylor lowered Smith down again. The paramedic swam over and grabbed Horgan's leg. Horgan did not struggle and Smith managed to get the harness over his head. They were swiftly pulled out of the water. Back in the helicopter, Smith helped Horgan to regain consciousness.

Eventually, they arrived back at base with just a few minutes of fuel remaining. Horgan was rushed to a nearby hospital. Upon recovery, he was full of praise for his rescuers. "They didn't give up on me when I had given up on myself," Horgan told journalists after his ordeal. In May 2012, Herrick, Taylor and Smith received the New Zealand Search and Rescue Council's highest awards for their bravery on the mission to rescue Horgan.

Adapted from 'One Deadly Mess', Reader's Digest January 2013

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. What is *Kawa*?

_____

_____

72. What did Horgan do to seek help when he was stranded at sea?

_____

_____

73. Which word in **paragraph 1** tells you that Horgan was alone on board?

_____

_____

74. Who does the word 'trio' in line 9 refer to?

_____

_____

75. Why did Taylor tell Smith to move away from the yacht?

_____

_____

76. Explain what was 'unexpected' in Line 15.

_____

_____

77. Which sentence in paragraph 3 suggests that Smith and Horgan would be injured?

_____

_____

78. "After 15 minutes, Horgan suddenly went limp." (Line 22). Explain what happened to Horgan.

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79. Why was Horgan full of praise for his rescuers?

_____

_____

80. How would you describe the three rescuers? Give one reason for your answer.

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End of Paper

ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2013
SCHOOL : ROSYTH
SUBJECT : PRIMARY 6 ENGLISH

TERM : CA1

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
3	1	4	3	3	4	3	1	4	2	1	2	4	2	3	1	4

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
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Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
M	N	A	C	G	L

41)with 42)loss 43)qualifications 44)stumbling 45)graduate

46)assistance 47)successful 48)the 49)licensed 50)earns

51)known 52)involved/keen/engrossed/interested 53)since

54)him 55)then 56)up 57)die 58)hates/resents/regrets

59)difference/stand 60)generations 61)play 62)friends

63)teased/mocked 64)persisted/persevered 65)monitors

66)James whose father is a teacher volunteered to help the needy.

67)In spite of the rain, Sarah completed the marathon.

68)Neither Nancy nor Jane likes spiders.

69)Nick asked Susan where she had gone.

70)Unless Roy pays close attention to his work, he will make careless mistakes.

71)Kawa is the yacht.

72)Horgan used a hand-help radio to inform the coastguard that he needed help when he was stranded at sea.

73)The word is "solo".

74)It refers to smith, Taylor and Herrick.

75)The helicopter was in danger of hitting the mast so Taylor told smith to move away from the yacht.

76)Horgan turned back to the yacht and attempted to throw his leg over the side of the yacht. This was unexpected.

77)The sentence is "Both of them were pounded against the yacht".

78)Horgan must have fainted.

79)The rescuers did not give up on Horgan while he gave up on himself.

80)The three rescuers were determined. They did not give up and continued to save Horgan even when they faced obstacles.

ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL (JUNIOR)

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1 - 2013

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY 6

Name : _____ ( )

Class : P 6 . ( ) Date : 7 May 2013

BOOKLET A

30 Questions

30 Marks

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

2 Follow all instructions carefully.

3 Answer all questions.

This paper consists of 11 printed pages (inclusive of cover page)

Read the advertisement carefully and then answer questions 1 to 5. (5 marks)

WEEKEND@NEXPO

Singapore NEXPO Halls 1 – 3
10am to 10pm
The last Saturday of every month
FUN . FAMILY . FRIENDS

Have fun with your family and friends at Weekend@NEXPO at the Singapore NEXPO! Held on the last Saturday of every month in 2013 at the Singapore NEXPO, Weekend@NEXPO features a vibrant new theme every month. From magic shows and fun fairs, to musical performances and flea markets for a special cause, there's something for everyone in the family! Check out our image gallery for past events.

This Month's Event:

SPORTS FAIR

Featuring aerobics, soccer, cycling, beginner's golf, table-tennis, basketball and sepak takraw. There will also be branded sports wear and equipment on sale at wholesale prices. Come down with your family and friends on the last Saturday of April!

Kids, meet your favourite soccer player at the Sports Fair – our very own Sanji Ali from the National Soccer Team. Sign up for a 10-minute clinic with him and get tips from our top national player – free of charge! The first 50 kids who sign up will get an autographed football free!

Coming up in May: GAMES DAY

Parents, let your kids take a break from their revision for exams. Remember, all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy! Let your kids release their stress in May's Event : Games Day Weekend@NEXPO. We have lots of games in store for you – shooting games, ball games, virtual games, strategic games, puzzles, quizzes and more! Get your family down to NEXPO in May. The first 50 families to register will get a stylus for iphone!

Get your free MEELO drink at the refreshments counter. Every registration ticket can be exchanged for one cup of MEELO. First come first served.

A special shout to all budding local talents:
Have a special talent that you'd love to showcase? Weekend@NEXPO has the perfect platform for you! To find out more about how you can perform at Weekend@NEXPO, please email weekend@nexpo.com.sg.

WEEKEND@NEXPO is organised by Singapore Development Board and sponsored by MEELO

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

1 The purpose of this advertisement is to _____.

(1) urge people to enjoy their weekends
(2) get families to spend more time together
(3) encourage kids to learn to play some sports
(4) attract people to come to NEXPO for the month's activities

2 Anyone who registers for May's event will get to _____.

(1) have a free stylus for iphone
(2) go for the sports fair free of charge
(3) redeem his ticket for a cup of MEELO
(4) have an autographed football from Sanji Ali

3 Tommy wants to participate in the soccer clinic. He will _____.

(1) be able to get free sports wear
(2) need to register for April's event
(3) be receiving an autographed football
(4) have to get an approval from Sanji Ali

4 According to this advertisement, WEEKEND@NEXPO _____.

(1) occupies 4 halls
(2) is held every Saturday
(3) will continue monthly for the year 2013
(4) is sponsored by Singapore Development Board

5 If anyone wishes to showcase his talent, he can _____.

(1) sign up during WEEKEND@NEXPO
(2) register in the next month's programme
(3) send an email to the organisers to find out more
(4) use WEEKEND@NEXPO to compete with other potentials

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.

(7 marks)

6 All except Johnny _____ accepted the changes to the programme.

(1) is
(2) are
(3) has
(4) have

7 The rugby player came _____ after being unconscious for a week.

(1) out
(2) over
(3) round
(4) through

8 We saw a suspicious-looking man _____ into the school just now.

(1) sneak
(2) sneaks
(3) sneaked
(4) was sneaking

9 She cannot complete the race _____ she is very fit.

(1) if
(2) since
(3) unless
(4) despite

10 Sally, as well as her friends, _____ to the park every Sunday.

(1) come
(2) comes
(3) has come
(4) have come

11 This road leads to Rome, _____?

(1) will it
(2) isn't it
(3) does it
(4) doesn't it

12 You must be commended _____ your hard work.

(1) in
(2) on
(3) by
(4) for

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.

(3 marks)

During Mark's first month of college, the professor gave his students a pop quiz. Mark was a conscientious student and had breezed through the questions, until he read the last one: "What is the first name of the woman who cleans the school?" Surely this was some kind of joke. He had seen the cleaning woman several times. She was tall, dark-haired and in her 50s, but how would he know her name **(13)** He handed in his paper, leaving the last question blank.

Just before class ended, one student asked if the last question would count towards the final grade. "Absolutely **(14)** said the professor. "In your careers, you will meet many people. All are significant. They each deserve your attention and care, even if all you do is smile and say 'hello **(15)** ." Mark never forgot that lesson. He also learnt that her name was Dorothy.

Adapted from Everyone is Important in "The Ultimate Lifeguide"

13 (1) [.] full-stop
(2) [?] question mark
(3) [!] exclamation mark
(4) [?"] question mark and inverted commas

14 (1) [.] full-stop
(2) [,"] comma and inverted commas
(3) [",] inverted commas and comma
(4) [."] full stop and inverted commas

15 (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full-stop
(3) ['] inverted comma
(4) [!] exclamation mark

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.

(5 marks)

16 Your storybook looks interesting. Could you _____ it to me?

(1) lend
(2) fetch
(3) return
(4) borrow

17 We have a/an _____ of food so we invited our neighbours to join in the celebration.

(1) extra
(2) surplus
(3) enough
(4) shortage

18 Look! There is a _____ of puppies in the box.

(1) litter
(2) nest
(3) flock
(4) brood

19 Richard is a very _____ person. He seldom thinks before he acts.

(1) intuitive
(2) impatient
(3) impulsive
(4) indecisive

20 The competent police officers_____ as they hunted down the murderer at large.

(1) sat on the fence
(2) threw in the towel
(3) put their foot down
(4) left no stone unturned

For each question from 21 to 25, 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)

After the war was over, Otto returned to Amsterdam to look for his daughters. There he learnt that both Margot and Anne were dead. Anne's diary was saved by Miep, a **(21)** <u>colleague</u> of his. She gave it to him saying, "Here is your daughter's **(22)** <u>legacy</u> to you."

There is a line in Anne's diary which reads, "I want to go on living after I'm dead..." It was that line that made Otto finally decide to publish the diary as a book. Since its first **(23)** <u>publication</u> in 1947, Anne's diary has been translated into 50 languages and has sold over 25 million copies. Anne Frank still lives on.

Today, many people visit the museum called The Anne Frank House. It was **(24)** <u>originally</u> the secret annexe, the place where Anne and several others hid during the war. Over 800,000 people visit the museum every year. **(25)** <u>Tributes</u> to Anne Frank are held in many countries and June 12, Anne's birthday, has become Anne Frank Day.

Adapted from 'Anne Frank' by Susanna Davidson

21 (1) ally
(2) helper
(3) partner
(4) co-worker

22 (1) heritage
(2) tradition
(3) heirloom
(4) inheritance

23 (1) printing
(2) publicity
(3) popularity
(4) proclamation

24 (1) formerly
(2) basically
(3) primarily
(4) naturally

25 (1) Eulogies
(2) Souvenirs
(3) Memorials
(4) Remembrance

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ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL (JUNIOR)

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1 - 2013

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY 6

Name : _____ ( )

Class : P 6 . ( ) Date : 7 May 2013

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Parent's Signature

BOOKLET B

50 Questions

65 Marks

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

2 Follow all instructions carefully.

3 Answer all questions.

Booklet	Component	Possible Marks	Marks Obtained
A	-	30	
B	Grammar Cloze	10	
	Editing for Spelling & Grammar	10	
	Comprehension Cloze	15	
	Synthesis and Transformation	10	
	Comprehension OE	20	
	Total	65	

This paper consists of 8 printed pages (inclusive of cover page)

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 to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) all	(D) how	(G) on	(K) the	(N) what
(B) can	(E) it	(H) or	(L) then	(P) when
(C) for	(F) most	(J) than	(M) these	(Q) with

Podcasting is basically the creation and distribution of amateur radio, plain and simple. Many podcasts are basically normal, everyday people just talking about things that interest them **(31)**_____ a little music mixed in. Others are more serious and focused in content, offering up the latest interesting news on a particular topic, interviews with interesting people, **(32)** _____ recordings of interesting keynotes and presentations.

Podcasting was all the rage in 2005. One reason **(33)** _____ the quick success of podcasting is the fact that they are easy to create. You do not need a lot of technical expertise to create a basic podcast. Here's **(34)** _____ you need: a digital audio recorder that **(35)**_____ create an MP3 file, some space on a server to host **(36)**_____file, a blog, and something to say. That's **(37)** _____. That's part of the reason why in the first six months of its existence, more **(38)** _____ five thousand new podcasts were born, and the number continues to explode.

So who is podcasting? Mostly it's people from **(39)**_____ walks of life with all sorts of interests. However, most major news organisations have jumped **(40)** _____ the podcast bandwagon with nightly news summaries, special features, and regular shows. Businesses, churches, governments, and, you guessed it, schools are getting into the act as well.

Adapted from 'Blogs, Wikis, Podcasts and Other Powerful Web Tools for Classrooms'
By Will Richardson

For each word in **bold**, write the correct spelling of the word in the box. For each <u>underlined</u> word, write the correct grammatical form of the word in the box. (10 marks)

Arguably the most well-recognised figure in comic book history, legendary writer Stan Lee

(41) [ ]

was **fameous** for creating iconic superheroes such as *Spider-Man and The X-Men.* Often seen

(42) [ ]

sporting tinted glasses, Lee possessed a personality as <u>colour</u> as his characters.

(43) [ ]

The "Marvel style" of writing was **pioniered** by Lee: first creating a plot with the artist, then

(44) [ ] (45) [ ]

letting the artist **illustrait** the store, after which Lee would add dialogue to <u>a</u> finished pages.

(46) [ ]

The first teenaged **costiumed** character created was the high school student Peter Parker,

(47) [ ]

who attained arachnid-like powers after being <u>bite</u> by a radioactive spider. Lee turned Parker

(48) [ ]

into a guilt-ridden superhero after his beloved uncle was murdered by a **burgler** whom Spider-Man

(49) [ ] (50) [ ]

had refused to <u>captured</u>. Thus was born one of the most often repeated <u>quote</u> in comic book history:

"With great power comes great responsibility."

Adapted from movies.yahoo.com

 Sub-total: [ ]

Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15 marks)

Normally, to fall from an aircraft in flight without a parachute would be a terrible tragedy. However, there are _____ (51). Take the example of Nicholas Alkemade. Nicholas was a member of the Royal Air Force during World War Two. He was a rear air gunner in a Lancaster bomber.

On the night of 24 March 1944, he _____ (52) in what was his thirteenth and final combat mission. His aircraft was attacked by enemy gunfire and then shot down by a German fighter.

The aircraft was badly _____ (53) and had caught fire. The pilot then gave the order to _____ (54) the aircraft. Nicholas was not wearing a parachute as it was _____ (55) stored in another part of the aircraft. Unfortunately, by that time the aircraft was _____ (56) badly and a raging fire prevented him from getting to his parachute.

If he stayed, he would be burnt alive. If he _____ (57) without his parachute, he faced certain death. He had to _____ (58) quickly. Nicholas did not want to be burnt alive and so he jumped out, more than 5000 metres from the ground. He passed out after jumping out and only _____ (59) to three hours later safely on the ground.

Apart from some burns, a twisted right knee, a strained back and a slight concussion, he was _____ (60). Apparently, his fall had been _____ (61) by fir trees and the deep snow cover.

He was _____ (62) captured by the Germans who at _____ (63) did not believe that he could have survived his ordeal. They thought Nicholas was _____ and that he was in fact, a spy. Eventually, after checking his crashed aircraft, they _____ (65) his story. The orderly Germans were so impressed that they gave him a certificate testifying to this fact!

Adapted from "Bomber Crew" by James Taylor and Martin Davidson

Sub-total: [ ]

For each of the items 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 given one(s).

(10 marks)

66 Diana has to do household chores daily. She hates it.

_____ having

_____

67 Adam was amazed to see his team coming in first in the competition.

The sight of his _____

_____

68 Benny told his mother that he was playing an important match that afternoon.

Benny said to his mother, " _____

_____

69 Amy was so anxious that she forgot the lyrics to the song.

In her _____

_____

70 Mr Lim does not like to eat durians. His children do not like to eat durians too.

Neither _____ nor _____

_____

Sub-total:

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

On Sundays, after church, my family returned home and we all changed from our Sunday clothes. Swyen, Tom and I would wait for Papa before going to the ice house. This was the one day in the week we made ice cream and everyone pitched in.

From the ice house, we took two large cakes of ice after removing the sawdust, cutting out the ice and replacing the sawdust. The ice was from a lake in the mountains which had been brought down during winter. We used ice tongs to carry the ice to our back porch.

There, one cake would be taken inside for our icebox while the other was reserved for ice cream making. By the time we returned, Mamma would have prepared all the ingredients for chocolate ice cream and poured them into the freezer bucket. We would then proceed to break up the ice cake into smaller pieces and pack them inside the freezer bucket together with some salt.

I would then fold two gunny sacks and place them on top of the freezer bucket. Then I sat on top of it keeping it steady while Tom and ~~Swyen~~ swyen took turns turning the handle which made the freezer bucket go round and round.

Whenever we thought the ice cream was ready, Tom would go off and call Mamma to check. Nobody knew better than Mamma when ice cream was hard enough. We would keep turning the handle until Mamma was satisfied that the ice cream was ready.

Finally, when it was done, Mamma would bring out a bread pan and spoons. We knew what Mamma would do next. I noticed that Tom would invariably whistle loudly. He always said this made him happy. At the same time, I also noticed that Seth Smith and Pete Hanson would make their appearance at this time as well. Sure enough, when I turned round, there they were on our back porch.

Mamma removed the dasher from the freezer bucket and cleaned ice cream from the blade, though she always left a generous portion behind. She then left the dasher blade in the bread pan, distributed the spoons and took the rest of the ice cream inside. Armed with the spoons, we quickly scraped off and licked the remaining ice cream from the dasher blades.

It always seemed odd to me to see Tom walk off arm-in-arm with Seth and Pete after these sessions so I tailed them. Behind the wood shed, I saw them each pay Tom a penny.

"Same time next week? Same signal?" Pete and Seth asked.

"Sure, next week it's pineapple," Tom ~~relied~~ replied.

After they left, I came forward and confronted Tom. I accused him of giving his brothers a raw deal. Tom calmly explained,

"Now JD, you know I wouldn't do that. I won't try to influence you in any way but haven't you noticed that with Pete and Seth around, Mamma always leaves more ice cream behind on the dasher? Also both of them are from families that are too poor to afford ice cream every Sunday. Besides, isn't Seth your friend?"

This stumped me so I retorted that I would tell our big brother, Swyen. Tom told me to go right ahead, he pointed out that knowing how money-minded Swyen was, he would just insist on inviting over a few more boys and that would leave us with even less ice cream.

My brother truly had a great brain. I could not think of a suitable reply so I kept silent about the whole affair.

- Adapted from "The Great Brain" by John D Fitzgerald

WRITE YOUR ANSWERS IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71 Which two words in the first paragraph suggest that the writer and his family joined in the ice cream making enthusiastically?

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_____

72 Describe clearly how the cakes of ice should be removed from the ice house.

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73 Why did the writer place two gunny sacks on the freezer bucket before sitting on it?

_____

_____

74 Which sentence tells us that Mamma was experienced in ice cream making?

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75 Which word in the sixth paragraph has the same meaning as 'without fail'?

_____

_____

76 Explain what the word 'it' (line 28) refers to.

_____

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 Sub-total: [ ]

77 Explain what Pete and Seth meant by 'same signal'.

78 What does the phrase '**raw deal**' (line 33) mean?

79 How did Tom defend his actions to the writer?

80 Refer to line 41 'My brother truly had a great brain'. Explain fully what the writer meant.

END OF PAPER

Sub-total:

Exam Paper 2013 Answer Sheet

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1) 4	6) 4	11) 4	16) 1	21) 4	26) 2
2) 3	7) 3	12) 4	17) 2	22) 1	27) 4
3) 2	8) 1	13) 2	18) 1	23) 1	28) 3
4) 3	9) 3	14) 2	19) 3	24) 1	29) 3
5) 3	10) 2	15) 3	20) 4	25) 3	30) 2

31) Q	33) C	35) B	37) E	39) A
32) H	34) N	36) K	38) J	40) G

41. famous

42. colourful

43. pioneered

44. illustrate

45. the

46. costumed

47. bitten

48. burglar

49. capture

50. quotes

51. exceptions

52. participated

53. damaged

54. abandon

55. inconveniently

56. burnt

57. jumped

58. think

59. landed

60. unharmed

61. cushioned

62. then

63. first

64. lying

65. believed

66. Diana hates having to do household chores daily.

67. The sight of his team coming in first in the competition amazed Adam.

68. Benny said to his mother, "I am playing an important match this afternoon."

69. In her anxiousness, Amy forgot the lyrics to the song.

70. Neither Mr Lim nor his children like to eat durians.

71. The words are "pitched in".

72. The ice must be cut out after removing the sawdust and at the end, the sawdust must be replaced.

73. The writer placed two gunny sacks on the freezer bucket before sitting on it so as to make it more comfortable for him to sit on top of the freezer bucket.

74. The sentence is "Nobody knew better than Mamma when ice cream was hard enough."

75. The word is "invariably".

76. It refers to having to see Tom walking arm-in-arm with Pete and Seth after the ice cream making and eating sessions.

77. "Same signal" means that the loud whistle Tom produced every time they made ice cream to signal to them to go over to enjoy the ice cream with them.

78. It means a bad and unfair deal.

79. He pointed out that Seth and Pete were from poor families who could not afford to buy ice cream every Sunday. He also reminded the writer that Seth

was his friend and that Mamma would always leave more ice cream on the dasher when Seth and Pete were around.

80. He realized that his brother was smart and quick in thinking.

AI TONG SCHOOL

2013

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT ONE

PRIMARY SIX

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 booklets until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Name: _____ ( ) **Total Marks:**

Class: **Primary**_____

Date: **14 May 2013**

Parent's Signature: _____

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Paper 1 (55m)	Paper 2 (95m)	Paper 3 (20m)	Paper 4 (30m)	Total (200m)

Section A: Graphic Stimulus (5 x 1mark)

Study the following poster and then answer questions 1 to 5.

CYBERWELLNESS DAY

A National Campaign to promote cyberwellness

Jointly organised by Media Development Agency and Kidzsmart Net Club

Date : 20 June 2013 Time : 9.00 a.m. to 9.00 p.m. Venue : Singapore Expo, Hall 3

Exhibition Zone

Poster Gallery
View winning posters on Cyberwellness for both primary and secondary school categories.

Video Gallery
View an array of creative video productions on Cyberwellness by our winners.

Interactive Gallery

Play interactive cyberwellness games and participate in quizzes to find out how you can have safe and constructive online experiences.

Skit Competition

Ten primary schools will compete in the final round of the Skit Competition.

Audiences will have a chance to choose three winning schools by participating in the online voting.

The Skit Competition will start at 10.00 a.m.

Cyber Safety Seminar for Parents

How can you protect your child from strangers online?
How can you stop cyberbullying?
How can you prevent gaming addiction?

Join our guest speaker, Mr Peter Lim, a renowned family counsellor, as he talks about the negative effects of internet usage on a child.

Details of Seminar :
Registration fee : $30 per person (including notes)
Time and Venue : 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.
Pisces Room

Registration will start at 11.00 a.m. outside Pisces Room. All participants will receive a poster on cyberwellness tips and a mousepad.

* *Limited places available on a first-come-first-served basis.*

For more information, please call our Customer Service Hotline at 6443 8044 (operating hours : 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m., Mondays to Fridays), visit Media Development Agency's website at www.mda.sg or email Mr Edmund Tan at edmundtan@kidznet.com.sg .

Sponsors : FST Counselling Services Insafe Internet Centre Razer Stationery

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

1. The **main** aim of the campaign is to _____.

   (1) introduce cyberwellness games to children
   (2) raise awareness about the importance of cyberwellness
   (3) encourage parents to take part in the Cyber Safety Seminar
   (4) support the schools which are taking part in the Skit Competition

2. Mrs Lee is concerned about her son who spends an excessive amount of time playing computer games. She should go to the _____ to find out more about the danger of online gaming.

   (1) Video Gallery
   (2) Skit Competition
   (3) Interactive Gallery
   (4) Cyber Safety Seminar for Parents

3. To find out more about the event, Rachel has to _____.

   (1) call Mr Edmund Tan
   (2) log on to www.mda.sg
   (3) visit the office of Media Development Agency
   (4) call the Customer Service Hotline on weekends

4. One of the organisers of Cyberwellness Day is _____.

   (1) Razer Stationery
   (2) Kidzsmart Net Club
   (3) Insafe Internet Centre
   (4) FST Counselling Services

5. According to the poster, which one of the following statements is true?

   (1) Audiences are able to choose the winners of the Skit Competition.
   (2) Registration for the seminar will start at noon outside Pisces Room.
   (3) Each participant for the seminar will only receive notes and a mousepad.
   (4) All submissions for the competitions will be displayed at the Exhibition Zone.

Section B: Grammar MCQ (7 x 1 mark)

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. The royal wedding cost more than two million dollars, _____?

(1) did it
(2) isn't it
(3) didn't it
(4) doesn't it

7. Adele cannot keep pace with all of the trekkers in the group as she is not as fit as _____.

(1) they
(2) their
(3) them
(4) theirs

8. If you _____ the concert tickets earlier, we would have gotten the seats nearer to the stage.

(1) bought
(2) had bought
(3) were buying
(4) have bought

9. Joshua has to furnish his group members _____ details of the Health Education project.

(1) by
(2) on
(3) for
(4) with

10. Try as he _____, Daniel could not remember the password for his Facebook account.

(1) might
(2) would
(3) ought
(4) should

11. The number of patients at Dr Chan's clinic steadily _____ over the past week as words about his charitable deeds spread.

(1) increase
(2) increases
(3) increased
(4) increasing

12. John, as well as his family members, _____ at the neighbourhood Sports Club every Sunday morning.

(1) swim
(2) swam
(3) swims
(4) has swum

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.

Working at the post office, I am used to dealing with disgruntled customers. One day, an irate customer stormed towards my counter. In a calm voice, I responded, "How can I help you **(13)**

"I went out this morning," she began **(14)** and when I came home, I found a note saying that the postman had tried to deliver a parcel but no one opened the door. My husband was at home all morning. He never heard a thing!"

After apologising to her **(15)** I gave her the parcel.

"Oh, good," she gushed. "We've been waiting for this for ages."

"What is it?" I asked.

"My husband's new hearing aid."

Adapted from Reader's Digest

13. (1) [,"] comma and inverted commas
    (2) [."] full stop and inverted commas
    (3) [?"] question mark and inverted commas
    (4) [!"] exclamation mark and inverted commas

14. (1) [,] comma
    (2) [;] semi-colon
    (3) [,"] comma and inverted commas
    (4) [."] full stop and inverted commas

15. (1) [-] dash
    (2) [:] colon
    (3) [,] comma
    (4) [.] full stop

Section D: Vocabulary MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

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 female shoplifter has to _____ the attention of the sales assistant so that her accomplice can steal the jewellery.

    (1) avert
    (2) divert
    (3) convert
    (4) subvert

17. Mr Lee _____ the situation by insulting the female driver although he was clearly at fault for driving in a reckless manner.

    (1) provoked
    (2) managed
    (3) worsened
    (4) challenged

18. The delinquent has _____ to his fate of being expelled from school and will not plead for leniency from the principal.

    (1) adapted
    (2) resigned
    (3) conceded
    (4) accustomed

19. Aunt Susan's business had been so _____ that she was able to retire at a young age of thirty-five without worrying about her finances.

    (1) lucrative
    (2) precious
    (3) priceless
    (4) beneficial

20. Cynthia _____ such great confidence during the interview that she was offered the job immediately.

    (1) exuded
    (2) flaunted
    (3) revealed
    (4) transmitted

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

For each question from 21 to 25, 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.

The children of Koh Panyee, a poor fishing village, had a strong passion for football. They loved watching football matches on television and aspired to (21) start their own team. However, how does one play football on a small rocky island built mostly on stilts?

Not letting the unfavourable physical conditions dampen (22) their spirits, the children collected scrap wood and constructed (23) a floating wooden platform to serve as their 'field'. The skills the children acquired through practice on such an unusual 'field' was the start of history. The team began to take part in tournaments and their repeated (24) successes turned them into one of southern Thailand's most indomitable (25) football clubs. The team has won the 'Youth Champions of Southern Thailand' competition for the last seven years.

Adapted from http://www.designboom.com/design/tmb-history-of-the-panyee-fc/

21. (1) aimed
    (2) craved
    (3) struggled
    (4) attempted

22. (1) dull
    (2) shake
    (3) control
    (4) decline

23. (1) framed
    (2) erected
    (3) compiled
    (4) connected

24. (1) occasional
    (2) continuous
    (3) coincidental
    (4) overwhelming

25. (1) active
    (2) popular
    (3) enduring
    (4) formidable

Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

I have always loved horses. For some time, I have been looking for a volunteering opportunity in my new neighbourhood. As such, I could not contain my excitement when I saw an advertisement in the newspaper. It was about a search for volunteers at a nearby riding centre for handicapped children. It offered an invaluable opportunity for me to pursue both interests at once.

As I had worked as a horse trainer before, I was readily accepted as a volunteer at the centre. My job required me to help physically-handicapped children to ride a horse. It was a form of therapy, a treatment whereby the children learnt to improve their social and motor skills through close interaction with the horses.

I arrived at the stable in time to groom Stripe, the chosen therapy horse for nine-year-old Katie. I had to ensure that Stripe was calm and ready for his young rider. It was quite an easy task as he had a gentle temperament.

Curly hair framing her delicate, pale face, Katie arrived at the stable in a wheelchair. She suffered from muscular dystrophy, a disease which had caused her muscles to weaken. It had also affected her growth and she had to move around with the aid of a wheelchair. Her small frame made her look like she was not more than six years old. Being shy, she greeted me softly.

Katie's mother helped her up and steadied her before I introduced myself to her. "Hi, I'm Vera. I will be your trainer for today." My eyes met Katie's – **an exchange full of shared excitement and anticipation.** "Katie has been waiting impatiently for this first riding lesson," her mother explained with a smile.

We set about preparing for the ride. I fitted and attached Katie's safety helmet before helping her mount the horse. She gave a triumphant grin as she settled onto the saddle. I led Stripe around the arena during the class, quietly coaching both rider and horse. We walked, trotted and moved together for an hour.

In silent awe, I watched the interaction between Katie and Stripe. Even though Katie was unable to use the verbal commands that Stripe was trained to recognise, he was readily cooperative. He would trot slowly whenever she moved uncomfortably on the saddle. He was calm and responded patiently to Katie's sense of hesitancy, fear and delight.

At the end of the class, I helped Katie dismount. She smiled radiantly and arched her thin arms around Stripe's lowered neck. He kept his head down. Burying her face in his mane, she murmured softly, "I love you, Stripe." I stood motionless, touched by the bond between the two of them.

Adapted from 'Pegasus' Wings' by Vera Nicholas-Gervais
Chicken Soup for the Volunteer's Soul

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. With reference to paragraph one, why did the writer feel that the advertisement offered her an invaluable opportunity?

(1) The writer might get a job at the riding centre.
(2) The writer did not need to travel that far to get to her work place.
(3) The writer might have a chance to work with handicapped children.
(4) The writer might have a chance to pursue her interests in horses as well as voluntary work.

27. The word 'It' in line 8 refers to _____ .

(1) working as a horse trainer
(2) volunteering at the riding centre
(3) improving one's social and motor skills
(4) horse riding by the physically-handicapped children

28. Which of the following is **not** the result of Katie's disease?

(1) Her muscles were weakened.
(2) Her physical growth was stunted.
(3) Her movements were adversely affected.
(4) Her speech was reduced to inaudible murmurs.

29. Referring to lines 19 – 20, 'an exchange full of shared excitement and anticipation' suggests that Katie _____.

(1) was confident of her riding ability
(2) was eager to start her riding lesson
(3) liked having the writer as her trainer
(4) was thinking of doing something mischievous

30. The main idea in paragraph seven (lines 26 - 30) is _____.

(1) Katie's successful therapy ride
(2) Stripe's supportive nature during the ride with Katie
(3) the writer's sense of awe as she observed Katie's first ride
(4) Katie's ability to empower Stripe despite her physical disability

End of Booklet A

AI TONG SCHOOL

2013

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT ONE

PRIMARY SIX

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET B

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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Answer all questions.

Name: _____ ( )

Class: Primary _____

Date: 14 May 2013

Parent's Signature: _____

Marks: / 65

Section G: Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

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 to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

(A) after	(D) by	(G) if	(K) over	(N) to
(B) an	(E) for	(H) instead	(L) that	(P) why
(C) at	(F) from	(J) off	(M) though	(Q) with

Six years before the Japanese conquered Singapore, Pa took his family to China. Ma was only 23 years old **(31)** _____ three young children in tow. However, Pa had to leave **(32)** _____ Singapore shortly after with the hope of seeking greater fortunes.

Pa returned to Singapore alone to open his own jewellery shop. He had explained to Ma **(33)** _____ the start-up years would be difficult. "I was willing to go through the hardships with your Pa," Ma often told me. She felt duty-bound to be by the side of the man she loved, but Pa was adamant. "I'll bring the family back once the time is right," he promised her.

Ma consoled herself that it was the best arrangement **(34)** _____ minding three children alone in a foreign land was difficult for her. With Ma in China, Pa devoted himself **(35)** _____ bringing together business partners and loyal customers. It was not mere sweetness of tongue that won customers **(36)** _____ ; it was trust. He was supremely adept **(37)** _____ winning the trust of his customers. His business reputation had made him a brand name, so he named his shop Tong Hin Goldsmiths & Diamond Dealers, **(38)** _____ himself.

Pa's business took **(39)** _____ faster than expected, but he did not bring his family back. **(40)** _____ he gave one excuse after another, until Ma's China stay was forcibly prolonged by the Japanese Occupation of Singapore.

"Ten years..." Ma gave a long and deep sigh, whenever she recalled being abandoned by Pa.

Adapted from 'Even When She Forgot My Name - Love, Life and My Mother's Alzheimer's' by Wong Chai Kee

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Section H: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1 mark)

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

The sight of poorly fed and badly treated bears forced to dance on the streets of (41) [ ]

India is a thing of the past. The campaign started by activists to wipe off the practice has (42) [ ]

finally bear fruit. (43) [ ]

The tradition of forcing bears to dance for **enterteinmern** dates back to the thirteenth (44) [ ]

century while trainers from the Kalandar tribe had royal patrons and often staged elaborate (45) [ ]

peformences for them. Descendents of the tribe had kept the tradition alive. They bought (46) [ ]

bears from poachers and then hammered a heating iron rod through their snouts. After (47) [ ]

removing the animal's teeth and claws, the trainer threaded a rope through their snout and

headed for the streets where onlookers would pay a fee to watch the bear sway and dance. (48) [ ]

The success of the campaign in bringing an end to animal cruelty can be **atributed** (49) [ ]

to the Kalandars' willingness to be retrained in other job **profeshens**. Mr Khan, a former (50) [ ]

trainer, recounted the meeger income and constant harassments from the police. "It was a

hard life. You are always worried about the police harassing you for bribes," said Mr Khan

who now earns a living as a driver.

Adapted from Agence France-Presse (2012, December 3). Curtain comes down on India's dancing bears ect. The Strails Times.

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Section I: Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Fingers covered with glue and dirt, a small group of traditional cobblers sit, hunched forward, mending the worn-out shoes belonging to Singaporeans.

They work quietly and diligently under the **(51)** _____ of large makeshift umbrellas at Cobbler Square in Chinatown. There **(52)** _____ to be twenty-two of them when they first started **(53)** _____ their business there in the 1980s, but now just seven of them **(54)** _____ in this vanishing trade.

"The rest have died and this business will die too when we go," said Mr Poh, a skilled cobbler with more than twenty years of **(55)** _____ As working long hours in an open area such as the bus interchange is also a challenging task, few people are **(56)** _____ to take over these cobblers.

Although modern cobbling services offered by chain stores such as Mister Minit and Master Fix Services initially threatened to take **(57)** _____ these cobblers' customers, many of them still flock to Cobbler Square. They **(58)** _____ the cobblers' kiosks to the chain stores due to the low fees they are **(59)** _____ For **(60)** _____ the price of replacing heels is still $2 - the same as thirty years ago. In **(61)** _____ the same service is priced at $11 or more at the chain stores.

(62) _____ to the cobblers, their profits are largely dependent on the number **(63)** _____ customers they attend to. They do not see the need to be overly competitive one another **(64)** _____ they share the same pool of customers. They serve approximately thirty customers and mend more than twenty **(65)** _____ of shoes a day.

The traditional cobblers are an important part of our cultural heritage which we must preserve.

Adapted from Zaccheus, M. (2013, January 25). Cobbler Square. The Straits Times.

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

For each of the questions from 66 to 70, rewrite the 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. Celeste enjoys playing board games with her friends. She does not like to play computer games with them.

_____ would rather _____

than _____

67. Priscilla must practise her dance steps regularly. Only than will she be selected to represent the school in the dance competition.

Unless _____

_____

68. Both Bryan and Ernest are medically unfit to take part in the marathon.

Neither _____ nor

_____

69. "I will ask Mrs Lim's permission to leave school early tomorrow," said Megan.

Megan said _____

_____

70. Candice was displeased. Her proposal was rejected by her superior.

Much to _____

_____

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Section K: Comprehension OE (10 x 2 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

My father worked as a lighthouse keeper on a small island. When I was young, I often accompanied him during his three-day shift work. I enjoyed those moments when I had to tag along with my father as he performed his routine but essential duties which included surveying the weather and tide conditions and cleaning the big windows of the lighthouse. Occasionally, he would conduct an informal tour around the island for unexpected visitors who had come to visit the lighthouse.

Although I was marooned on the island with no playmates, I managed to keep boredom perpetually at bay. I was never short of toys because the ocean swept up a lot of interesting things. I liked going to the shore to see the treasures the tide had brought during the night. My precious collection included a toy car with missing wheels and a boat with a transparent plastic sail.

One day, I was floating my boat on the water when I heard my father calling my name. When I reached out to get the boat, a soft wind caught the sail and pushed it away from me. That was the last thing I wanted as I heard the growing urgency in my father's voice. I took a couple of steps towards it, but the ripples that my movements created kept propelling the boat further away. I watched in horror as my boat floated out of reach. I was determined not to lose my prized possession In one huge step, I stretched my right arm to grab the boat but I missed and plummeted into the ocean. I could not swim! Instinctively, I paddled and kicked furiously to reach the surface of the water but I remained submerged in the cold murky water. Within minutes, my energy was sapped.

Suddenly, I felt a strong arm hook over my chest and pull me to the surface of the water. Even though I was relieved to see my father, I was too weak to utter a single word. When we were back on the shore, my father calmly reassured me, his only son, that everything was fine.

I was so traumatised by my near-death experience that I had recurring nightmares. So terrifying were the nightmares that I had to sleep with my father. I would also not go near the water in the days that followed. My little boat was gone but I did not miss it. My father was worried about me. Refusing to let one moment of terror leave an emotional scar on me, he decided to take me to the shore so that I could overcome my fear of water. Though I was scared, I went into the water with him because I trusted him. After all, he had saved me from drowning. I stayed close to him as he tried to show me how to relax when I was in the water.

In the following weeks, my father taught me how to swim. When I was confident enough, he took me to the jetty and challenged me to jump into the water. I knew that the water was deep but I was not looking at it. I was looking at my father who showed great faith in me. I was hesitant but he told me that I could do it, and in my heart I believed him. I dived into the ocean and swam back to shore. I was exhilarated. As my father looked on proudly, I knew I had gotten over my fear of water.

I grew up loving the ocean like never before.

Adapted from 'My Father's Gift' by Hany Villalonga
Reader's Digest, August 2005

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. What non-routine task did the writer's father do as a lighthouse keeper?

_____.

_____.

72. Quote the five-word phrase from paragraph two which shows that the writer was able to keep himself occupied on the island.

_____.

_____.

73. What does 'That' in line 14 refer to?

_____.

_____.

74. Why was the writer determined not to lose his boat?

_____.

_____.

75. Which word from paragraph three has the same meaning as plunged'?

_____.

_____.

76. Explain clearly why the writer was 'too weak to utter a single word' (line 22)?

_____.

_____.

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77. What did the writter's father do to recue him ?

_____.

_____.

78. Which two actions of the writer show that he was traumatised by his near-death experience?

_____.

_____.

79. What was the main intention of the writer's father when he took him to the shore?

_____.

_____.

80. With reference from lines 21 to 39, how did the writer's feeling towards the ocean change ?

_____.

_____.

End of Booklet B

ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2013
SCHOOL : AITONG
SUBJECT : PRIMARY 6 ENGLISH

TERM : SA1

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
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Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
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Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
N	K	C	A	J	H

41)out 42)borne 43)entertainment 44)when 45)performances

46)heated 47)its 48)attributed 49)professions 50)meager

51)shade 52)used 53)up 54)remained 55)experience

56)willing 57)away 58)prefer 59)charging 60)instance

61)comparison 62)According 63)of 64)as 65)pairs

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71)He would conduct an informal tour around the island for unexpected visitors who had come to visit the lighthouse.

72)The phrase is " keep boredom perpetually at bay".

73)It refers to the boat being pushed away by the wind.

74)The boat was the writer's prized possession.

75)The word is " plummeted".

76)The writer paddled and kicked furiously to try to reach the surface until his energy was sapped.

77)The writer's father hooked his strong arm over the writer's chest and pulled him to the surface of the water.

78)The writer would not go near the water in the days that followed and slept with his father.

79)It was to help to overcome the writer's fear of water and remove the emotional scar on the writer caused by the writer's near death experience.

80)At first, the writer was fearful of the ocean, but later he got over his fear of it and loved the ocean.

Name : _____ ( )

Class : Primary 6 _____

CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

Primary 6

Semestral Assessment 1

10 May 2013

English Language

Listening Comprehension

Duration of Paper: 45 minutes

20 questions
20 marks

Instructions to Candidates

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

Parent's Signature: _____

This paper consists of 5 printed pages.

For each question from 1 - 20, three options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2 or 3). Shade the correct oval (1, 2 or 3) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Text 1

Q1. Which of the following shows the instruments that will not be kept in the cupboards? .....( )

Text 2

Q2. Which picture best depicts Jessica's cousin?..... ( )

Text 3

Q3. For campers in Team Leader David's group, which of the following is their first stop? .....( )

(1) Happy Valley
(2) Waterfall Point
(3) Sunshine meadow

Q4. Which of the following shows the route that the campers with Team Leader Molly will take?..... ( )

(1) → → → → →
(2) ==> ==> ==> ==>
(3) ——————▶

Text 4

Q5. What can Mrs Tan do in order to pay only $8 for entry to the National Bird Park?.....( )

(1) take her six-year-old son there on a Monday in June
(2) flash her Feathered Friends membership card
(3) arrive before 9.00 am on a Monday in June

Q6. Which of the following is a privilege current Feathered Friends Club members can enjoy in June?..... ( )

(1) a $30 discount on annual membership fees
(2) free admission into the National Bird Park
(3) a 15% discount at the restaurants

Q7. If Bob would like to join the Feathered Friends Club in June, how much will he need to pay for an annual membership?..... ( )

(1) $120
(2) $150
(3) $180

Text 5

Q8. Can Paul play floorball even though he doesn't have a floorball stick?..... ( )

(1) Yes, the sticks will be provided.
(2) No, all players need a stick to play floorball.
(3) Yes, the floorball team rents sticks to players.

Q9. Where was floorball first played?.....( )

(1) Sweden
(2) Norway
(3) Finland

Q10. Is floorball only played in Scandinavian countries?..... ( )

(1) Yes, floorball leagues can only be found there.
(2) No, it is played in every country around the world.
(3) No, people are playing it in various countries including North America.

Q11. Why does Mag play floorball?..... ( )

(1) She wants to join a floorball league.
(2) She thinks it is a safe game.
(3) She enjoys playing it.

Text 6

Q12. According to the text, why was 2008 a most memorable year?.. ( )

(1) China had a huge debt to repay.
(2) Two major disasters struck Asia.
(3) The world ignored the damage caused.

Q13. What did Cyclone Nargis cause?..... ( )

(1) An earthquake
(2) Damage to the North Indian Ocean
(3) A very high number of deaths

Q14. Why were relief efforts after Cyclone Nargis struck slowed down?.....( )

(1) Leaders of other countries were reluctant to help.
(2) Relief efforts were held up by heavy rain.
(3) Myanmar's leaders refused help at first.

Q15. Why was the Sichuan earthquake likened to a monster?.....( )

(1) It measured 7.9 in magnitude, causing great loss of lives and damage.
(2) It was the third costliest disaster in China.
(3) It was uncontrollable.

Q16. How long after Cyclone Nargis did the Sichuan earthquake occur?..... ( )

(1) A month apart

(2) More than a month apart

(3) Less than a month apart

Text 7

Q17. What are the species of elephant that exist today?..... ( )

(1) The Indian elephant, the African forest elephant and the African bush elephant

(2) The African bush elephant, the Asian elephant and the Indian elephant

(3) The Asian elephant, the African forest elephant, the Indian elephant and the African bush elephant

Q18. In what way do the lives of male and female elephants differ?..... ( )

(1) Males have no natural predators but females are often poached.

(2) Males move around alone but females move in groups.

(3) Males live longer than females.

Q19. How many years do elephants usually live for?.....( )

(1) 65 to 85 years

(2) 50 to 70 years

(3) 25 to 45 years

Q20. How do humans pose a threat to the survival of elephants?.. ( )

(1) By killing the calves and weak adult elephants

(2) By hunting them and destroying forests

(3) By breeding lions to prey on them

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Class : Primary 6 _____

CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

Primary 6
Semestral Assessment 1

6 May 2013

English Language

Paper 1

Duration of Paper : 1 h 10 min

2 questions
55 marks

Instructions to Candidates:
Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
Follow all instructions carefully.
Answer question 1 and choose either question 2 or 3.

Parent's Signature : _____

This booklet consists of 5 printed pages.

Part 1: Situational Writing (15 Marks)

(1) Study the following pictures carefully.

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Your Task

Imagine you are the girl in the picture. You saw a truck hit a cyclist while you were walking home from school. You immediately took down the details.

When the police arrived at the scene, Inspector Lim asked you to write a report on what you had seen.

You are to refer to the given pictures and details for your report.

In your report, include the following information:

- the date and time of the accident
- what the driver was doing and what happened as a result of his action
- what happened to the cyclist
- one important detail about the truck
- what the driver did after the accident

You may reorder the points. Write in complete sentences.

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Part 2: Continuous Writing (40 marks)

There are two questions in Part 2.
Answer only one of them.

(2) Write a story based on the picture below. Your story should be at least 150 words long.

For your story, make use of the points below.

- how the people in the lift felt
- what the people did
- how it all ended

You may reorder the points. You may also include other relevant points.

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(3) It was about 3 o'clock in the morning. You and your family were all sound asleep when the doorbell rang.

Based on the above situation, write a composition of at least 150 words.

In your composition, make use of the points below :

- who rang the doorbell
- what you and your family did
- what happened in the end

You may reorder the points. You may also include other relevant points.

-- END OF PAPER --

Name : _____ ( )

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CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

Primary 6

Semestral Assessment 1

10 May 2013

English Language

Paper 2 Booklet A

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

30 questions
30 marks

Instructions to Candidates:
Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
Follow all instructions carefully.
Answer all questions.

This booklet consists of 10 printed pages and 1 blank page.

Study the brochure below carefully and then answer questions 1 to 5.

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

1 *'Georgine and the Amazing Coat'* is organised by _____.

(1) Junior Drama Academy
(2) Children's Arts Festival
(3) Tong Min Music School
(4) Performance Arts Council

2 At the end of each performance, the audience can look forward to _____.

(1) listening to popular music
(2) meeting the actors and actresses
(3) watching other performances at the festival
(4) buying the bestselling book by Kathy Novella

3 The main aim of the performance is to _____.

(1) raise funds for disadvantaged children
(2) give children an opportunity to perform
(3) teach the values of family ties and generosity
(4) promote the bestselling children's book by Kathy Novella

4 To purchase tickets for her class of 40 pupils, Ms Ho should _____.

(1) visit www.pac.com.sg
(2) telephone Petra at 6001 0099
(3) approach any STic ticketing counter
(4) go to the Performance Arts Council box office

5 Which one of the following statements is **not** true?

(1) Tickets for group bookings cost $25 each.
(2) There are more than two actors in the play.
(3) Tong Min will not be singing during the performances.
(4) A website address is provided for online ticket purchases

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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. (7 marks)

6 "There is a cure _____ this disease," the doctor said reassuringly.

(1) of
(2) to
(3) for
(4) with

7 The student whom the reporters interviewed _____ nominated for a prestigious award last month.

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

8 Had I known you were unwell, I would not _____ you.

(1) disturb
(2) disturbed
(3) had disturbed
(4) have disturbed

9 It was Sarah and not Tommy who did the housework all by _____.

(1) herself
(2) himself
(3) ourselves
(4) themselves

10 I have not seen my friend _____ she left our school last year.

(1) until
(2) since
(3) when
(4) although

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11 Neither Peter nor his sister enjoys eating apple pie, _____ they?

(1) do
(2) has
(3) have
(4) does

12 After he had completed the 2.4km race, the athlete _____ down on the grass in exhaustion.

(1) lay
(2) lied
(3) laid
(4) lain

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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. (3 marks)

Gandhi was washing his face and hands with water from a jug. As he washed, he was deeply engaged in a discussion with his friend. Before he had finished washing his face, the jug became empty.

"I will fetch another jug of water for you **(13)** his friend smiled.

Gandhi exclaimed, "You mean I have used up a jugful of water without finishing washing my face? How wasteful of me **(14)** I use only one jug of water every morning."

He stopped talking and tears flowed down his face.

"Why are you worried about the water? There are three great rivers, the Ganges, the Jummar and the Saraswati," he said **(15)** "You don't need to worry about water here!"

Gandhi replied, "You are right. You have three great rivers in your town but my share in those rivers is only one jug of water a morning and no more."

Adapted from Save the Earth by Satish Kumar

13 (1) [,"] comma and inverted commas
(2) [."] full stop and inverted commas
(3) [?"] question mark and inverted commas
(4) [!"] exclamation mark and inverted commas

14 (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [?] question mark
(4) [!] exclamation mark

15 (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [?] question mark
(4) [!] exclamation mark

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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. (5 marks)

16 Only pupils who have cleared the _____ can join the drama club.

(1) contest
(2) audition
(3) interview
(4) competition

17 The workers _____ the scaffold as it was not stable.

(1) took in
(2) took on
(3) took up
(4) took apart

18 Asha looked exhausted after her English examination as she had _____ preparing for it.

(1) beat about the bush
(2) bent over backwards
(3) built castles in the air
(4) burned the midnight oil

19 The angry demonstrators went on a _____ through the streets, burning and looting shops.

(1) spree
(2) frenzy
(3) rampage
(4) stampede

20 The embassy was _____ by the number of calls from the anxious relatives of the disaster victims.

(1) harassed
(2) saddened
(3) devastated
(4) overwhelmed

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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.

(5 marks)

In April 1998, the incredible happened! A hostile (21) creature named Tyson escaped from his cell, a tank of quarter-inch-thick glass. He was quickly subdued (22) by nervous attendants. Unlike his heavyweight namesake, Mike Tyson, the famous boxer, Tyson was only four inches long. But scientists have found that Tyson, like all his kin, can throw the fastest and most powerful punches in nature. He is a mantis shrimp.

His secret weapon is a pair of hinged arms which can be opened out (23) at a staggering speed of under three thousandths of a second. According to a scientist, the strike is one of the fastest limb movements in the animal kingdom. The heavy clubs at the end of these arms are used to bludgeon (24) prey such as fish and octopuses to death, and shatter (25) the thick armour of crabs as easily as they do aquarium glass.

Adapted from The Mantis Shrimp by Ed Yong

21 (1) superior
(2) aggressive
(3) courageous
(4) extraordinary

22 (1) calmed
(2) inhibited
(3) restrained
(4) quietened

23 (1) unfurled
(2) unveiled
(3) unfastened
(4) unscrambled

24 (1) sting
(2) poison
(3) clobber
(4) suffocate

25 (1) crack
(2) smash
(3) rupture
(4) pulverize

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Read the passage and answer questions 26 to 30.

The train clanked and rattled through the suburbs of Tokyo on a dowsy spring afternoon. Our cabin was relatively empty – a few housewives with their kids in tow and some old folks going shopping I gazed at the drab houses and dusty hedgerows.

When the doors opened at the next station, a man staggered in. He was big, dirty and very drunk. Bellowing incomprehensibly, he swung at a woman holding a baby. The blow sent her spinning into the laps of an elderly couple. It was a miracle that the baby was unharmed.

The couple jumped up and scrambled towards the other end of the cabin. The drunk aimed a kick at the retreating back of the old woman but missed. This so enraged him that he tried to wrench the steel pole out of its base. I could see that one of his hands was cut and bleeding. I stood up. I was young and strong. I was trained in Aikido but my martial arts skills were untested in actual combat.

"Aikido," my teacher had repeatedly reminded me, "is the art of reconciliation. We study how to resolve conflict, not how to start it."

I listened to her words but, in my heart, I wanted a legitimate opportunity to save the innocent by destroying the guilty. "This is it!" I whispered to myself.

Seeing me stand up, the drunk roared, "Ah, a foreigner! You need a lesson in Japanese manners." I held on lightly to the commuter strap overhead and gave him a long look of disgust. I planned to take him down but he had to make the first move.

A second before he could rush at me, someone shouted, "Hey!" We both turned and stared down at a little old Japanese gentleman sitting there, immaculate in his kimono. He took no notice of me but beamed delightedly at the drunk.

"C'mere and talk with me," the old man said in an easy manner.

"Why should I talk to you?" the drunk growled, glaring at him.

"Whatcha been drinkin'?" the old man asked, his eyes sparkling with interest.

"I've been drinkin' wine... and it's none of your business!" the drunk bellowed in response, spattering the old man with flecks of spittle.

"Oh, that's wonderful," the old man said, eyes twinkling. "You see, I love wine too. Every night, my wife and I have a little wine in the garden and see how our persimmon tree is doing. My great-grandfather planted that tree, you know." The drunk's face began to soften. His fists slowly unclenched.

"Yeah," he said, "I love persimmons, too..." His voice trailed off.

"Yes," said the old man, smiling, "and I'm sure you have a wonderful wife."

"No," replied the drunk. "My wife died." He began to sob. "I ain't got no wife. I ain't got no home. I ain't got no job. I'm so ashamed of myself." A spasm of despair rippled through his body.

Standing there without knowing or understanding enough, yet full of my 'make-this-world-safe-for-others' righteousness, I suddenly felt dirtier than he was.

As I alighted at my stop, I heard the old man saying sympathetically, "That is a difficult predicament, indeed. Sit down here and tell me about it."

As the train pulled away, I beheld the drunk sprawled on the seat beside the old man, his head on the old man's lap, and the old man's hand laid gently on the drunk's mass of filthy, matted hair.

I sat down on a bench. What I had wanted to do with muscle had been accomplished with compassion. I had just seen Aikido tried in combat, and the essence of it was love.

Adapted from Lighting Candles in the Dark by Ram Dass

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For each of the questions from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make a choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

26 What was the first sign that the man was drunk in paragraph two?

(1) He was dirty.
(2) He was cut and bleeding.
(3) He staggered into the cabin.
(4) He attacked the woman with the baby.

27 The writer stood up to _____.

(1) confront the drunk man
(2) help the woman holding a baby
(3) get a better view of the commotion
(4) go nearer to the housewives and their children

28 The drunk man did not attack the writer because he was _____.

(1) afraid of being beaten up
(2) injured on one of his hands
(3) distracted by the old Japanese man
(4) guilty about attacking the woman with her baby

29 The writer **'felt dirtier'** (line 38) than the drunk man because he had been_____.

(1) too quick to judge the drunk
(2) spattered with flecks of saliva
(3) unable to help the people in the cabin
(4) in close contact with the unwashed man

30 Which one of the following statements is not true?

(1) The writer was Japanese.
(2) The drunk man was a widower.
(3) The passengers on the train were terrified.
(4) The old Japanese gentleman was patient and caring.

Name : _____ ( )

Class : Primary 6 _____

CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

Primary 6

Semestral Assessment 1

10 May 2013

English Language

Paper 2 Booklet B

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

50 questions
65 marks

Instructions to Candidates:
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Follow all instructions carefully.
Answer all questions.

Booklet A	30
Booklet B	65
Total	95

Parent's Signature: _____

This booklet consists of 9 printed pages and 1 blank page.

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 to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

(A) and	(D) back	(G) has	(K) is	(N) out
(B) as	(E) but	(H) in	(L) like	(P) up
(C) at	(F) from	(J) into	(M) of	(Q) yet

Food Republic Beer Garden is the new dining magnet for foodies, tourists and hungry folks. It _____ (31) been doing a brisk trade feeding hordes of diners out not just for a bite, _____ (32) also a serving of nostalgia.

Converted _____ (33) the open car park fronting the St James Power Station entertainment complex, the $2 million food haven brings _____ (34) memories of street dining in Singapore _____ (35) the 1960s.

It boasts 18 stalls – on pushcarts and trucks – selling fare _____ (36) *lok lok* (skewered meat and vegetables) and *or lua* (oyster omelette). Singers and musicians entertain diners _____ (37) they chow down on their *roti prata*.

It is _____ (38) another brainwave from Mr George Quek, the man who revolutionised bakeries and changed the faces _____ (39) food courts in Singapore. New, novel, unique - these are the buzzwords for the founder of The BreadTalk Group. This passion to stand _____ (40) from and stay a step ahead of his competition is probably what helped him grow his global food empire. From just one pushcart selling dragon beard candy in Taipei in the 1980s, his business now comprises more than 400 bakeries and restaurants in 13 countries and territories.

Adapted from The ST Interview by Wong Kim Hong

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Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each <u>underlined</u> word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box. (10 marks)

Kite-flying is taking off in Singapore. However, some enthusiasts are causing a

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potential hazard by taking <u>his</u> hobby too close to roads or railway tracks.

On Sunday, a large kite landed on the tracks at Lakeside MRT station and got

(42) [ ] (43) [ ]

antengled *underneath a train, causing a delay. It was believed to have <u>blow</u> in*

(44) [ ]

from a field beside the station, where ***raresidants*** *often gather at weekends to fly*

kites.

(45) [ ]

As kite-flying becomes <u>increasing</u> popular in Singapore, experts have

(46) [ ]

highlighted the need for enthusiasts to be ***korsious.***

(47) [ ]

Sunday's incident was the first time that such a large kite – about 1m in <u>wide</u>

– had fallen on train tracks. The Straits Times understands that the kite was spotted

(48) [ ]

by a passenger <u>whose</u> saw it when the train doors opened and alerted the control

station. According to SMRT, the delay lasted less than five minutes and 1,300

passengers were affected. A west-bound train was turned around to pick up the

(49) [ ]

strended *passengers.* (50) [ ]

An SMRT spokesman said, "Big kites or ***proffessienel*** *kites have metal*

structures, which may pose a greater danger to train operators."

Adapted from The Straits Times, March 8, 2011

Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15 marks)

On 12 May 2008, an earthquake took place in Sichuan, China. The massive earthquake killed thousands of _____ (51) Millions were also made _____ (52) when buildings and houses were destroyed. The earthquake also affected a giant panda nature reserve and _____ (53) Wolong Panda Centre. Fortunately, the staff and pandas in Chendu Panda Base _____ (54) not affected by the disaster. This panda conservation and research base has since been _____ (55) with the rescue of wild pandas. It also assists in housing and _____ (56) for the pandas relocated from Wolong Panda Centre, which was badly damaged by the earthquake. In addition, Chendu Panda Base is _____ (57) with the government to provide assistance to the giant panda nature reserves.

Owing to the destruction of roads, transporting bamboo and medical _____ (58) and equipment for the pandas became difficult and, at times, nearly _____ (59) This became a big problem for Chendu Panda Base as the staff lacked what was needed for the pandas' well-being.

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When Wildlife Reserves Singapore _____ news that Chendu
(60)

Panda Base required help in the form of medical equipment, they quickly activated

and _____ up a ask force. A total of $29 000 was pledged with about
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$2000 _____ from public donations and the rest from Wildlife Reserve
(62)

Singapore. The money was used to purchase the required equipment, which was

_____ to Chendu Panda Base in October 2008.
(63)

It is _____ that there are about 1 600 pandas left in the wild. This
(64)

number is dwindling. Many panda habitats have been converted to farms or

destroyed for timber and fuelwood. In 1998, the Chinese government banned logging

in panda habitats but activities such as mining and hydropower developments are

new _____ that giant pandas have to face. Giant pandas now live in
(65)

about 20 isolated pockets of forests in China.

Adapted from Wildlife Wonders

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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 Mr Tan apologised to the woman. She remained upset.

_____ although _____

_____

67 The tourists reached their destination. They checked into a hotel.

Upon _____

_____

68 Samuel and Richard have not arrived for the meeting.

Neither _____

_____

69 "Did you pick up the clothes from the launderette last night?" Mandy asked her sister.

Mandy asked _____

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70 Dennis felt very satisfied. He ate a big bowl of piping hot noodles.

Having _____

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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

I was responding to a call from a small brick apartment in a quiet part of town. When I arrived at 2.30 am, the building was dark except for a single light in a ground floor window. Under these circumstances, many drivers would just honk once or twice, wait a minute, then drive away. But I had seen too many impoverished people who depended on taxis as their only means of transportation. Unless a situation smelled of danger, I always went to the door. This passenger might be someone who needs my assistance, I reasoned to myself. So I walked to the door and knocked.

"Just a minute," answered a frail, elderly voice. I could hear something being dragged across the floor. After a long pause, the door opened. A small woman about eighty stood before me. She was wearing a print dress and a pillbox hat with a veil pinned on it, like somebody out of a 1940s movie. By her side was a small nylon suitcase. The apartment looked as if no one had lived in it for years. All the furniture was covered with sheets and there were no knickknacks or utensils or the counters. In the corner was a cardboard box filled with photos and glassware.

"Would you carry my bag out to the car?" she said. I took the suitcase to the cab then returned to assist the woman. She took my arm and we walked slowly toward the curb. She kept thanking me for my kindness. "It's nothing," I told her. "I just try to treat my passengers the way I would want my mother treated."

"You're such a good boy," she said. When we got in the cab, she gave me an address, then asked, "Could you drive through downtown?"

"It's not the shortest way," I answered quickly.

"I don't mind," she said. "I'm in no hurry. I'm on my way to a hospice." I looked in the rearview mirror. Her eyes were glistening. "I don't have any family left," she continued. "The doctor says I don't have very long"

I quietly reached over and shut off the meter. "What route would you like me to take?" I asked. For the next two hours, we drove through the city. She showed me the building where she had once worked as an elevator operator. We drove through the neighbourhood where she and her husband had lived when they were newlyweds. She had me pull up in front of a furniture warehouse that had once been a ballroom where she had gone dancing as a girl. Sometimes she would ask me to slow in front of a particular building or corner and would sit staring into the darkness, saying nothing.

As the first hint of sun was creasing the horizon, she suddenly said, "I'm tired. Let's go now." We drove in silence to the address she had given me. It was a low building with a driveway. Two orderlies came out to the cab as soon as we pulled up. They were concerned and intentg, watching her every move. They must have been expecting her.

I opened the trunk and took the small suitcase to the door. The woman was already seated in a wheelchair. "How much do I owe you?" she asked, reaching into her purse.

"Nothing," I said.

"You have to make a living," she answered.

"There are other passengers," I responded. Almost without thinking, I bent and gave her a hug. She held onto me tightly. "You gave an old woman a little moment of joy." she said. "Thank you." I squeezed her hand, then walked into the dim morning light. Behind me, a door shut. It was the sound of the closing of a life.

I did not pick up any more passengers that shift. I drove aimlessly, lost in thought. For the rest of that day, I could hardly talk.

Adapted from The Cab Ride by Kent Nerburnm

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71 Which word in paragraph one has the same meaning as 'needy'?

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72 Referring to the first paragraph, explain fully why the writer had not driven away despite the circumstances that he was facing.

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73 In line 12, 'The apartment looked as if no one had lived in it for years.' Quote the sentence which gives the writer this impression.

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74 What does 'something' in line 8 refer to?

_____

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75 In paragraph three, what did the writer do which showed that he was a kind man?

_____

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76 In line 24, the old lady mentioned 'I don't have very long'. What did she mean?

_____

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77 How do you know that the writer had decided not to charge the lady for the ride?

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78 What did the hospice attendants do to show that they were expecting the old lady?

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79 In what way had the writer brought the old lady 'a little moment of joy' (lines 43 - 44)?

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80 In the last paragraph, was the writer moved by the old lady's plight? How can we tell?

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ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2013
SCHOOL : CHIJ
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TERM : SA1

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41)their 42)entangled 43)blown 44)residents 45)increasingly

46)cautious 47)width 48)who 49)stranded 50)professional

51)people 52)homeless 53)the 54)were 55)busy

57)working 58)supplies 59)impossible 60)received

61)set 62)collected 63)sent 64)true 65)threats

66)The women remained upset although Mr Tan had apologized to her.

67)Upon reaching their destination, the tourists checked into a hotel.

68)Neither Samuel nor Richard has arrived for the meeting.

69)Mandy asked her sister if she had picked up the clothes from the launderette the previous night.

70)Having eaten a big bowl of piping hot noodles, Dennis felt very satisfied.

71)It is "impoverished".

72)He thought that there would be someone who needed his assistance and he did not sense any danger.

73)It is "All the furniture was covered in sheets and there were no knickknacks or utensils on the counters."

74)It refers to the small nylon suitcase.

75)When the old lady requested him to carry her bag to the car, he took the suitcase to the cab and returned to assist the old women to the cab.

76)She went that her life was not going to last very long and she was going to die soon.

77)He turned off his cab meter.

78)They came out to the cab as soon as the cab stopped and they were concerned and intent, watching her every move, showing that they were expecting her.

79)He had driven her to all the places she wanted to visit to relieve her memories.

80)He was moved. He did not pick up anymore passengers during that shift and also drove aimlessly, lost in thought and could hardly talk for the rest of the day.

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PAPER 2
(BOOKLET A)

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Class: Primary 6._____

Date: 13 May 2013

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Study the following text and then answer Questions 1 to 5.

LUCKY DRAW
15 April and 30 April 2013
2 iPad Minis to be won!

1ST ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
Spend $50 in a single transaction and receive a free goodie bag (worth more than $15) and stand a chance to take part in our lucky draw! *

Terms and conditions apply

**** Only at Times Bookstore@ JCube***

TIMES PRIVILEGE CARD
Sign up now at JCube for a 2-year *Times* Privilege Card Membership at **$10** (usual price: $15) to enjoy special promotions and other benefits exclusively for members at all Times Bookstores!

Available at all Times Bookstores

Discover different surprises in the stores every Monday

Monday Specials - 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 April

30% Off books **

50% Off lifestyle products **

***** Book categories and lifestyle products will vary each week***

40% off Moleskine Diaries and Calendars
5 April - 31 May
While stocks last!

Adapted from www.timesbookstores.com.sg

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

(5 marks)

1 You will be able to take part in the lucky draw when you _____.

(1) purchase a goodie bag
(2) sign up to be a member
(3) visit *Times* bookstores in May
(4) spend more than $50 in one receipt

2 Which of the following is true?

(1) The *Times* Lucky Draw will be held only on 15 April.
(2) Membership privileges are available at selected stores only.
(3) There are two iPad minis to be won at the *Times* Lucky Draw.
(4) Registration for the *Times* Privilege Card is not available at Times Bookstore@JCube.

3 Having a *Times* Privilege Membership Card entitles you to _____.

(1) a free goodie bag
(2) participate in the Times Lucky Draw
(3) use it only at Times Bookstore @JCube
(4) enjoy promotions and benefits only for members

4 The Monday Specials promotion _____.

(1) will be for all products sold at the bookstore
(2) will be for the same products every Monday
(3) is available only at Times Bookstores@JCube
(4) allows one to enjoy discounts for a certain range of products

5 The promotion on Moleskine diaries is valid _____.

(1) for May only
(2) for the whole of 2013
(3) from 15 April onwards
(4) from 5 April till end of May

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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. (7 marks)

6 "Let's _____ a walk around the park after dinner," suggested Father.

(1) take
(2) took
(3) taken
(4) taking

7 Neither Raju nor the twins _____ in the kitchen when the telephone rang.

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

8 The lady _____ we saw at the lobby is my neighbour.

(1) who
(2) which
(3) whom
(4) where

9 The milk in those three glasses _____ bad. It is sour!

(1) will go
(2) has gone
(3) are going
(4) have gone

10 Meiling sings beautifully, _____ she?

(1) isn't
(2) won't
(3) hasn't
(4) doesn't

11 Cheer up! You still need to _____ with your life.

(1) get in
(2) get on
(3) get over
(4) get through

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12 Serene wants to take part in the swimming competition _____ her leg injury.

(1) for
(2) since
(3) despite
(4) because

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. (3 marks)

Manolo Blahnik is a Spanish fashion designer and founder of the self-named, high-end shoe brand. Born to a Spanish mother and a Czech father **(13)** Manolo Blahnik grew up in the Canary Islands near north Africa. In his twenties, he moved to New York City and began to design shoes for women. Today, his high heels are known around the world. "Women love my shoes. Do you know some never take them off **(14)** remarked Blahnik.

Why are Blahnik's shoes so popular? Yes, they are beautiful. On the other hand, his high heels are not particularly comfortable. They are also costly as prices range from hundreds to thousands of dollars. Perhaps the best answer is this – each pair of Manolo's is a work of art just like a painting by Picasso. Blahnik admits **(15)** They may only be shoes but if they bring some happiness to someone, then maybe, they are something more than shoes."

Blahnik's boutiques are located in London, New York, Las Vegas, Dublin, Athens, Madrid, Istanbul, Dubai, Kuwait, Hong Kong, Seoul, Singapore and Stockholm.

13 (1) [:] colon
(2) [,] comma
(3) [.] full stop
(4) [?] question mark

14 (1) [,"] comma and inverted commas
(2) [."] full stop and inverted commas
(3) [?"] question mark and inverted commas
(4) [!"] exclamation mark and inverted commas

15 (1) [,] comma
(2) ["] inverted commas
(3) [,"] comma and inverted commas
(4) [."] full stop and inverted commas

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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. (5 marks)

16 The intruder crept _____ into the bedroom to steal the valuables.

(1) smartly
(2) skilfully
(3) steadily
(4) stealthily

17 I am totally _____ by the disappearance of the money.

(1) bereaved
(2) bewitched
(3) bedazzled
(4) bewildered

18 Mrs Gopal _____ angrily at the student who was talking while she was explaining how to solve the sum.

(1) gaped
(2) gazed
(3) glared
(4) glanced

19 The pain on her shoulders was so _____ that she lost consciousness.

(1) mild
(2) acute
(3) violent
(4) niggling

20 If we are unable to settle this dispute between the two companies, we will have to call in a / an _____.

(1) umpire
(2) referee
(3) mediator
(4) matchmaker

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For each question from 21 to 25, 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)

Spain lies at the crossroads between Europe and Africa. The cities of Spain are among the most vibrant (21) in the world, each displaying various facets of Spanish life in their architecture.

In the city of Barcelona, visitors are treated to the colourful artwork of Antonio Gaudi which include Sagrada Familia. Work on the cathedral was commissioned in 1883. However, over the years, its progress has been impeded (22) by not only Gaudi's death in 1926 but also periods of war and the lack of funding for the project. The massive (23) building remains uncompleted until today.

One of the best ways to get a sense of Spain is in its restaurants. Here, people gather to talk and enjoy small traditional (24) appetizers called "tapas". In some restaurants, you may be able to accompany your meal with flamenco. Composed of three disciplines – voice, guitar and dance, it originates (25) from a region in southern Spain. It is indeed a special performance!

21 (1) vivid
(2) lively
(3) striking
(4) intense

22 (1) lulled
(2) hindered
(3) prohibited
(4) discouraged

23 (1) vast
(2) enormous
(3) impressive
(4) spectacular

24 (1) dated
(2) ancient
(3) obsolete
(4) conventional

25 (1) stems
(2) arises
(3) launches
(4) progresses

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Read the passage below and answer Questions 26 to 30.

Early on a clear November morning in the Mojave Desert, a full moon is sinking over the bright glare of Las Vegas. Nevada Solar One is sleeping but the day's work is about to begin.

It is hard to imagine that a power plant could be so beautiful: 100 hectares of gently curved mirrors lined up like canals of light. Parked facing the ground overnight, they are starting to awaken – more than 182 000 of them – and follow the sun.

"Looks like it will be 370 degree Celsius today," says one of the operators in the control room. His job is to monitor the rows of mirrors as they concentrate sunlight on long steel pipes filled with circulating oil, heating it as high as 400 degree Celsius. The heat produces steam, driving a turbine and dynamo, to generate enough to electrify 14 000 households or a few Las Vegas casinos.

When Nevada Solar One came on line in 2007, it was the first large solar power plant to be built in the United States in more than 17 years. During that time, solar technology blossomed elsewhere. Power plants such as Nevada Solar One use solar energy which collects the sun's rays via mirrors to produce heat.

Putting on hard hats and dark glasses, plant manager Robert Cable and I drive out to take a closer look at the mirrors. **Men with a water truck** are spraying water at the mirrors. "Any kind of dust affects them," Cable explains.

On a clear summer day with the sun directly overhead, Nevada Solar One can convert about 20 percent of the sun's rays into electricity. Gas plants are more efficient but this fuel is free and it does not emit carbon dioxide.

"If we talk about renewable sources of energy like geothermal or wind, they are limited in their quantity. However, energy from the sun is virtually unlimited," said Eicke Weber, director of the Fraunhofer Institute for Solar Energy Systems, in Germany.

Solar energy may be unlimited but its potential is barely tapped. Nevada Solar One was built because the state had set a deadline requiring utilities to generate 20 percent of their power from renewable sources by 2015. To bring down costs and reduce the need for funding from the government and other incentives, engineers from various solar power plants in the United States are studying mirrors made from lightweight polymers instead of glass. They are also studying tubes that will absorb more sunlight and lose less heat. In addition, they are working on solar power's biggest problem: how to store some of the heat produced during daylight hours for release later on.

Adapted from *National Geographic*

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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. (5 marks)

26 The writer is surprised that Nevada Solar One _____.

(1) is more magnificent than expected
(2) heats oil to as high as 400 degree Celsius
(3) provides electricity for so many households
(4) was the first large scale solar plant to be built in the United States

27 The job of the 'men with a water truck' in line 17 is to _____.

(1) monitor the rows of mirrors
(2) clean the surface of the mirrors
(3) help reduce the temperature of the oil
(4) provide visitors with hard hats and dark glasses

28 Based on the passage, which of the following is true?

(1) Energy from the sun emits carbon dioxide
(2) Energy from the sun will run out eventually
(3) Nevada Solar One is the only power plant found in the United States
(4) Although geothermal and wind energy are renewable, they are limited in quantity.

29 The potential of solar energy is "barely tapped" in line 25 tells us that _____.

(1) more solar energy is being used
(2) solar energy is a renewable source of energy
(3) much more solar energy can be used in the future
(4) the supply of solar power will never meet the demand

30 To reduce prices for the production of solar energy, _____.

(1) engineers are looking for better quality glass to make mirrors
(2) companies are obtaining more subsidies from the government
(3) engineers are researching how to absorb solar energy day and night
(4) engineers are designing tubes that absorb more sunlight and hold heat better

END OF BOOKLET A

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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 to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) above	(D) every	(G) never	(K) or	(N) under
(B) always	(E) for	(H) of	(L) so	(P) very
(C) and	(F) if	(J) on	(M) to	(Q) with

At the turn of the twentieth century, New York City was a busy place. The city was growing _____ (31) quickly that new buildings were going up every day. Downtown, the pavements were crowded _____ (32) shoppers, workers and travellers. Horses and carriages filled _____ (33) bit of empty space in the streets. Winter snowstorms and summer heat exhausted those New Yorkers who had to travel _____ (34) foot. What could be done?

An underground railroad seemed to be the solution _____ (35) these problems. Trains move on their own tracks, so they are _____ (36) stuck in traffic jams. Horses had to be fed and cared _____ (37), and they could get sick or go lame. However, _____ (38) a train broke down, it could be repaired _____ (39) replaced. Building the railroad _____ (40) the ground made perfect sense. It would ease congestion on the crowded streets.

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Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each <u>underlined</u> word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box. (10 marks)

(41) ☐

It was midday at the savannah. Gamba the lion ***sohntered*** *into the clearing between*

(42) ☐

the shady trees. His pride was lounging <u>lazy</u> in the heat of the day. Everything seemed quiet,

(43) ☐ (44) ☐

but Gamba could not <u>shook</u> off the uneasiness that had awakened <u>them</u>. His sensitive nose

(45) ☐

detected a ***wif*** *of something in the air.*

(46) ☐ (47) ☐

He <u>scans</u> the horizon and spotted a puff of dust. It could be an elephant <u>and</u> a zebra,

(48) ☐

but he knew it was not. The rumbling dust-maker seemed to be ***eproching****. As it drew closer,*

(49) ☐

Gamba could ***ocationaly*** *glimpse something glinting above the dust. And then, something*

unexpected happened. The thing stopped, turned, and moved away. Gamba continued to

(50) ☐

study it until it ***dissapeered*** *into the horizon. This thing might return, and he would need to*

be ready to protect his pride.

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15 marks)

It was one of those nightmares people talk about. You are on stage in the middle of a play, but you cannot _____ (51) your lines. Unfortunately for me, this was not a _____ (52) – this was real I stood frozen on the long stairway of the set for the musical *Mame.*

That afternoon, Mrs Holly had asked me to _____ (53) an actor who was ill. "You won't regret it," she announced. Now, in the middle of the performance, no one _____ (54) it more than she did. On stage, I opened my mouth to speak, but _____ (55) came out.

I knew the scene called for a toast. The actors had raised their _____ (56) filled with grape juice. Whatever I was _____ (57) to say, I had forgotten. I had also forgotten to breathe, swallow, or blink.

Doink! Suddenly, my contact lens popped out of my left eye and whizzed in the _____ (58) of the audience. In one motion, I tossed aside my glass of grape juice and caught the flying _____ (59) with my hand. In the process, my arm _____ (60) pushed the lead actress, Andrea. She lost her _____ (61) and stumbled down the stairway. In that _____ (62) of panic, all I could wonder was _____ (63) to keep my contact lens moist. Without thinking, I stepped down to

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Andrea and _____ the glass out of her hand and dropped my contact lens
(64)

into _____. Andrea shrieked in horror.
(65)

Adapted from *Toss Me a Line*

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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 Mrs Sen thinks it is not necessary to buy her children expensive toys.

Mrs Sen thinks there is no _____

_____

67 Grandpa feeds the carp in the koi pond every evening.

The carp _____

_____

68 The professor is wise and humble. He impressed me.

The professor's _____

_____

69 The panda lolls around and chews on bamboo all day. It is a picture of contentment.

Lolling around _____

_____

70 "Did you hide the treasure in the cave?" the pirate asked his men.

The pirate asked his men if _____

_____

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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

The orphanage is high in the Carolina mountains. In winter, bitter wind blows and the snowdrifts are so deep that it is cut off from the village below. I was there in the autumn, staying in a cabin that belonged to the orphanage. I wanted quiet isolation to write a novel. When I took the cabin, I asked for a boy or man to come and chop wood for the fireplace. The first few days were warm; I found whatever wood I needed around the cabin, but no one came and I forgot about my request.

I looked up from my typewriter one late afternoon, a little startled. A boy stood at the door. He was probably twelve years old, but undersized. He wore overalls and a torn shirt, and was barefooted.

He said, "I'm from the orphanage, I can chop some wood today."

"You?" I asked.

"I've been chopping wood at the orphanage a long time."

I visualised mangled and inadequate branches for my fires. I was busy with my work and not inclined to conversation.

"Very well, there's the axe. Go ahead and see what you can do."

I went back to work, closing the door. The boy began to chop. The blows were rhythmic and steady, and shortly, I forgot about him, the sound no more of an interruption than a consistent rain. After about an hour, I stopped and stretched and heard the boy's steps on the cabin steps. I opened the door.

The boy said, "I have to go to supper now. I can come again tomorrow evening."

"I'll pay you for what you've done. Ten cents an hour?" I said, thinking I should probably have to insist on an older boy.

"Anything is all right."

We went together to the back of the cabin. There, neatly stacked against the cabin wall was a splendid pile of wood. An astonishing amount of solid wood had been cut. He had done as much as a man. 25

I looked at him and he looked at me with his clear grey-blue eyes. A light came over him, as though the setting sun had touched him with a suffused glory. I gave him thirty cents.

"You may come tomorrow," I said, and thank you very much. 30

He looked at me, and at the coins, and seemed to want to speak, but did not, and turned away and left.

At daylight, I was half awakened by the sound of chopping. When I finally left my bed, the boy had come and gone, and a stack of firewood was arranged neatly against the wall. He came again after school in the afternoon and worked till sunset. He had come twice that day, instead of once in the evening, and left without taking payment. 35

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One day, the axe handle broke. The boy said the wood shop at the orphanage could repair it. I gave him some money to pay for the repair but he refused it.

"I'll pay for it," he said. "I broke it."

He found a cubbyhole beside the fireplace that I had not noticed. There, of his own accord, he put some firewood, so that I might always have dry fire material ready in case of wet weather. 40

His name was Jerry; he was twelve and had been at the orphanage since he was four. I could picture him at four, with the same clear grey-blue eyes, and the same – independence? No, the word that came to me was "integrity". 45

The word means something special to me as my idea of integrity is a rare one. My father had it, but no man of my acquaintance possessed it with the same clarity, the purity and simplicity of a mountain stream. But the boy Jerry had it. It is more than courage. It is more than honesty. He chose to do careful work, and if he failed, he took responsibility. It is something that no training can teach.

Adapted from *A Mother in Mannville* by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71 Which three-word phrase in paragraph one tells us that the orphanage is inaccessible part of the year?

_____

_____

_____

72 Give two reasons why the writer was unaffected when no one came to chop wood as requested.

_____

_____

_____

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73 Quote a sentence between lines 7 and 15 that tells us that the writer did not expect the boy to do a good job chopping wood.

_____

_____

74 What was the main reason why the writer thought the boy could not do a good job?

_____

_____

75 How do you think the writer felt when she saw what the boy had done the first evening? Why did she feel that way?

_____

_____

76 How do we know that the writer had changed her view of the boy that first evening?

_____

_____

77 "He looked at me, and at the coins, and seemed to want to speak..." (line 31). Based on the passage, what do you think the boy had wanted to say?

_____

_____

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78 Why did the writer say that her idea of integrity was a rare one (line 46)?

79 What does "it" in line 47 refer to?

80 "He chose to do careful work, and if he failed, he took responsibility." (lines 49 and 50)
Explain clearly how Jerry showed he took responsibility when something went wrong.

End of Paper

ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2013
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TERM : SA1

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
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Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
M	G	E	F	K	N

41)sauntered 42)lazily 43)shake 44)him 45)whiff

46)scanned 47)or 48)approaching 49)occasionally

50)disappeared 51)remember 52)dream 53)replace 54)regretted

55)nothing 56)glasses 57)supposed 58)direction

59)lens 60)accidentally 61)balance 62)moment/ flurry

63)how 64)snatched/ took 65)it

66)Mrs Sen thinks there is no necessity to buy her children expensive toys.

67)The carp in the koi pond is fed by Grandpa every evening.

68)The professor's wisdom and humility impressed me.

69)Lolling around and chewing on bamboo all day, the panda is a picture of contentment.

70)The pirate asked his men if they had hidden the treasure in the cave.

71)The phrase is "cut off from".

72)The first few day after the writer had moved in into the cabin were warm and she could get what she needed from around cabin.

73)The sentence is " I visualized mangled and inadequate branches for my fires".

74)The boy was undersized.

75)I think the writer felt surprised and astonished. She did not expect that the boy, despite being could chop such a large amount of wood and the wood was chopped neatly.

76)She thought of insisting on an older boy to do the job, but later, she asked him to return the next day.

77)I think the boy wanted to say that he was paid too much. He thought he was only supposed to be paid ten cents an hour but he was paid thirty cents instead.

78)The writer's idea of integrity was something that nobody, she knew had, except for her father and Jerry. They had her idea of integrity.

79)The word refers to the writer's idea of integrity.

80)He insisted on paying for the repair of the broken axe as he was the one who had broken it.

NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL

2013 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1

PRIMARY 6

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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Section A – Graphic-Stimulus Comprehension (5 x 1 mark)
Study the following brochure and then answer questions 1 to 5.

FREE admission to JURONG BIRD PARK for kids this September school holidays!

School's out and it's time for kids to have fun in the sun!
And with our FREE admission for kids, we give you more reasons to flock to the park and take your kid's holidays to greater heights!

Simply flash this coupon at our ticketing counter to enjoy this offer! ➔➔➔

FREE ADMISSION FOR KIDS Coupon!

Get a free child ticket with purchase of 1 adult admission ticket.
~ Valid 7-15 Sept 2013 ~ Exclude tram rides
~ Offer is for children 3-12 years old
~ Not valid with any other offers
~ Visit www.birdpark.com.sg for more information

~ Other Terms & Conditions ~

- Not valid with other discounts, promotions, rebates, or online ticket purchases.
- Not valid for tour groups, travel agents, school groups, online and SISTIC bookings.
- Promotion is only valid for tickets bought over the ticketing counters at Jurong Bird Park.
- Offer applies to admission on day of ticket purchase.
- Admission ticket purchased is not refundable or exchangeable for cash or kind.
- No claims will be entertained for any lost, torn, defaced or expired ticket.

JURONG BIRD PARK

~ All-Year-Round ~
(inclusive of bird show)
Children under 3 & Senior Citizens above 60 free admission

~ High Flyers Show ~
Get ready for an exhilarating line-up of bird stars as the stage is set for the newest bird show in town! Experience dramatic fly-bys and marvel at the show-stopping antics of our talented bird stars. A show that is sure to delight the young and the young-at-heart!
Date: Daily
Time: 11.00a.m. & 3.00p.m. (30mins per show)
Venue: Pools Amphitheatre
Entrance Fee: $5.00

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

1. According to the brochure, parents who want to enjoy free admission for their kids must produce the coupon only _____.

   (1) after they have purchased their tickets online
   (2) at Jurong Bird Park on the day of ticket purchase
   (3) at the travel agency on the day of ticket purchase
   (4) after they have made their bookings through SISTIC

2. Mr and Mrs Lim, together with their 65-year-old mother, a baby girl, a Primary Three daughter and a teenage boy, are visiting Jurong Bird Park on **1 Sept 2013**. How many tickets must they buy in all?

   (1) five
   (2) six
   (3) three
   (4) four

3. Which one of the following is free of charge during the promotion period at Jurong Bird Park?

   (1) tickets for tram rides on 7 Sept 2013
   (2) admission tickets for the young at heart
   (3) admission tickets for kids 3 to 12 years old
   (4) tickets for High Flyers Show on 15 Sept 2013

4. According to the High Flyers Show in the brochure, which one of the following is true?

   (1) The elderly will not enjoy the High Flyers Show.
   (2) The High Flyers Show will be staged next to the pool.
   (3) Only three shows are staged daily at the High Flyers Show.
   (4) The birds at the High Flyers Show can also perform entertaining acts.

5. With reference to the brochure, if you were the marketing director of Jurong Bird Park, what do you think is your **main** purpose of the promotion?

   (1) to promote the newest bird show in town
   (2) to encourage schools to take their pupils to Jurong Bird Park
   (3) to attract more tour groups to one of Singapore's places of interest
   (4) to take advantage of the school holidays to increase the sales of tickets

Section B – Grammar (7 x 1 mark)

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. All the food on the table _____ to be packed for the Charity Food Drive by five this evening.

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

7. My brother seldom goes to the movie, _____?

   (1) is it
   (2) isn't it
   (3) does he
   (4) doesn't he

8. Marie, _____ I idolise, won the gold medal for figure skating.

   (1) who
   (2) whom
   (3) which
   (4) whose

9. Mrs Teng saw her son _____ the flower pot while she was talking to a neighbour along the corridor.

   (1) break
   (2) broke
   (3) breaks
   (4) broken

10. Darren put in a lot of effort to prepare for his test, _____ he failed.

    (1) so
    (2) yet
    (3) and
    (4) even

11. Gerald is feeling depressed. He has not been able to get _____ his grandfather's death.

    (1) on
    (2) off
    (3) out
    (4) over

12. If I _____ the bully was going to beat me up, I would have gone to the discipline master.

(1) know
(2) knew
(3) had known
(4) have known

Section C – Punctuation Discrete (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.

> It was an early winter. Bear came to the edge of a pond and saw Turtle with his head sticking out of the ice. "What are you looking at **(13)** Slow One?" shouted Bear, not even giving his old friend a greeting.
>
> "My friend," Turtle said **(14)** let us have a race to see who is the swiftest."
>
> "All right **(15)** shouted Bear. "Where will we race?"
>
> The next day, all the other animals lined the banks of the pond to watch the two friends race.

Extracted from Stories to Empower Pupils (Life Skills for Interpersonal Effectiveness)

13. (1) [:] colon
    (2) [,] comma
    (3) [.] full stop
    (4) ["] inverted commas

14. (1) [,"] comma and inverted commas
    (2) [."] full stop and inverted commas
    (3) [?"] question mark and inverted commas
    (4) [!"] exclamation mark and inverted commas

15. (1) [,] comma
    (2) [!] exclamation mark
    (3) [,"] comma and inverted commas
    (4) [!"] exclamation mark and inverted commas

Section D – Vocabulary (5 x 1 mark)

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. Drivers must _____ from alcohol if they want to drive or they may meet with road accidents.

    (1) annul
    (2) acquit
    (3) addict
    (4) abstair

17. There has been a _____ of burglary since the security guard resigned.

    (1) spur
    (2) span
    (3) spate
    (4) speck

18. Every year, Mr Lee's orchard _____ a rich harvest. He makes a lot of money from the sale of the fruits

    (1) brings in
    (2) brings on
    (3) brings up
    (4) brings about

19. Whenever my grandmother goes to the supermarket, she will frown and _____ about the high prices of the groceries.

    (1) quip
    (2) gripe
    (3) cajole
    (4) heckle

20. Mr Tan had been looking for a job for the past month. When he was finally called for an interview, he missed it because he had overslept. Mr Tan had indeed _____.

    (1) belled the cat
    (2) gone to the dogs
    (3) cooked one's goose
    (4) flogged a dead horse

Section E – Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

For each question from 21 to 25, 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.

The residents of the rock-strewn highlands of northern Ethiopia are mostly farmers. They are poor and **(21)** vulnerable to crop failure resulting from droughts.

That is **(22)** precisely why the region has been chosen to serve as a test range for a new kind of insurance that could help poor countries **(23)** cope with climate change.

Instead of **(24)** relying on food aid to help farmers after drought has hit, aid agencies can sign them up for crop insurance before disaster strikes. When the rains fail, a farmer can use a crop-insurance pay-out to buy food without **(25)** dipping into financial assets needed for the next planting. The crop-insurance allows the farmers to smooth out their income.

Adapted from the Time Magazine (Seeds of Change) September 24, 2012

21. (1) inclined
    (2) resistant
    (3) susceptible
    (4) spontaneous

22. (1) exactly
    (2) vaguely
    (3) possibly
    (4) presumably

23. (1) limit
    (2) control
    (3) manage
    (4) manipulate

24. (1) riding
    (2) betting
    (3) catching
    (4) counting

25. (1) eliciting
    (2) hoarding
    (3) depleting
    (4) squandering

Section F – Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Dad brought him home from a fishing trip in the mountains, full of cockleburs and so thin you could count every rib.

"Good gracious," Mum said. "He's filthy!"

"No, he isn't! He's Rusty," said John, my eight-year-old brother. "Can we keep him? Please please...please." 5

"He's going to be a big dog," Dad warned, lifting a mud-encrusted paw. "Probably why he was abandoned. His health is deteriorating, John. He may not make it."

"I'll take care of Rusty. Honest, I will."

Mum gave in as she usually did with John. My little brother had a mild 10 form of haemophilia. Four years earlier, he had almost bled to death due to a routine tonsillectomy. We had all been careful with him since then.

"All right, John," Dad said. "We'll keep Rusty but he's your responsibility." That's how Rusty came to live with us. He was John's dog from that very first moment. 15

John kept his word. He fed, watered, medicated and groomed the scruffy-looking animal every day. I think he liked taking care of something rather than being taken care of.

Over the summer, Rusty grew into a big, handsome dog. He and John were constant companions. Wherever John went, Rusty was by his 20 side. When school began, Rusty would walk John to school, then come home. Every school day at three o'clock, rain or shine, Rusty would wait for John at the playground.

Telling time was not only the amazing thing about Rusty. He was very protective. When the neighbourhood bully taunted my undersized 25 brother, Rusty's hackles rose, and a deep, menacing growl came from his throat. When John and his best friend, Bobby, wrestled, Rusty monitored their play with a watchful eye. If John were on top, fine. If Bobby got John down, Rusty would lope over, grab Bobby's collar and pull him off.

In the spring, John got an afternoon paper route. He would come 30 home from school, fold his papers and take off on his bicycle to deliver them. He always took the same streets in the same order. Of course, Rusty delivered papers too.

One day, for no particular reason, John changed his route. Instead of turning left on a street as he usually did, he turned right. Crash!...A screech of brakes...Rusty sailed through the air. Someone called us about the accident. I had to pry John from Rusty's lifeless body so that Dad could bring Rusty home.

"It's my fault," John said over and over. "Rusty thought the car was going to hit me. He thought it was another game."

"The only game Rusty was playing was the game of love," Dad said. "You both played it well. You were there for Rusty when he needed you. He was there for you when he thought you needed him. That's the game of love. Rusty will stay in your memories forever."

Adapted from Chicken Soup for the Kid's Soul by Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen, Patty Hansen & Irene Dunlap

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. When the writer's father first brought Rusty home, he said that Rusty might not be able to live because Rusty was _____.

(1) a filthy dog
(2) in a bad shape
(3) an abandoned dog
(4) going to be a big dog

27. The writer's mother usually gave in to John because John was _____.

(1) a responsible boy
(2) the youngest in the family
(3) suffering from tonsilleotomy
(4) nearly dead four years before

28. Which of the following shows that John and Rusty were constant companions?

(1) John groomed Rusty every day.
(2) Rusty protected John from being bullied.
(3) Rusty walked John to and from school every day.
(4) John fed, watered and medicated Rusty every day.

29. The word "That's" in line 43 refers to _____.

(1) John and Rusty playing the game of love very well.
(2) Rusty staying in John's memories forever after Rusty's death.
(3) John blaming himself for Rusty's death because he loved the dog very much.
(4) John and Rusty often looking out for each other because of their love for each other.

30. Which one of the following is **not** true?

(1) Rusty was killed in a road accident.
(2) John blamed himself for Rusty's death.
(3) John refused to let go of Rusty's motionless body after it had met with an accident.
(4) John and Rusty always took the same route whenever they delivered newspapers.

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Section G – Grammar Cloze (10 x 1) marks

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 to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A)	a	(D)	from	(G)	more	(K)	the	(N)	were
(B)	an	(E)	had	(H)	on	(L)	they	(P)	who
(C)	even	(F)	have	(J)	over	(M)	was	(Q)	with

Many were dying daily for lack of labour and food. The immigrants (31)_____ came to Singapore in the earlier days were poor and suffered from diseases like cholera and tuberculosis. Many of them were lying on the road (32)_____ sores on their bodies, too weak to move. When (33)_____ died, their bodies were left on the roads. Conditions (34)_____ so bad that some Europeans felt it was a disgrace to see so many beggars in (35)_____place ruled by European government.

Motivated by (36)_____ need to help their less fortunate countrymen, people (37)_____ the various races and cultural groups, especially the (38)_____ successful businessmen, helped to build hospitals and schools. They spent large sums of money (39)_____providing medical services and amenities for the community. They also spent money to ensure that the poor (40)_____broper burials. Their kindness had made life less miserable for the poor in those days.

Adapted from Singapore from Settlement to Nation (Pre-1819 to 1971)

Section H – Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1 mark)

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each <u>underlined</u> word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

London had staged a successful Olympic Games in 1908. Forty years later,

41) _____

impoverished and war-scarred, the city faced dawntin challenges. A record-breaking

42) _____

heat wave soon gave way <u>on</u> relentless rain. Equipment had to be scrimped and

43) _____ 44) _____

acomodasions had to be improvised. Athletes also took unpaid leave to <u>competing</u> and

45) _____

were not always thanked for their efforts. A member of the British team who <u>win</u> a cycling bronze, returned to work after the Games only to be sacked for taking the time off.

46) _____

The British athletes' rations were meger compared with the diets enjoyed by

47) _____ 48) _____

delegations from countries less impektedby World War II. The US athletes feasted <u>over</u>

49) _____

steak, fresh fruit vegetables specially <u>fly</u> in from California. British athletes did enjoy an

50) _____

anhuced daily calorie allowance which came in tinned or powdered form. This provided some form of consolation for them.

Adapted from the Time Magazine (Every Loser Wins) Jul 30 – August 6, 2012

Section I – Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word..

All that year, the animals worked like slaves, but they were happy in their work. They were well aware that everything that they did was for the (51)_____ of themselves.

Throughout the spring and summer, they worked (52)_____sixty-hour week, and in August, Napoleon announced that there would be work on Sunday afternoons as well. This work was strictly voluntary, but any animal who (53)_____himself from it would have his rations (54)_____ oy half Even so, it was found necessary to leave certain tasks undone. The harvest was a little less successful (55)_____in the previous year, and two fields (56)_____ should have been sown with roots in the early summer were not sown (57)_____ the ploughing had not been completed early enough. It was possible to (58)_____ that the coming winter would be a difficult one.

Building the windmill presented unexpected difficulties. There was a good quarry of limestone on the farm, and plenty of sand and cement had been found in one of the outhouses, so that all the (59)_____ for building were at hand. However, the (60)_____ which the animals could not solve at first was how to (61)_____ up the stones into pieces suitable for building the windmill. There seemed to be no way of doing this (62)_____ with picks and crowbars, which no animal could use, because no animal could (63)_____on his hind legs. Only after weeks of vain effort did the right idea (64)_____ to somebody and that was to utilise the (65)_____

Eventually, the animals had managed to lash ropes round the huge boulders, drag them up the slope to the top of the quarry, where they were toppled over the edge, to shatter into pieces below.

Adapted from Animal Farm by George Orwell

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

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).

66. If you do not want to be bitten by insects, bring your insect repellent.

_____ unless

_____

67. My father does not appreciate tea but appreciates coffee.

_____ prefers

_____

68. The circus draws crowds. It does not matter which place it is held.

Wherever _____

_____

69. Jim forgot his passport and his air ticket.

Not only _____

_____

70. The emperor conquered the neighbouring states. This made him proud.

The emperor's _____

_____

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Section K – Comprehension (10 x 2 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

Little Ngoan was buried behind her parents' hut three weeks ago. "She was so small, just ten years old," said her grandmother. "She was very gentle and a good student." Ngoan's grandfather, silent with grief, was lighting a stick of incense at her grave. The loss of a beloved child had hit this family hard.

Ngoan's death and more than fifty others in Southeast Asia over the past two years have raised alarms worldwide. Affected countries are struggling to take action; other nations are sending aid and advisors while stockpiling drugs and developing vaccines at home. Scientists have stepped up their research into the fateful traffic of disease between animals and people.

To most of us, flu is a nuisance disease. Some people think a flu shot is not worth the bother. **However, it is easy to underestimate flu.** The virus spreads so easily via tiny droplets that 30 million to 60 million Americans catch it each year. It also mutates so fast that no one ever becomes fully immune, and a new vaccine has to be made each year.

That is ordinary flu but the disease that is taking lives in Southeast Asia is no ordinary flu. Its primary victims are the chickens and more than a hundred million of them have been killed so far. It is not unusual for chickens to get flu; in fact, avian-flu viruses far outnumber human ones. Robert Webster of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis has studied flu viruses for 40 years and has never seen the likes of the one that killed Ngoan. "This virus right from scratch is probably the worst influenza virus that I've ever seen or worked with," Webster said. Not only is it frighteningly lethal to chickens, which can die within hours of exposure as a result of internal bleeding. Here and there, people have come down with it too, catching it from infected poultry like the chickens which died on Ngoan's farm a few days before she fell ill. Half the known cases have died.

So far this virus, classified as H5N1, is not good at passing from birds to people, let alone from one person to the next. "It can make that first step across, but then it does not spread easily from human to human," said Webster. "Thank God, or else we would be in big trouble."

Maybe H5N1 will never learn the trick of racing from person to person like the milder flu viruses which empty offices and classrooms each year. Maybe the efforts to wipe out the virus will succeed, but so far it has not due largely to the shortage of funds. Therefore, experts are urging the world to prepare for the worst.

What is know about flu viruses'remarkable capacity to change and jump species has led to a conviction that even if this menacing animal flu does not explode into a global pandemic that kills millions changes and there is a possibility that it will be able to transmit from one person to another," said Jeremy Ferrar, an Oxford University doctor who works on the front lines of avian flu at the Hospital for Tropical Diseases in Vietnam's Ho Chi Minh City. **"It's bound to happen.** And when it does, the world is going to face a truly horrible pandemic."

Adapted from National Geographic (The Disease that is Now Taking Lives in Asia Is No Ordinary Flu) October 2005

71. How did Ngoan catch the flu virus which had caused her death?

_____

_____

72. Quote the sentence in paragraph one which indicates that Ngoan's family was devastated by her death.

_____

_____

73. Which two-word phrase in paragraph two tells us that the rising number of deaths caused by flu viruses has sent warnings to people all over the world of their danger?

_____

_____

74. In line 13, "However, it is easy to underestimate flu." Give one piece of information that the writer gives to support his statement.

_____

_____

75. How do we know that chickens are the main victims of the virus which has claimed many lives in Southeast Asia?

_____

_____

76. Which word in the fourth paragraph has the same meaning as "deadly"?

_____

_____

77. Explain fully what would happen to chickens which were infected by the influenza virus?

_____

_____

78. With reference to paragraph six, give one reason why the experts were unsuccessful in their research?

_____

_____

79. Why did experts have the strong belief that flu viruses will kill millions?

_____

_____

80. What does "It's bound to happen." (line 46) refer to?

_____

_____

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ANSWER SHEET

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Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
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Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
A	K	D	G	H	E

41)daunting **42)to** **43)accommodations** **44)compete** **45)won**

46)meagre **47)impacted** **48)on** **49)flown** **50)enhanced**

51)benefit **52)a** **53)absented** **54)reduced** **55)than**

56)that **57)as** **58)tell** **59)materials** **60)problem**

61)break **62)but** **63)stand** **64)come** **65)law**

66)Bring your insect repellent unless you want to be bitten by insects.

67)My father prefers coffee to tea.

68)Wherever the circus is help, it draws crowds.

69)Not only did Jim forget his passport but also his air ticket.

70)The emperor conquered of the neighbouring states made him proud.

71)She was infected by the chicken in her farm.

72)The sentence is 'The loss of a beloved child had hit this family hard'.

73)The phrase is 'raised alarms'.

74)The virus mutates so fast that no one ever be comes fully immune, and a new vaccine has to be made each year.

75)More than a hundred million of chickens have been killed by the virus.

76)The word is "lethal".

77)They would die within hours of exposure as a result of internal bleeding.

78)There was a shortage of funds to support them in their research.

79)Flu viruses have the ability to change and jump species.

80)The phrase refers to the possible transmission of a virus from one person to another human.

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2: BOOKLET A

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 min

Name: _____ ( ) Pr 6)

There are a total of 80 questions – 30 MCQ and 50 open-ended questions.

Instructions to pupils:

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

Section A: Graphic Stimulus (5 x 1m = 5m)
Study the poster below and answer questions 1 to 5.

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

1. The event is sponsored by _____.

   (1) Sunflower Beach
   (2) Shores Beach Ltd
   (3) Singapore Flowers
   (4) Bona Gardens Pte Ltd

2. What must Mary do if she wants to get a free ticket?

   (1) Purchase 2 children's tickets
   (2) Purchase a ticket for her child
   (3) Purchase a ticket after 12 February
   (4) Purchase a ticket before 12 February

3. Which of the following statements is **NOT** true?

   (1) The Spring Floral Exhibition lasts for 10 days.
   (2) Children may get free popcorn at Four Seasons Theatre.
   (3) The Spring Floral Exhibition is open only from Tuesday to Sunday.
   (4) The champion of the Online Digital Photography Competition will receive $1000.

4. Animal lovers can visit the _____ for photo taking.

   (1) Spring Garden
   (2) Orchid Garden
   (3) Tropical Garden
   (4) Sunflower Garden

5. If Peter, a music lover, wants to find out about the school band performances, what is best way to do so?

   (1) Call Ahmad at 9811 4566
   (2) Visit the website at www.sfband.com.sg
   (3) Email to ahmad@singaporeflowers.com.sg
   (4) Visit the website at www.digitalphoto.com.sg

Section B: Grammar Discrete (7 x 1m = 7m)

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. Last Sunday, Sean simply _____ on his couch and watched television.

   (1) lie
   (2) lay
   (3) laid
   (4) lain

7. The burglar had made _____ with some jewellery before the police arrived.

   (1) up
   (2) off
   (3) out
   (4) over

8. Mrs Jason asked the boys if they _____ their hands before they took the sandwiches.

   (1) wash
   (2) washes
   (3) had washed
   (4) have washed

9. Neither of the boys _____ present yesterday to receive the award from the principal.

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

10. This series of notes _____ been in circulation for the last two years.

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

11. Martha _____ the laptop for two hours when the electricity supply was suddenly cut off.

(1) used
(2) has used
(3) has been using
(4) had been using

12. Vivian hardly goes to the golf club with her Dad, _____?

(1) will she
(2) does she
(3) won't she
(4) doesn't she.

Section C: Punctuation (3 x 1m = 3m)
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.

> Tony looked around in fear. "Where is Mum (13) he wailed in the darkness. All around him (14) the dust threatened to choke him. Tony's sister sat on the ground, looking stunned and shaken.
>
> All around them, people lay on the ground (15) Tony heard someone moaning in pain. "Tony! I am here!" a lady's voice could be heard from a distance. Tony was glad that his mother was still alive.

13. (1) [,"] comma and inverted commas
    (2) [."] full stop and inverted commas
    (3) [?"] question mark and inverted commas
    (4) [!"] exclamation mark and inverted commas

14. (1) [,] comma
    (2) [.] full stop
    (3) [?] question mark
    (4) [!] exclamation mark

15. (1) [:] colon
    (2) [,] comma
    (3) [.] full stop
    (4) [?] question mark

Section D: Vocabulary (5 x 1m = 5m)

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. After much consideration, Nancy arrived _____ a decision to leave the company.

    (1) at
    (2) in
    (3) of
    (4) on

17. Bill was _____ the captain of the basketball team.

    (1) assigned
    (2) employed
    (3) appointed
    (4) volunteered

18. Carmen's pet dog had _____ on the flowers in her garden and damaged them.

    (1) ambled
    (2) trudged
    (3) trampled
    (4) sauntered

19. Ronald bawled, "Stop your _____ chatter and give my ears a rest!"

    (1) insistent
    (2) infectious
    (3) incessant
    (4) intentional

20. In order to _____ the correct response from her pupils, Miss Florence asked them many guiding questions.

    (1) elicit
    (2) solicit
    (3) project
    (4) request

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1m = 5m)
For each question from 21 to 25, 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.

This is simply magical! I was having a whale of a time playing and swimming with my two cetacean friends in Dolphin Lagoon, despite the **chilly** (21) water. They towed, nuzzled and **prodded** (22) me. Look into their eyes and you will see that **unmistakable** (23) spark of intelligence. But do not let their gentle looks fool you. Dolphins are efficient, deadly hunters. With a built-in sonar, they can locate prey from kilometres away with **precision** (24) and tell if they are injured. Then they close in for the kill, gripping their **hapless** (25) victims with their rows of needle-sharp teeth. But having been fascinated with dolphins ever since I was child, this precious moment was something I cherished..

21. (1) tepid
    (2) frigid
    (3) warm
    (4) temperate

22. (1) poked
    (2) tickled
    (3) stroked
    (4) touched

23. (1) disguised
    (2) distinctive
    (3) concealed
    (4) unintentional

24. (1) ease
    (2) skill
    (3) accuracy
    (4) adeptness

25. (1) unarmed
    (2) unfortunate
    (3) unconscious
    (4) unobservant

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Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1m = 5m)
Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.
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.

At the crack of dawn, Gardner got up to check his sheep. The sky was clear and bright, the air cool and still. His boots were swishing through the grass when he heard something. Was somebody calling? Far below, Gardner saw cows being brought into a barn for milking. A farmer is calling his stock, he thought.

An hour later, Gardner heard the same sound. Puzzled, he called his wife, Frances, to listen. "Help me! Help me!" The Gardners walked round the farm. Then he drove along the road. "It must be coming from the shore and it could be serious," Gardner told his wife and called the police.

Minutes later, Constable Nickson met the Gardners at the beach and the three of them set off towards the cries. After searching for a while, Gardner came to a halt. "Where are you?" he yelled. "Here!" a hoarse voice replied. Gardner blinked and stared. Incredibly, somebody was flailing frantically, buried to the waist in the sand. "Are you alright? We've found you now. What's your name? How did you get here?" asked Gardner. "Howlett..." the man replied.

For nine hours, Howlett had scooped away the sand around him vainly, pausing only to hug himself to preserve body heat. However, he continued to sink. Since dawn, he had been shouting for help. He became weary and desperate. Unbelievably, his cries had been heard 1 kilometre away.

When Nickson arrived at the scene, he radioed his headquarters, "I have located a male stuck to his waist in quicksand." Gripping beneath the armpits, the two men pulled Howlett slowly and firmly upwards. **But Howlett's body would not budge.** They had to extricate their own feet continually before they were trapped too. Gardner realised that their biggest enemy then was not the quicksand but the sea. Tides in the bay were fearsome as the sea level might rise by more than 20 metres vertically in a very short time.

Deserted up till now, the beach was suddenly busy with rescuers. Firefighters and paramedics ferried air-bottles, ropes, ladders and rescue gears from their trucks. In moments, the rushing water bubbled around Howlett's waist and poured over the rescuers' legs. **Its speed was frightening.** The rescuers were sinking into the sand softened by the tide. Repeatedly, they had to rescue each other. Fighting to stay calm, Howlett bent his head back and upward as the water swirled beneath his chin. Working knee-deep in the water next to him, one of the paramedics pushed his high-pressure water jet down the side of Howlett's leg, pushing the sand aside. "He's out!" With a cradle of helping hands, the rescuers carried Howlett up the beach.

26. According to the passage, Gardner was a _____.

(1) cowherd
(2) firefighter
(3) shepherd
(4) paramedic

27. Gardner responded to the 'calling' only an hour later because he thought that the cries came from _____.

(1) his wife
(2) a farmer
(3) the cows
(4) his sheep

28. How did Howlett keep himself from sinking into the sand?

(1) He hugged himself.
(2) He shouted for help.
(3) He dug out the sand around him with his flag.
(4) He removed the sand around him with his hands.

29. In paragraph 5, Nickson and Gardner could not pull Howlett out of the sand because _____.

(1) they were also sinking.
(2) they were afraid of the sea water.
(3) they were unable to use their equipment.
(4) they were pulling the wrong part of Howlett's body.

30. The sentence 'Its speed was frightening.' (line 29) shows that _____.

(1) the sea level was rising very rapidly.
(2) the rescuers were sinking very quickly.
(3) the quicksand was pulling Howlett down very quickly.
(4) the high-pressure water jet was spraying water very quickly.

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PAPER 2: BOOKLET B
TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 min

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Booklet A	/30
Booklet B	/65
Total	/95

Any query on marks awarded should be raised by 22 May 2013. We seek your understanding in this matter as any delay in the confirmation of marks will lead to delays in the generation of results.

PAPER 1 - Writing	/55
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PAPER 3 - Listening Comprehension	/20
PAPER 4 - Oral Communication	/30
TOTAL	/200

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1. ***Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.***
2. ***Follow all instructions carefully.***
3. ***Answer all questions.***

Section G: Grammar Cloze (10 X 1m = 10m)
There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40. 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.

Use each WORD once ONLY

A)	as	D)	from	G)	how	K)	ourselves	N)	to
B)	besides	E)	has	H)	or	L)	this	P)	when
C)	for	F)	have	J)	the	M)	thus	Q)	yourself

Have you ever wondered why you have to clean your wound and put a plaster on your grazed knee? Your skin acts _____ (31) a protective layer that prevents dirt and germs _____ (32) entering your body. When you have a fall or accidentally cut _____ (33), your skin and the tissues beneath get grazed or broken. _____ (34) creates a 'door' for those unwanted guests. _____ (35) it is important to clean the injured area immediately to prevent infection.

For a minor cut _____ (36) graze, pasting a plaster over the wound is a simple and effective method to protect your wound and allow your skin _____ (37) heal by itself. After a few days, new skin cells will _____ (38) formed over your wound and you will not need a plaster anymore. However, plasters are useless _____ (39) it comes to deep and serious cuts. Just like _____ (40) tailors sew two pieces of cloth together, doctors also use needles and threads to sew or stitch the wound. The special threads to close up the wounds are called sutures.

Marks

Section H: Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1m = 10m)

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each <u>underlined</u> word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

At Healesville Sanctuary in Melbourne, Koorina, a female platypus, and 'N', a male, had spent quite a bit of time together. In November 1998, Koorina was seen gathering bunches of leaves from the surface of a small pond in her (41) [ ] **anklohsure.**

(42) [ ]

Something was **defurnatli** up at the platypus pen. She tucked them (43) [ ] under her paddle-like tail and <u>lug</u> them to a spot she had hollowed out under (44) [ ] the roots of a tree. For five days, she **disapeered** into her leaf-lined burrow.

(45) [ ]

Norm and Fisk, the platypus experts, could hardly <u>contains</u> their excitement. Could it be that Koorina was busy laying eggs? Over the next few (46) [ ] weeks, a video camera allowed Fisk and Norm to <u>observing</u> the shy, duck-billed (47) [ ] mammal without disturbing her. They watched in awe as Koorina <u>munch</u> on huge (48) [ ] quantities of worms, bugs and crayfish, **aparantli** preparing to nurse her young.

In early December, Koorina made platypus history. In her burrow, two

(49) _____

grape-size eggs were hatched. Both Norm and Fisk had **sukseeded** this time for

(50) _____

one of the babies <u>are</u> put on display at the sanctuary in April 1999. The platypus experts were on cloud nine then.

Marks

Section I: Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1m =15m)
In the following passage, there are 15 blanks numbered 51 to 65. Fill in each blank with a suitable word. Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Mr Chai was born to a family that reared tropical fish and grew vegetables in Jalan Bahar. He was the _____ student in his class of 40 who paid close
(51)
attention in class when his Science teacher taught his class about shrimps, water stick insects and other _____ creatures in Primary 4. These were daily
(52)
sightings at the farm _____ he spent the first fourteen years of his life.
(53)

Growing up, Mr Chai spent _____ of his time outdoors. He caught
(54)
everything from fish to frogs, _____ guava trees and sped
(55)
_____ dirt slopes in a bicycle. Mr Chai could remember how he would
(56)
catch a python in his farm. He said, "When we see pythons, we _____
(57)
on our natural instinct to _____ control of the threat on our own. We just
(58)
grabbed a pole and a gunny sack."

Mr Chai and his neighbours would also do everything _____ and
(59)
there was a _____ spirit of sharing. His neighbours would often come
(60)
knocking at his door to share their harvests _____ as papayas and
(61)
mangoes. Even pythons, which _____ onto the farmland to
(62)
_____ on the farm animals were shared among them.
(63)

Several years later, Mr Chai had to _____ to a flat in Ang Mo Kio
(64)

with his family. Despite living in the urban area now, he still had fond

_____ of his childhood. He would never forget the good old times he
(65)

had in the farm.

Marks

Section J: Synthesis/Transformation (5 x 2m = 10m)
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).

66. Marlene was not spoilt by her parents although she was the only child.

In spite of _____

_____

67. All the pupils are interested in the New Zealand immersion programme. Jacob is the only one who is not interested.

_____ except _____

_____

68. Mother finds the new washing machine useful. She also finds it economical.

_____ not only

_____

69. Jane was disappointed that she did not win the tennis match.

Much _____

_____

70. Mrs Tan told her pupils, "Don't forget to bring two mandarin oranges to school tomorrow."

Mrs Tan reminded _____

_____

Marks

Section K: Comprehension Open-ended (10 x 2m = 20m)
Read the passage below carefully and answer questions 71 to 80.

I visited the local police to get help with crossing a stretch of the China Sea. The police superintendent asked me what I knew about that stretch of water. I told him how I had read about the hijacking of ferryboats and the raiding of cargo boats.

"Oh, the pirates are not as bad as those in some places," he replied. "Our police have plenty of boats patrolling round here, although there is a limit to what they can do. But if you insist on going, I'll take you to one of the captains who sail in this area." The superintendent then introduced one captain to me. "We sail Saturday," the captain said.

Saturday came and I made my way to the harbour and the waiting boat. The captain beckoned me aboard. We were soon out on the open sea. The engine of our boat puffed and panted, sometimes it stopped completely. By evening, there was **bad news**. It was obvious that the boat's engine was failing.

Early next morning, a narrow, nippy motorboat suddenly arrived alongside our boat. Seven wild, agile men clambered aboard. They spotted me. The last thing they had expected to see was a foreign passenger.

One of them noticed two fifty-dollar notes in my shirt pocket. "May I have one?" he asked, with a polite smile. Somehow he had understood that **I was a traveller and needed money**. I handed it to him.

"You and I are friends now," he said, and he threw his arms round my shoulder. "My name is Musa."

"Give me your watch and your jacket," another pirate, known as Ali, bellowed. He appeared rather hostile and fierce-looking. Hoping to humour Ali, I simply smiled back. "Then I want your shirt and your boots," I replied, still smiling, with my counter-demands.

Ali was scowling by now and puzzled, too, by my smile and my counter-demands. Always smile: I had learned in a similar situation, where the penalty for relaxing your grin, even for an instant, could be fatal. Ali, however, was not going to be put off. He took a step towards me.

"Your jacket!" he roared, his hand working round to a bulge in his hip pocket.

"How about your boots?" I asked politely. Sensing the tension building up, Musa very tactfully intervened. Ignoring Ali's repeated and terrifying requests, he threw his arms round another two pirates nearby and began to chant an imitation of my words. I was surprised at how sensitive Musa was of my **situation**.

"How about, how about, how about your boots?" The two pirates rocked to the rhythm of their clearly nonsensical chant and threw their arms about me. The four of us just yelled louder and louder. Our chanting was a frantic sort of spell. In a way we were making magic against murder at sea, my murder. It worked. Ali gazed at us with his mouth agape and a puzzled frown. Then the ingenious Musa invited him into our group. At that moment, Ali joined us in the chanting. I felt that the **immediate danger was subdued**.

It was the dilapidated engine of the boat that saved our skins. The pirates scrambled into their boat, waved at us and sped away. We waved back with utmost relief.

ANSWER IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Explain clearly why the writer needed help from the police.

_____

_____

72. State two reasons the superintendent gave the writer to relieve his fear of crossing the China Sea.

_____

_____

73. What does "bad news" in line 12 refer to?

_____

_____

74. Explain clearly how Musa showed that he understood that the writer "was a traveller and needed money" (lines 17-18).

_____

_____

75. What was the writer's first impression of Ali?

_____

_____

76. In paragraph 7, what did the writer do which showed that he was trying very hard to humour Ali?

_____

_____

Marks

77. What did the writer think would be the consequence of not smiling?

_____

_____

78. How did Musa show that he was sensitive to the writer's "situation" (line 33)?

_____

_____

79. In lines 35 to 40, which word tells us that the writer thought that Musa was a clever man?

_____

_____

80. Explain clearly what made the writer feel that the "immediate danger was subdued" (line 40).

_____

_____

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End Of Paper

ANSWER SHEET

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Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
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Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
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Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
M	H	N	F	P	G

41)enclosure 42)definitely 43)lugged 44)disappeared

45)contain 46)observe 47)munched 48)apparently

49)succeeded 50)was 51)only 52)aquatic 53)where

54)most 55)climbed 56)down 57)depend 58)take

59)together 60)strong 61)such 62)slithered 63)feed

64)move 65)memories

66)In spite of the fact that Marlene was the only child, she was not spoilt by her parents.

67)All the pupils, except Jacob are interested in the New Zealand immersion.

68)Mother not only finds the new washing machine useful, she finds it economical too.

69)Much to Jane's disappointment, she did not win the tennis match.

70)Mrs Tan reminded her pupils to bring two mandarin oranges to school the next day.

71)The writer was afraid that when he cross the stretch of the China Sea, pirates would attack him and he was hoping that the police could give him protection.

72)The superintendent said that the pirates at the China Sea were not as bad as some other places and the superintendent also said that the police has plenty of boats patrolling round the Chine Sea.

73)It refers to the boat's engine failing.

74)He had spotted two fifty-dollars notes in the writer's shirt pocket and asked if he could have one politely.

75)The writer's first impression of Ali was that Ali was rather hostile and fierce-looking.

76)He smiled back and asked for Ali's shirt and boats when Ali asked for his jacket and watch.

77)The writer thought that not smiling could lead to fatality.

78)After the writer asked for Ali's boats for the second time, Musa threw his arms around two more pirated and began to chant an imitation of the writers word to distract.

79)The word is "ingenious".

80)Ali was very angry when the writer started to hum our him, but when Musa invited Ali to join the chanting, Ali also started to chant, thus making the writer think that Ali was no longer angry.

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BOOKLET A

Instructions to Pupils

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2. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.
5. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided for questions 1 to 30 only

Section A : Comprehension (Graphic Stimulus) (5 ×1 mark)

Study the brochure below carefully and then answer questions 1 to 5.

MARINA RESORTS WORLD

Choose one of three welcome packages that come with the Marina Resorts World (MRW) $150 annual membership.

AQUATIC LIFE PARK	Global Studios Singapore	CELEBRITY CHEF KITCHEN
The World's Largest Oceanarium	*Southeast Asia's first and only Hollywood movie theme park*	*Savour a meal by award-winning culinary chefs from various parts of the world*
Swim with the stingrays and learn about coral reefs. Come face-to-face with fascinating sea creatures in the world's largest oceanarium and have a whale of a time on thrilling rides and slides. This package includes: • two Sandy Cove Adventures day passes worth $60. *Redemption is only available when ticket sales for Sandy Cove Adventures commences.* • two Oceanarium day passes worth $100. *The Oceanarium day pass is valid for six months from the date of issue.* • $10 dining voucher. *The dining voucher is only redeemable at the following participating MRW-owned outlets: Mud Pool Café, Whale Corner*	Wrestle villains, travel to ancient times and revel in the glamour of showbiz. Enter the enchanting world of movie magic as you "ride the movies" on roller coasters and other movie-themed attractions. This package includes: • two adult day passes worth $160 that allows access to skip the regular queues at five blockbuster attractions. *The special access is valid for one year from the date of issue and applies only to Shriek 4-D Adventure, Transfigures: The Ride, Revenge of the Zombie, and Water Park Rapids Adventure.* • a 20% discount when you buy any food or beverage at Hard Luck Café.	A unique dining concept where chefs experiment and create tantalising dishes, work on new ideas and fuse different culinary concepts. Guests are part of the action, separated merely by a counter between the kitchen and the main dining area. This package includes: • a complimentary copy of MRW Food Secrets. *Subject to availability on a first-come-first-served basis.* • a five-course Chef's Special worth $188. • *Advanced reservations are advised. Call 6565 6565 or email cck@mrw.com*

1. Reservations can be made _____ at the Celebrity Chef Kitchen.

   (1) via email only
   (2) via telephone only
   (3) via email or telephone
   (4) on a first-come-first-served basis

2. What privilege does an adult day pass provide at Global Studios Singapore?

   (1) allows entry to the world of movie magic
   (2) allows priority access to the five attractions
   (3) provides a $10 food voucher at Hard Luck Cafe
   (4) enables one to travel back in time to wrestle with villains

3. Which one of the following attractions is not open yet?

   (1) Oceanarium
   (2) Celebrity Chef Kitchen
   (3) Sandy Cove Adventures
   (4) Water Park Rapids Adventure

4. According to the brochure, where can vouchers be exchanged for food and beverage?

   (1) Whale Corner
   (2) Hard Luck Café
   (3) MRW Food Secrets
   (4) All MRW-owned outlets

5. The main aim of the MRW package is for members to _____.

   (1) enjoy cost savings
   (2) enjoy the movie theme park
   (3) savour a delicious meal by celebrity chefs
   (4) discover alluring marine creatures in the oceanarium

Section B: Grammar (7x1 mark)

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. Mr Lim was one of the residents _____ flat was burnt in the fire.

(1) who
(2) which
(3) whom
(4) whose

7. The passenger was taken to the hospital _____ arrival at the airport.

(1) over
(2) upon
(3) when
(4) during

8. The deep waters of the world have inspired a whole mythology, unparallelled _____ history.

(1) to
(2) in
(3) on
(4) of

9. The teacher had _____ the lesson before I entered the class.

(1) begin
(2) began
(3) begun
(4) beginning

10. Kenny is rarely late for his appointments, _____ he?

(1) is
(2) was
(3) isn't
(4) wasn't

11. Jay likes all types of cuisines _____ from Japanese food.

(1) save
(2) apart
(3) besides
(4) except

12. All the committee members but Helen _____ the meeting next week.

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

Section C: Punctuation (3 ×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.

"Tricia, you smell funny (13) exclaimed Tash, referring to the smell of the insect repellent that Tricia had liberally applied on herself.

"You really don't have to apply so much," Tash continued (14) because they are more afraid of you than you are of them."

That did not seem to console Tricia one bit. She trudged on as she wondered why her teacher had chosen to go to MacRitchie Reservoir during one of the hottest spells of the year (15) She could not wait for this ordeal to end.

Adapted from The Call from the Crying House

13.
(1) [,"] comma and inverted commas
(2) [."] full stop and inverted commas
(3) [?"] question mark and inverted commas
(4) [!"] exclamation mark and inverted commas

14.
(1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [."] full stop and inverted commas
(4) [,"] comma and inverted commas

15.
(1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [?] question mark
(4) [!] exclamation mark

Section D: Vocabulary (5×1mark)

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 number in the Optical Answer Sheet.

16. It is _____of her to think that Santa Claus really exists in this world.

    (1) mature
    (2) gullible
    (3) prudent
    (4) rational

17. The outlook for next year's economy seems _____ , as countries around the world brace themselves for disasters and unemployment.

    (1) grim
    (2) bullish
    (3) benign
    (4) glorious

18. Due to her _____ performance, she was granted a scholarship to study medicine overseas.

    (1) sacred
    (2) sterling
    (3) substandard
    (4) sophisticated

19. The workers' schedule must not be _____so that the job can be finished in an hour's time.

    (1) adhered
    (2) tempered
    (3) hampered
    (4) expedited

20. John did not believe Ken. A fight broke out when he _____ that Ken had taken his new laptop.

    (1) denoted
    (2) insinuated
    (3) renounced
    (4) propounded

Section E : Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

For each question from 21 to 25, 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.

As the party went on, spirits were high and the temperature in the room seemed to be rising by the minute. Suddenly, the slender silhouette of a lady framed the doorway. There was an unmistakable (21) aura surrounding her as she stepped into the room. Loud chatters seemed to (22) dissipate, instead forming hushed whispers as everyone was trying to (23) speculate the identity of this mysterious lady. Seemingly oblivious to the attention she was (24) garnering, the lady stopped in front of the bartender and looked him in the eye. "A coke bourbon please," she (25) cooed, fiddling with the enormous rock she had on her fourth finger as she did so.

21. (1) special quality
(2) sinister quality
(3) serene quality
(4) sensitive quality

22. (1) break up
(2) break off
(3) break away
(4) break down

23. (1) ponder
(2) discover
(3) question
(4) ascertain

24. (1) storing
(2) creating
(3) focusing
(4) acquiring

25. (1) talked softly
(2) talked coldly
(3) talked incoherently
(4) talked impatiently

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Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5x1 mark)

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Shelly Henry, 45, chief revenue officer for a medical device company in Oklahoma City, choked up as she recalled the day nearly 12 years ago when her daughter, Kara, almost died.

Kara, then 15, took a ride with a few classmates to high school that morning. Her friend ran a stop sign and a truck struck the car's passenger side where Kara was sitting, singing along to the radio.

When Shelly, a medical student and single mother, arrived at the scene, she saw a knot of flashing emergency vehicle lights. Then, she saw her daughter lying motionlessly on the side of the road.

"At that point, I was just hoping to be able to say goodbye to her," Shelly related.

A witness to the accident had pulled Kara from the car. Shelly ran to her daughter and Kara whispered, "I'm not dead."

Two of the girls escaped with minor injuries. Another girl had a broken neck and rode alongside Kara in an ambulance to the hospital a few miles away. Shelly followed in her own car, thinking, "Can we get there already? I just want her out of pain."

The crash had damaged three of Kara's vertebrae, dislocated six discs in her spine and nearly crushed several organs in her abdomen. Doctors feared a two-inch shard of bone pushing into her lower spinal cord could paralyse her. With Shelly's permission, surgeons repaired the bone using a risky new technique which had not been used on many patients. She was also advised to avoid pregnancy as it might further damage her back.

Just a few days after her surgery, Kara took her first step. In 2001, wearing a back brace, she moved to her grandparents' home to continue her recovery. She was able to navigate their house with a wheelchair, though she was in chronic pain.

Later that year, Shelly resumed classes at the University of Central Oklahoma and soon took a job as a technician in a local pain relief clinic. Shelly tried the clinic's regimen of treatments to ease Kara's pain, but none worked. She was devastated.

"To see your child suffering takes everything that you have inside and rips it out," she said.

One day at work, short on time, Shelly made a serendipitous discovery. When she applied laser and electrical stimulation, a two-step pain management treatment traditionally used one at a time, to a patient's upper spine and arms at the same time, the patient said," I don't know what you just did, but it worked!"

Shelly took Kara to the clinic and tried the unique treatment on her lower back. It immediately alleviated her pain.

Shelly partnered with two eminent doctors to test the new device. The results showed Kara's pain relief had scientific basis. With hard evidence in hand, Shelly patented the technique and eventually raised enough funds to sell the device. For Shelly, Kara's recovery was the ultimate success. After the treatment, Kara had not taken pain medication in nearly ten years. Her tenacity to overcome all odds was indeed a salient trait.

Adapted from Reader's Digest "Cheer Up!" January 2013 Issue (digital version)

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. How did the accident happen?

(1) Her friend was speeding and knocked down a stop sign.
(2) A truck did not stop at the stop sign and collided with the car Kara was in.
(3) Kara's singing was too distracting and caused her friend to take her eyes off the road.
(4) Her friend defied traffic rules and continued driving when she was not supposed to.

27. What was Shelly's first thought when she arrived at the scene of the accident?

(1) She wanted to save her daughter.
(2) Her daughter did not survive the accident.
(3) She wanted to relieve her daughter's pain.
(4) She wanted to thank the witness who had saved her daughter.

28. How do we know that the surgery in line 22 was risky?

(1) She could be paralysed as she was pregnant.
(2) Her broken neck could be aggravated after the surgery.
(3) The procedure used in the surgery was not commonly used.
(4) The doctors did not have the expertise to perform the surgery.

29. Based on the passage, which one of the following statements is true?

(1) The initial series of treatment Kara had after her surgery reduced her pain.
(2) Kara was able to move around in a wheelchair with ease after the surgery.
(3) Shelly stopped going to school for some time after the accident to take care of Kara.
(4) Kara was the first patient to receive the two-step pain management treatment.

30. Which word from the passage has the same meaning as "persistent"?

(1) salient
(2) chronic
(3) eminent
(4) serendipitous

BOOKLET B

Name: _____ ( ) P6 ( )

Section G: Structural Cloze (10×1 mark)

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 to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) after	(E) for	(J) off	(N) though
(B) as	(F) is	(K) on	(P) thus
(C) be	(G) most	(L) to	(Q) with
(D) behind	(H) of	(M) in	

A China theme park in Australia featuring a full-size replica of gates to the Forbidden City and a nine-storey temple could rival the Sydney Opera House (31) _____ a tourist draw card, officials said ~~Monday.~~

The planned US$520 million attraction moved a step closer (32) _____ Wyong Shire Council in Ne South Wales signed a deal on Sunday to sell 15.7 hectares of land to the company (33) _____ the proposal.

Construction of the seven-sectioned theme park 80 kilometres north of Sydney is set (34) _____ begin in 2015 and be finished by 2020. On completion, it is expected to employ more than 1,000 people.

The first stage of the theme park to be built (35) _____ likely to be the replica of an entrance to the Forbidden City, Beijing's Imperial Palace, complete (36) _____ red walls and a golden roof. There will also (37) _____ a section constructed in the architectural style of the Tang and Song dynasties, with small courtyards typical (38) _____ a Chinese neighbourhood and another in the style of the Ming and Qing dynasties. Other areas will include the temple, a theatre, a royal villa and a children's section devoted to pandas, (39) _____ it will not include any live animals.

The park will capitalise (40) _____ the growing number of tourists from China visiting Australia. China is Australia's fastest growing international tourism market.

Adapted from http://news.asiaone.com/News/Latest%2BNews/Relax/Story/A1Story20121203-387319.html

Section H: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10×1mark)

Correct each word in bold for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

Be a responsible pet owner: not only to your pet, but to your neighbours as well. That

41) [ ]

was the message of a pet care roadshow, organising by the Agri-Food and Veterinary

42) [ ]

Athawreety (AVA). Sales were aplenty but it was the animals which took centrestage at

43) [ ]

Causeway Point Shopping Centre. Although getting close to the animals, shoppers also

learnt more about proper pet care through exhibits and talks.

44) [ ]

With pet abuse cases within the rise in Singapore, the AVA's Animal Welfare Legislation

45) [ ]

Review Committee has received feedback on ways to get tougher. This include fines and

46) [ ]

inpreesonment as well as community service with an animal welfare group. An e-

consultation platform for the public to give suggestions for better animal welfare will be set

47) [ ]

48) [ ]

out next month. The committee will also recommend an accreditation **skeem** for pet

49) [ ]

biznesses. Chairman of the Review Committee, Yeok Guat Kwang, said: "Industry buyers

have the responsibility to educate buyers. Before they buy, they must make sure that they

50) [ ]

understand the **temppuruhment** of the pet and what care and love they must give to the pets that they purchase."

Adapted from http://www.channelnewsasia.com/stories/singaporelocalnews/view/1219735/1/.html

Section I: Comprehension Cloze Passage (15×1mark)

Fill in each blank with the most suitable word.

Until an icy night a hundred years ago, the word "Titanic" suggested good things. It meant big, powerful, and extraordinary. That changed in April 1912 as the Royal Mail Ship Titanic, the world's largest and _____ (51) opulent oceangoing vessel, steamed westward on its maiden _____ (52) from England to New York City. As Titanic sailed into the third day, the setting sun lowered the _____ (53) to freezing and the sea's surface shone like glass. A flat sea seemed safe but it hid _____ (54). Icebergs, common to the North Atlantic in spring, would be _____ (55) to spot without waves to break against their sides. Nevertheless, Smith kept the ship at full speed. He believed the crew could react in _____ (56) to any icebergs. Unbeknown to the crew, icebergs indeed lay ahead. By evening, five radio messages were sent from nearby _____ (57) that warned of ice. However, _____ (58) of the crew paid attention to them.

Minutes ticked by and at 11.40pm, lookouts, Frederick and Reginald peered into the _____ (59) and noticed something blacker than the sea lying directly ahead. As the ship drew closer, recognition _____ (60) on him. Frederick rang the warning bell three times and phoned the cockpit. First Officer immediately barked an order to steer left. For more than thirty seconds, deck crew and lookouts _____ (61) their breath. As Titanic passed, the iceberg's underwater bulk punched the right hull plates. _____ (62) gushed into the first five compartments. "She's making water fast!" announced the ship's carpenter.

In just two and a half hours, Titanic was filled with water and _____ into
(63)
the depths of the Atlantic Ocean. Having only 20 lifeboats rather than the 48 that would have been _____ to save all the people onboard, hundreds of passengers were
(64)
thrown into the icy waters and _____ of hypothermia. More than 1500 crew and
(65)
passengers perished in the frigid waters of the Atlantic Ocean that fateful night.

Adapted from National Geographic "Titanic, Uncovering the Secrets of the World's Greatest Shipwreck."

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

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).

66. You must leave your bags at the counter. Only then can you enter the shop.

All bags _____

_____

67. I have to travel with a stroller and a baby. It is a troublesome affair for me.

Travelling _____

_____

68. Her grandmother died suddenly. It was hard for her to come to terms with it.

It was not _____

_____

69. The student asked, "Is it time for recess?"

The student asked _____

_____

70. John cannot go to the exhibition with us. He must obtain permission from his boss.

_____ unless

_____

Section K: Comprehension Open-Ended (10 × 2 marks)

Read the passage and answer the questions 71 to 80.

"Left! Right!" our guide, Maldo, shouted as we paddled furiously. We had been navigating the torrential rapids of Cagayan de Oro River for four hours, zipping between rocks and bursting through white-crested waves. It was my first time white-water rafting and the experience was amazing!

My father and I had long dreamed of doing this. Finally in March 2008, when I was 13, we set off with the rest of our family and some friends from our homes in Metro Manila to Cagayan de Oro, a rafting hotspot in southern Philippines. Filled with excitement, we walked onto the riverbank towards the bright yellow rafts that would be our front-row seats to the river's fury. We were a large group. Heading our troop of adventure-seeking amateurs were two professional guides.

After completing the Beginner's and Advanced Course, most of us had had enough. Only a few of us, my father, myself and Maldo included, pressed on. Maldo said we had traversed all the courses open to the public. All that remained was the Extreme Course, a hazardous stretch that only the rafting guides and the Philippine National Rafting Team had been allowed to enter. Maldo warned that this run had not been tried and tested yet, but what he said only made us **yearn for more adventure**. We insisted on trying it out.

When we finally arrived at the starting point, we stepped onto our raft apprehensively. A few of us tried to rouse the others with sounds of hurray, but the real professionals could tell immediately that we were just trying not to look amateurish. My heart palpitated wildly as our raft hit the first set of rapids. Maldo yelled out some commands and following them, we managed to manoeuvre our way out. I heaved a sigh of relief and thought the experience was actually not too bad. After all, we were still alive. In fact, we survived many more rapids afterward and I was beginning **to feel a little disappointed**.

Then came the most torrential part of the river. We greeted the rapids with roars. Maldo was yelling to paddle around a fallen tree trunk, but between our howls and our reluctance to be cautious, not a word got through to us. Suddenly, the raft hit the trunk, and the onrushing water started to tip us over.

Before setting off, we had been lectured about worst-case scenarios. Should the raft begin to tip over, we needed to balance it out by shifting all our weight onto the rising side. It all seemed simple enough, but in the panic of the moment, we tried paddling around the tree. We were going against the current and the raft refused to budge. Within 10 seconds, we were thrown into the current.

I thrashed around underwater for a brief moment before kicking up to the surface. With my life vest keeping me afloat, I was dragged through a maze of half-submerged rocks. Suddenly, I felt a searing surge of pain as the fast moving water threw me into a boulder. I wrapped my arms around it and I could feel my grip gradually slipping. My fingers finally slipped free and I was tossed and pulled and thrown by the raging current, just like a ragdoll. I was sure I was going to die. Then a strange thing happened. **The piercing sapphire colour of the water faded into a dull blue and its ferocious roar shrank into a faint growl.** My mind started to wander.

My train of thought was interrupted when a muscular arm hooked around my waist. "Lay on your back!" Maldo's commanding voice jolted me back to reality. He kept a firm grip as we rode out the remainder of the torrent.

It has been over two years since my brush with death and I am still shaken at the memory. I am ready to go rafting again, which makes me think I have conquered my fear, but deep down, I realise that one can never really know for sure. Just when you think you got it figured out, Nature manages to pull a fast one as she presents a new adventure.

Adapted from Santiago Amaiz's "My Story: Reader's Digest November 2010"

Name: _____ .( ) P6 ( )

Answer questions 71-80 in COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Where exactly were the author and his group and what were they doing?

_____

_____

72. In what way did Maldo's words make the author yearn for more adventure in line 16?

_____

_____

73. Why did the author begin to feel a little disappointed in line 23?

_____

_____

74. Why did the author and his group not listen to Maldo's commands in line 26?

_____

_____

75. Which word in the passage tells you that the author and his group were inexperienced rafters?

_____

_____

76. Describe in detail how the author was finally saved.

_____

_____

77. Which sentence in the passage tells you that the author was injured when he was thrown into the waters?

_____

_____

78. What should the author and his group have done when the raft tipped over?

_____

_____

79. Refer to lines 38-40 "the piercing sapphire ... a faint growl". Explain, in your own words, what was happening to the author that caused him to feel this way.

_____

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80. Describe how the author had changed after his brush with death.

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END OF PAPER

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Ms Pek Xueyan
Mr Jonathan Teo

Exam Paper 2013 Answer Sheet

School: RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL
Subject: PRIMARY 6 ENGLISH
Term: SA1

1) 3	6) 4	11) 2	16) 2	21) 1	26) 4
2) 2	7) 2	12) 2	17) 1	22) 1	27) 2
3) 3	8) 2	13) 4	18) 2	23) 1	28) 3
4) 1	9) 3	14) 4	19) 3	24) 4	29) 3
5) 1	10) 1	15) 2	20) 2	25). 1	30) 2

31) B	33) D	35) F	37) C	39) N
32) A	34) L	36) Q	38) H	40) K

41. organized

42. Authority

43. Besides

44. on

45. These

46. imprisonment

47. up

48. scheme

49. businesses

50. temperament

51. most

52. voyage

53. temperature

54. dangers

55. difficult

56. time

57. ships

58. none

59. dark

60. dawned

61. held

62. water

63. sank

64. needed

65. died

66. All bags must be left at the counter before you can enter the shop.

67. Travelling with a stroller and a baby is a troublesome affair for me.

68. It was not easy for her to come to terms with her grandmother's sudden death.

69. The student asked if it was time for recess.

70. John cannot go to the exhibition unless he obtains permission from his boss.

71. They were at the Cagayan de Oro River and they were white-water rafting.

72. As the extreme course had not been tried and tested yet, the more the author wanted to try it out.

73. He had survived all the rapids so far and he thought that it would be more exciting.

74. They were howling and reluctant to be cautious.

75. It is "amateurs".

76. Maldo's arm hooked around the author's waist and Maldo commanded the author to lay on his back as they rode out the remainder of the torrent.

77. It is "suddenly, I felt a searing surge of pain as the fast moving water threw me into a boulder."

78. They should have balanced the raft out by shifting all their weight onto the rising side.

79. The author was about to faint.

80. He used to be very reckless but after the incident, he was more careful in dealing with the unknown.

ROSYTH SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1, 2013
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
PRIMARY 6

Name: _____

Class: Pr 6- _____

TOTAL DURATION FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 H 50 MIN

Register No. _____

Date: 13 May 2013 Parent's Signature: _____

BOOKLET A

Instructions to Pupils:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Read the questions and follow all the instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 30 questions (Questions 1 to 30).
4. **Answer ALL the questions and shade them in the correct ovals on the OAS provided.**

* This booklet consists of 10 pages altogether (including this page).

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Study the following text and then answer questions 1 to 5.

2ND BISHAN CHILDREN SINGING CONTEST

15 JUNE 2013

Organised by

Bishan Community Club

Calling all aspiring solo singers aged 12 or below! Sing your favourite English song individually and the top 3 singers stand to win these prizes:

1st Prize

- 250GB XBox 360
- $100 Barock Coffee Voucher
- $200 Evergreen Bookstore Voucher

2nd Prize

- 4GB XBox 360
- $50 Barock Coffee Voucher
- $100 Evergreen Bookstore Voucher

3rd Prize

- 4GB XBox 360
- $15 Barock Coffee Voucher
- $30.Evergreen Bookstore Voucher

All contestants will receive a $10 Barock Coffee voucher.

Rules and Regulations

- Contestants are allowed to perform any English song of their choice with an instrument.
- The Organising Committee reserves the right to reject any song deemed unsuitable for the competition.
- If contestants wish to sing with music, they have to provide their own CDs.

Registration

- To register, log on to www.bcsc2013.com
- Limited to the first 100 contestants
- Closing date: 30 May 2013
- Sign up by 5 April to receive a FREE Cheetah T-shirt worth $20. Contestants can collect the T-shirt on 8 April 2013.

Sponsored by:

Evergreen Bookstore Barock Coffee Cheetah Apparel

For each question from 1-5, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 and 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

1. The singing contest is organised by _____.

(1) Barock Coffee
(2) Cheetah Apparel
(3) Evergreen Bookstore
(4) Bishan Community Club

2. In order to participate in the singing contest, one must _____.

(1) register online
(2) be 12 years old
(3) sing a song with music
(4) sign up by 5 April 2013

3. The_____ is <u>not</u> included in the top three prizes of the contest.

(1) Xbox 360
(2) Cheetah T-shirt
(3) Barock Coffee voucher
(4) Evergreen Bookstore voucher

4. The last day for registration is on _____.

(1) 5 April 2013
(2) 8 April 2013
(3) 30 May 2013
(4) 15 June 2013

5. Which one of the following is true?

(1) A contestant must sing along with an instrument.
(2) There will be bookstore vouchers for all contestants.
(3) Contestants must provide their own CDs and microphone.
(4) The organising committee can ask contestants to change their songs.

For each question from question 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. (7 marks)

6. The children barely have the opportunity to go to the zoo, _____ they?

(1) do
(2) don't
(3) isn't
(4) aren't

7. The farmer _____ daughter is very diligent is my best friend.

(1) who
(2) whom
(3) which
(4) whose

8. _____ the heavy traffic, we reached the airport in time.

(1) For
(2) Since
(3) Unless
(4) Despite

9. You can confide _____ me if you have any problems.

(1) in
(2) at
(3) for
(4) with

10. My granduncle told my sister and _____ that he was adopted.

(1) I
(2) me
(3) mine
(4) myself

11. If we _____ about the blood donation drive, we would have volunteered to help.

(1) know
(2) knows
(3) had known
(4) have known

12. The Warrant Officer made the soldier _____ for twenty minutes around the running track.

(1) run
(2) ran
(3) runs
(4) running

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.

(3 marks)

Mr Choi Dae Ho, 22, was thrown into the limelight after he gave his pair of slippers to an elderly woman who was barefooted on board an SBS bus last Saturday.

Despite her initial objections (13) Mr Choi knelt in front of the old woman and put them gently on her feet. The old woman was touched by his actions and cried.

"It was a small gesture on my part," said Mr Choi (14) and it was something I felt I had to do, or I would regret it."

Mr Choi, who is not from a well (15) to-do family, wants to become a Taekwondo instructor for the handicapped.

The Secretary-General of the Singapore Kindness Movement, Dr William Wan, praised Mr Choi and hoped that his gesture would inspire a gracious society.

Adapted from The Straits Times Online 8 February 2013

13. (1) [:] colon
    (2) [,] comma
    (3) [.] full-stop
    (4) [;] semi-colon

14. (1) [,"] comma and inverted commas
    (2) [."] full-stop and inverted commas
    (3) [?"] question mark and inverted commas
    (4) [!"] exclamation mark and inverted commas

15. (1) [:] colon
    (2) [-] hyphen
    (3) [,] comma
    (4) [;] semi-colon

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. (5 marks)

16. Everyone makes mistakes. No one is _____.

    (1) infallible
    (2) invincible
    (3) incredible
    (4) indomitable

17. General Ahmad was an _____ soldier. He fought the enemy in order to save his fellow soldiers.

    (1) audacious
    (2) industrious
    (3) enterprising
    (4) adventurous

18. Joe regretted that he started revising for his examinations _____.

    (1) in the long run
    (2) at the eleventh hour
    (3) in the twinkling of an eye
    (4) on the spur of the moment

19. The government will never _____ to the terrorists' demands.

    (1) give in
    (2) give up
    (3) give out
    (4) give way

20. The tough prison sentences serve as a _____ to poachers so as to protect the endangered animals.

    (1) hurdle
    (2) barrier
    (3) deterrent
    (4) hindrance

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

Alfred Hitchcock (1899-1980) made his living by scaring people. He was a prominent (21) director - his name is still well-known as the maker of the world's finest suspense movies. When he was constructing a movie, he would labour perpetually (22) over a script to produce the plot construction and spellbinding (23) dialogues that audiences had come to expect.

Hitchcock was also an esteemed (24) man in many countries when he was alive. Once, he visited the most exclusive restaurant in Sweden for a meal. The management not only provided him a table immediately but also prepared some cakes hastily (25) to honour him -- in the shape of daggers and guns. When he went to Hong Kong, the newspaper headlines was "Master of Suspense arrives in Hong Kong".

Adapted from 'Hitchcock', Reader's Digest, February 2013

21. (1) a famous
(2) an admired
(3) a dedicated
(4) an impressive

22. (1) regularly
(2) endlessly
(3) periodically
(4) systematically

23. (1) whimsical
(2) interesting
(3) descriptive
(4) mesmerising

24. (1) a popular
(2) a respected
(3) an important
(4) an outstanding

25. (1) carefully
(2) hurriedly
(3) laboriously
(4) painstakingly

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Bottlenose dolphins are found in tropical oceans and other warm waters around the globe. Their curved mouths give the appearance of a friendly, permanent smile. They can swim at a speed of 30 kilometres per hour and they surface up to three times a minute to breathe.

In the wild, bottlenose dolphins live in pods between 10 to 30 members. Their diet consist mainly of forage fish. When bottlenose dolphins find a school of fish, the dolphins will circle the school. As the fish are trapped in a mini whirlpool, the dolphins will take turns to snap up the fish. However, these aquatic mammals can also hunt individually by producing high frequency clicks called echolocation. When the clicking sounds hit a prey in the water, they bounce off and return to the dolphin as echoes. Echolocation tells the dolphins the shape, size, speed, distance and location of the prey. It also informs the dolphin of objects or predators in the sea.

Bottlenose dolphins have a sharp sense of hearing. Scientists believe that the sounds travel through the dolphin's lower jaw to its inner ear and then are transmitted to the brain for analysis. When bottlenose dolphins want to communicate with one another, they produce squeaks and whistles emitted from their blowholes. They also emit sounds through body language, such as leaping from the water and slapping their tails on the water surface. By doing so, they alert one another of predators, let others know if there is food nearby or keep track of others in the pod.

Bottlenose dolphins are very sociable animals. They have been spotted playing together, jumping high in the air and landing on their sides or back with a great splash. They have also been known to approach boats and people in the water in a seemingly friendly fashion and letting themselves be touched. However, it is important to remember that these mammals can be unpredictable and aggressive - to each other and to humans. They must be respected as the wild and beautiful animals they are. During the mating season, males fight for rank and access to females. The males compete vigorously with one another through displays of toughness and size, with a series of acts such as head-butting.

Bottlenose dolphins were once widely hunted for meat and oil. They have also been trained by militaries to locate sea mines. In some countries, they cooperate with local fishermen by driving fish into their nets and eating the fish that escape. However, they are now threatened by commercial fishing for other species like tuna. They can become entangled in nets and other fishing equipment.

Adapted from 'Bottlenose Dolphins', Marion McGrath,
www.kids.nationalgeographic.com

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. (5 marks)

26. Which of the following statements is true about bottlenose dolphins?

(1) They love to smile.
(2) They can be found all over the world.
(3) They breathe up to three times a minute.
(4) They swim at a minimum speed of 30 kilometres per hour.

27. Bottlenose dolphins circle schools of fish so that they can _____.

(1) hunt the fish individually
(2) prevent the fish from escaping
(3) use echolocation to find the prey
(4) prevent other predators from eating the fish

28. Bottlenose dolphins produce sounds and gestures _____.

(1) to keep track of the prey
(2) after they finish their food
(3) to alert one another of danger
(4) before they leap out of the water

29. By helping the local fishermen, the bottlenose dolphins _____.

(1) are given fish to eat
(2) get entangled in the nets
(3) get to eat the fish that escape
(4) become trained in locating sea mines

30. The bottlenose dolphins are now threatened as they are _____.

(1) hunted for their meat and oil
(2) caught together with other fish
(3) used by the militaries to locate sea mines
(4) starved due to the local fishermen's activities

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
PRIMARY 6

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Date: 13 May 2013

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BOOKLET B

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2. Read the questions and follow all the instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 50 questions (Questions 31 to 80).
4. **Answer ALL the questions and write all the answers in this booklet.**

	Maximum	Marks Obtained
Booklet A	30	
Booklet B	65	
Total	95	

Component	Question Numbers	Marks Obtained
Comprehension Cloze	51 – 65	
Comprehension Open-ended	71 – 80	

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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 to avoid confusion. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

(A) this	(D) instead	(G) above	(K) just	(N) of
(B) after	(E) that	(H) when	(L) because	(P) while
(C) over	(F) on	(J) then	(M) off	(Q) before

An old pirate was sitting at a bar drinking a glass of rum. He had an eye-patch (31)_____his right eye, a parrot on his shoulder and a wooden leg. (32)_____of his right hand, he had a metal hook.

"So, how did you lose your leg?" a young man asked the pirate.

"You see, some sharks were circling the ship (33)_____I fell overboard. My men managed to pull me onto the ship but not (34)_____one of the sharks got my leg," said the pirate sadly.

"How about the hook on your hand?" the young man asked again.

"(35)_____I was attacking and plundering a ship, my hand was chopped (36)_____by another pirate," he explained.

"What a life full of adventures!" said the young man. "(37)_____, what about your eye? How did you lose (38)_____?"

"Just as I was about to eat a grapefruit, the juice got into my eye," the old pirate replied.

"I don't understand. How could you lose your eye (39)_____of the grapefruit juice?"

"It (40)_____so happened that it was my first day with the new hook ...." sighed the pirate.

Correct each word **in bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box. (10 marks)

In Italy, a dog named Sadu has been granted a free travel pass after learning to

(41) [ ]

use the public transport. The five-year-old husky boards a train <u>from</u> Rome and visits a

(42) [ ]

baker for breakfast and a butcher for lunch. He queues at 7am with other ***komiuters*** *at*

(43) [ ]

Ostia Antica station for the 20 km ***jerneey*** *to get to the first stop in the capital, Rome.*

He is a regular at the bakery of Salvatore Roselli. Mr Roselli says, "Sadu is a picky

(44) [ ]

kustemer.

(45) [ ]

For breakfast, it has to be twoTarghettine, a biscuit made <u>into</u> short-crust pastry!"

(46) [ ]

One ***axekershen*** *ended in a missing-dog hunt after Sadu failed to turn up at his regular*

(47) [ ]

(48) [ ]

haunts, <u>sparks</u> a search and media alerts. Upon his return, he became a ***selebriti*** *and*

(49) [ ]

made many TV ***apearenses.***

(50) [ ]

Mr Roselli says, "It's madness on Saturdays! Everybody <u>want</u> a taste of the biscuits

that Sadu eats for breakfast. It's amazing!"

Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15 Marks)

Bullying is a big problem. It can make kids (51)_____hurt, scared, sick, lonely, embarrassed and sad. A bully might say mean things about someone, grab a kid's stuff, make (52)_____ of someone, or leave a kid out of the group on (53)_____.

Some bullies might think (54)_____bullying is a way to be popular or to get what they want. Most bullies make themselves feel more important (55)_____they pick on someone else. It makes them feel big and powerful.

Some bullies come from families (56)_____being angry and pushing people around is a normal way to act. They know that their actions hurt other people (57)_____most bullies do not care about the feelings of others.

What do you do if someone is bullying you? As much as you can, (58)_____the bully. You cannot go into hiding or skip class, of course. If you can, take a (59)_____ route to school and avoid him or her. Make a plan to walk with a (60)_____or two on the way to school and be with them (61)_____ recess. You can also tell an adult you trust what is (62)_____ you. Teachers, principals, parents or your older siblings can all (63)_____to stop bullying. Sometimes bullies stop as (64)_____ as a teacher finds out because they are afraid that they will be punished.

In the end, most bullies get into (65)_____because of their actions. Consequently, they may have only a few friends left.

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 must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

(10 marks)

66. Neither Sally nor Farah likes to go to the library on Sundays.

Both _____

_____

67. I prefer watching television at home to going to the cinema.

I would rather _____

_____

68. The discipline master is punishing the bullies for kicking the small boy.

The bullies _____

_____

69. Adil did very well in his studies. His mother encouraged him.

Due to his _____

_____

70. "Did you go to Sentosa yesterday?" I asked Rajan.

I asked _____

_____

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80 (20 marks)

After Singapore was founded, the population began to grow very quickly. The main cause of this increase was immigration. Singapore attracted many people from different parts of the world. The main groups of people were the businessmen, traders and others who came to look for jobs.

Men were needed for jobs such as the clearing of land for plantations. Plantation owners also needed these men to build houses for their family members and other buildings to serve as offices. Labourers were also needed to work in vegetable gardens by rich farmers. Two of the largest groups of labourers who came to work in Singapore were the Chinese and the Indians. These labourers were called coolies. These coolies formed the early backbone of Singapore's labour force.

The Chinese coolies were the Chinese immigrants driven by poverty in China to seek a better life in Singapore. They worked as rickshaw pullers, trishaw riders and farmers. They were mostly employed in mines, ports, in rubber and other plantations, in clearing jungles and on construction sites. They did back breaking tasks such as loading and unloading cargo and tin ore mining under the scorching sun. It was quite common to see them carrying gunny sacks near the Singapore River.

A newly-arrived coolie recruit was called a *sin kheh* which meant "new arrival" in Hokkien. The secret societies and clan associations would help them pay for their journey to Singapore. Upon arrival, the secret societies acted as their agents to help them find employers. They also helped the coolies in times of illness, protected their livelihoods and organised final rites. They became very powerful and very important to the Chinese community. The British felt threatened by them and made them illegal in 1890. An official organisation was then set up by the British to handle the immigration and official procedures for coolies. There were also voluntary associations supporting the coolies in their immigration and transition into Singapore.

The coolies suffered much hardship while they were in Singapore. They lived in cramped dwellings with no windows and light. Many of the jobs taken by coolies involved hard labour, taking a toll on their bodies. The Europeans and wealthy Chinese employed the coolies mainly because of their willingness to work hard for little money.

As Singapore progressed, modern technology was developed and incorporated at a fast pace. For example, machines were used inntransportation and mining. The need for manual labour decreased. Thus, the need for coolies declined. This forced the coolies to look to other means of living. However, few Chinese coolies went back to China. Most coolies settled down in Singapore doing other odd jobs. Some coolies even picked up some skills and found employment in shops as shoemakers, blacksmiths and carpenters.

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Who were the main migrants who came to Singapore?

_____

_____

72. Give two reasons why plantation owners needed the labourers.

_____

_____

73. Why did the Chinese coolies come to Singapore?

_____

_____

74. Which two word phrase in paragraph 3 refers to 'works which required hard labour'?

_____

_____

75. Before 1890, how did the poor coolies manage to come to Singapore?

_____

_____

76. What was the most important thing the coolies had to do once they were in Singapore?

_____

_____

77. What does the word 'them' in line 23 refer to?

_____

_____

78. Why did the British declare the secret societies illegal?

_____

_____

79. After the secret societies became illegal, who helped the Chinese coolies?

_____

_____

80. Explain clearly why the need for coolies declined.

_____

_____

End of Booklet B

ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2013
SCHOOL : ROSYTH
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TERM : SA1

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
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Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
P	M	J	E	L	K

41)to 42)commuters 43)journey 44)customer 45)of

46)excursion 47)sparking 48)celebrity 49)appearances 50)wants

51)feel 52)fun 53)purpose 54)that 55)whenever

56)where 57)but 58)avoid 59)different 60)friend

61)during 62)bothering/upsetting/worrying 63)help 64)soon

65)trouble

66)Both Sally and Farah do not live to go to the library on Sundays.

67)I would rather watch television at home than go to the cinema.

68)The bullies are being punished by the discipline master for kicking the small boy.

69)Due to his mother's encouragement, Adil did very well in his studies.

70)I asked Rajan if he had gone to Sentosa the previous day.

71)They were the businessmen, traders and labourers from China and India.

72)They were needed to clear the land and to build offices.

73)The Chinese coolies were driven by poverty in China and they wanted to seen a better life in Singapore.

74)The two-word phrase is ' back- breaking tasks'.

75)The secret societies and clan associations helped them pay for their journey to Singapore.

76)They had to find jobs.

77)It refers to the secret societies.

78)The secret societies became very powerful and the British felt threatened by.

79)The British and voluntary associations helped the Chinese coolies.

80)As Singapore developed, the use of machines increased and manual labour decreased.

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY SIX

Name:_____( ) Date: _____

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PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET A

30 questions

30 marks

Total time for Booklets A and 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.

Study the following text and answer questions 1 to 5.

RIGHTPRICE

Housebrand

Eat healthier with RightPrice Red Unpolished Rice.
A brand new recipe to help you switch to RightPrice Red Unpolished Rice, the healthier choice to white rice.

Red Rice with Corn and Green Peas

Ingredients:

100 g uncooked RightPrice Red Unpolished Rice, 500 ml water, 2 teaspoons oil, 20 g chopped onion, 5 g chopped garlic, 40 g diced carrot, 40 g corn kernels, 50 g frozen green peas, ½ teaspoon salt, Dash of pepper, 5 g coriander leaves

Method of Preparation

1. Wash and rinse rice in rice cooker.
2. Heat up oil. Add onion and garlic. Fry till aromatic.
3. Add carrot, corn kernels and frozen peas. Stir fry quickly.
4. Add into the rice cooker. Add salt and pepper. Add water and cook rice in rice cooker.
5. Serve hot with a sprinkle of coriander leaves.

This recipe is created by Ronald Goh of the Good Food Restaurant

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

1 RightPrice is _____.
(1) the name of a building
(2) the name of a product
(3) the name of a brand
(4) a recipe

2 The product advertised is _____.
(1) white rice
(2) brown rice
(3) aromatic rice
(4) unpolished rice

3 The item in the recipe that need not be cooked is _____.
(1) green peas
(2) corn kernels
(3) chopped onions
(4) coriander leaves

4 Ronald Goh is likely to be a _____.
(1) chef
(2) housewife
(3) health officer
(4) grocery shop-owner

5 You are encouraged to eat the product because it is _____.
(1) colourful
(2) a healthy option
(3) very easy to cook
(4) delicious when eaten hot

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. (7 marks)

6 Instead of ordering from Madam Looi, Amir and his classmates have decided to bake the cookies _____ to raise funds for the children's home.

(1) himself
(2) ourselves
(3) yourselves
(4) themselves

7 The police has issued an advisory to the public, urging them not to be taken _____ by schemes or individuals that promise them huge returns on their investments within a short time.

(1) in
(2) on
(3) away
(4) aback

8 Everyone _____ to the assembly area since the announcement was made about fifteen minutes ago.

(1) reports
(2) has reported
(3) was reporting
(4) have reported

9 The witnesses said that they saw someone who resembled the victim _____ past them before a loud crash was heard.

(1) run
(2) ran
(3) had run
(4) was running

10 At the meeting, the drivers were reminded again to conform _____ the rules and regulations during the race the next day.

(1) by
(2) to
(3) with
(4) about

11 The exclusion of the star players from the final match between the long-time rivals _____ been identified as the reason for the dismal performance.

(1) do
(2) has
(3) does
(4) have

12 "The outstanding amount has to be settled today. _____, your account will be suspended," the officer explained to Mr Wee.

(1) Therefore
(2) Otherwise
(3) Meanwhile
(4) Nevertheless

For each question from 13 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. (3 marks)

Affectionately known by longtime patrons as "Ghee Leong **(13)**, this traditional bakery – one of only a handful remaining in the country **(14)** has been producing fresh loaves of bread in its stone ovens for over 50 years. Other than bread, the bakery makes and sells buns which are filled with everything from cream to red bean paste.

Stacks of bread fill both the interior and exterior of the bakery. Meanwhile, the workers are constantly hard at work removing the charred crust from the loaves before the soft, white bread is sliced **(15)** packed and sent to provision stores and coffeeshops across the island.

Adapted from an article in *Voices Central Singapore (Jan - March 2013)*

13
(1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) ['] apostrophe
(4) ["] quotation mark

14
(1) [-] dash
(2) [:] colon
(3) [;] semicolon
(4) [,"] comma and inverted commas

15
(1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [?] question mark
(4) [!] exclamation mark

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. (5 marks)

16 About fifty animal lovers turned up to protest the _____ act against the cats.

(1) fanatical
(2) exemplary
(3) reprehensible
(4) magnanimous

17 "Looking at the _____ of the tsunami survivors who are still trying to rebuild their lives, we should be grateful for the relative safety of our region," the NE Coordinator reminded the pupils.

(1) proposal
(2) prediction
(3) prognosis
(4) predicament

18 "Like last year, business has been very bad after the end-of-year festive season is over," they _____ to the chairperson of the association.

(1) moped
(2) rebutted
(3) lamented
(4) admonished

19 After looking at the evidence, the investigating officers concluded that the victims in all five cases are _____ linked to one another.

(1) haltingly
(2) minutely
(3) flawlessly
(4) inextricably

20 In recognition of their _____ performance at the recent Asian Games, the football team was given a special bonus.

(1) sterling
(2) atrocious
(3) lacklustre
(4) unpalatable

For each question 21 to 25, choose a suitable answer to replace the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

My favourite subjects are children. They are genuine, spontaneous and **innocent** (21). They mirror your **feelings** (22) and moods even if you are behind the camera. How they **embrace** (23) life with innocence and purity comes as a reminder that life is actually very simple. In the world we live in, we have to move all the time. We dream big and pursue it **constantly** (24). When we achieved that cherished dream, we aspire for something bigger.

When I take pictures of children, I realise so many things. Here's a girl with sunburnt skin, unadorned yet beautiful, unschooled yet **refined** (25). Such is the duality of life. Photography is able to capture this; photography is able to tell a thousand stories.

Adapted from an article in *Asian Geographic; Issue 2/2011*

21
(1) sullied
(2) impure
(3) debased
(4) wholesome

22
(1) attitudes
(2) sentiments
(3) impartiality
(4) abhorrence

23
(1) forgo
(2) grasp
(3) relinquish
(4) surrender

24
(1) mindlessly
(2) unwittingly
(3) relentlessly
(4) intermittently

25
(1) crude
(2) cultured
(3) convoluted
(4) compassionate

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Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Nakhu stood with his eyes downcast. He was studying his nails as he permitted Balram to speak for him. It was up to Balram, his uncle, to do what was needed to secure the job for him. What the job was had not been divulged to him but he had heard the thrilling word – "movie" – in the dialogue between his mother and uncle last night. He knew plenty about movies. Once a week, he bought a ticket at the Picture Palace and **saw whatever it offered**. He simply loved movies! However, being in the same room with these three common-looking people in the hotel where he had been sacked from his job as a dishwasher was killing his hopes of working in the movie industry.

"Just tell him what you want," Balram was saying in a loud voice as if to drown out all objections, "and he will do it."

Having no alternative, they drove with Nakhu in their jeep to the spot that Balram had picked for them as the site of the entrance to an illegal phosphate mine. Nakhu did not utter a word – he was uncertain what was happening.

It was not long before Nakhu's questions were answered. They had reached the spot Balram had suggested – at the edge of a steep cliff. They could not see what was beyond that. Obviously, they believed that he was familiar with the area. Worse, they expected him to dismount and let himself down a stony track that only a goat could have tackled. Nakhu stood hesitating and teetering when Bhatia shouted, "This is where Balram said we'd find the entrance to the mine. Now, take us there!"

Chand and Shalini, exchanging looks, decided to take over the lead, asking the others to follow as they stumbled and slid their way down to the **promised scene of environmental degradation** they might film.

The degradation did materialise, even without Nakhu's help. "Look! Look!" Shalini cried as they came upon a heap of fallen logs and charred stumps. "Loggers have been here!"

"Then why go further?" Bhatia had already given up following them and was panting; this exercise was not for him. "Forget the phosphate mine! Let's just film here and get it over with."

Chand and Shalini exchanged disgusted looks. To them, the effort was an essential part of their project. If they had wanted to do something easy, they could have filmed in a studio and conducted interviews. However, they had decided on filming actual sites – and that means sites would have to be found, perpetrators tracked down and caught red-handed if necessary! Leaving Bhatia and Nakhu to follow, they continued down the slippery gravel, grasping at any bushes that seemed rooted and got further down the hillside.

Adapted from *The Artist of Disappearance* (2011) by Anita Desai; Chatto and Windus; London

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. (5 marks)

26 Nakhu agreed to meet the others because he _____.

(1) knew much about movies
(2) had spent plenty of time preparing that morning
(3) wanted to share his knowledge about movies with them
(4) believed they would be able to help him enter the world of movies

27 When Nakhu "saw whatever it offered" (lines 5 - 6), this suggested that he was _____ in his choice of movies.

(1) selective
(2) particular
(3) compulsive
(4) undiscerning

28 Balram anticipated that they might reject Nakhu for the job as largely, _____.

(1) he had been a dishwasher
(2) he was not appropriately attired
(3) he appeared only vaguely interested in the job
(4) his expertise as a frequent moviegoer did not match their requirements

29 They found the "promised scene of environmental degradation" (lines 21 -22) easily because _____.

(1) the loggers were at the site
(2) Nakhu had expertly led them there
(3) Chand and Shalini had taken over the lead
(4) evidence of the large-scale pollution was everywhere

30 When "Chand and Shalini exchanged disgusted looks" (line 29), they were _____.

(1) disappointed that Bhatia was tired after the physically challenging descent
(2) angry that Bhatia dared to suggest that they change the subject of their film
(3) upset that they had made the wrong choice in choosing Nakhu to be part of their team
(4) appalled that Bhatia did not share their beliefs behind their decision to film actual sites

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	Marks Obtained	Highest Possible Marks
Booklet A		30
Booklet B		65
Sub-total		95

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET B

50 questions

65 marks

Total time for Booklets A and 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.

Write your answers in this booklet.

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. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) after	(D) as	(G) himself	(K) may	(N) which
(B) against	(E) at	(H) in	(L) them	(P) will
(C) along	(F) have	(J) into	(M) when	(Q) with

Driven by his desire to run at the 2016 Olympic Games but crippled by the demands of a medical career, Mok Ying Ren knew that something had to give. He has decided to run _____ (31) convention and cast medicine aside. His peers have baulked at the idea, saying that he would be too rusty _____ (32) he returns to medicine. There is also the loss of income _____ (33) he would have drawn during his stint at the Singapore General Hospital.

Self-doubt is part of the journey but Mok's instinct _____ (34) a marathoner tells him to push on. Passion and persistence _____ (35) guide him but the aspiring orthopaedic surgeon needs sponsors to back him too. Around $150 000 is required to pay for flights and living expenses _____ (36) the way and Mok is counting on companies to buy _____ (37) his dream. He can offer advertising space on his race jersey, public appearances and running clinics. In return, he gets a stab _____ (38) history.

There _____ (39) been other doctors who also swear by sport. Benedict Tan, Eric Heiden and Kumaran Rasappan – Mok recites their feats and dares _____ (40) to do the same. "People like them give me hope that anything is possible," Mok adds with firm determination.

Adapted from an article in The Straits Times, 27 December 2012

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Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each <u>underlined</u> word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box. (10 marks)

(41) [ ]

The disturbing news is finally out. The U.S. coasts are being <u>bad</u> battered by pollution.

(42) [ ]

These disturbing reports have not gone **unotised**. Former Secretary of Energy, James Watkins highlighted, "Our failure to properly manage the human activities that affect the

(43) [ ]

nation's oceans and coasts <u>were</u> compromising their ecological integrity."

(44) [ ]

Another activist, Donna Warner became galvanised <u>in</u> the clean water issue in 1990.

(45) [ ]

"People kept coming into my surf shop with a variety of ailments. At first, I was **doutfull**. Then I did some research and found out that total coliform bacteria counts at the surfing

(46) [ ]

beaches were about 1600 times higher than what is <u>considering</u> safe for swimming."

(47) [ ]

Armed with hard data, Donna launched a tireless **kampain** to get warning signs posted,

(48) [ ] (49) [ ]

fix leaking sewer pipes and require more **streengent** beach-water monitoring. <u>When</u> she began her fight, the city has experienced 60 percent fewer beach closures. Although the

(50) [ ]

beaches are cleaner, Donna believes there is still more to be done for the **envairemen**.

Adapted from an article in National Geographic, July 2006

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15 marks)

Philosopher William James believed that one of the greatest discoveries of his generation was the realisation that by changing our attitudes, we can change our lives. Whether you are _____ (51) of it or not, you view the world through your own unique attitudes. Your decisions and actions are _____ (52) on those attitudes.

When you experience a _____ (53) or a personal crisis, it is perfectly normal and healthy to go through the stages of fear, anger and sadness. Then, at some _____ (54), we all have to say, "I'm still here. Do I want to spend the rest of my life wallowing in _____ (55)? Or do I want to rise above what has happened and pursue _____ (56) dreams?"

The age-old, time-proven, undeniable truth is that you and I may have absolutely _____ (57) control over what happens to us. We are all blindsided _____ (58) time to time. _____ (59), we can control how we respond. If we choose the right attitude, we can rise _____ (60) whatever challenges we face. Once we have whimpered, vented or _____ (61) all our tears, we need to pull ourselves together and make an attitude adjustment.

I have never come across a successful, fulfilled, happy person who is also a _____ (62). That is because optimism is empowering – it allows you to adjust your attitude to make the best of _____ (63) situations. At times, this is described as 'reframing'. _____ (64) you cannot always change your circumstance, you can change the way you look at them. Initially, you may have to do this _____ (65). Once you have practised it for a while, it then becomes automatic.

Adapted from *Life Without Limits (2010)* by Nick Vujicic; Random House, New York

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For each of the items 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 If you want to stay out of trouble, you need to obey the rules.

_____ in order to

_____

67 The teacher said, "Class, submit your forms tomorrow."

The teacher instructed _____

_____

68 The farms have been cleared to make way for the new industrial park. I spent my childhood at the farms.

_____ where

_____

69 When Mrs Ng reaches home, the first thing she does is to prepare dinner.

As soon as _____

_____

70 Work hard and revise your work consistently, otherwise, you might fail the coming test.

_____ lest

_____

10

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

Tree-ear emerged from his hiding place and approached the house. Against the wall was a set of shelves holding a few of Min's latest creations. For the first time, he was seeing Min's work at close range. Tree-ear stared intently at a duck. Though it was now a dull grey, so detailed were its features that he found himself listening for the sound of a quack.

He tore his gaze away from the duck to examine the next piece – a rectangular lidded box. Holding his breath, he gently lifted the lid and looked inside. He grinned in delight at Min's skill. The plain box held five smaller boxes – a round one in the centre and four curved boxes that fit around it perfectly. The small boxes appeared to completely fill the larger container but Min had left exactly the right amount of space to allow any of them to be lifted out. Tree-ear's eyes flickered back and forth between the small pieces in his hand and the larger container, his brow **furrowed in thought**.

Had Min made the large box then a second one to fit inside and cut the smaller boxes from that? Or did he make the inside box first and fit the larger box around it? Maybe he began with...

Someone bellowed and Tree-ear dropped what he was holding. He stood there paralysed then threw his hands up in front of his face to protect himself from the blows that were raining down on his head and shoulders.

"How dare you come here! How dare you touch my work!" Min screamed.

Tree-ear dropped to his knees and cowered in a deep formal bow.

"Please! Please, honourable sir, I was not taking your work. I only came to admire it."

From the corner of his eye, Tree-ear could see the tip of the cane as it was lowered to the ground and he allowed himself **a single sigh of relief**.

Min stared at Tree-ear for a long moment. At last, he seemed to make up his mind about **something** and when he spoke again, his voice had lost the sharpest edge of its anger.

"Get on your way, then. I know better than to ask for payment for what you have ruined."

"Honourable sir, could I not work for you, as payment?"

Min shook his head impatiently. "What could you do, an untrained child? I have no time to teach you. You would be more trouble than help." He continued to mutter under his breath until finally, he glanced at Tree-ear.

"All right," he said, his voice still rough with annoyance. "Come tomorrow at daybreak."

Upon his arrival for work the next day, Min handed Tree-ear a small axe and led him to a wheeled cart.

"Fill the cart with wood," Min barked. "Dry wood. Do not come back until the cart is full."

Tree-ear felt as though the sun had suddenly dimmed. He had imagined himself at the wheel, a beautiful pot growing from the clay before him. Resigning himself to his fate, he placed the axe in the cart and wheeled it into the mountains. 35

Chopping wood for hours without a single bite to eat had been hard enough. However, the worst of that day was the long trip back down the mountainside with the cart full of wood. The path was rutted and bumpy. The cart was poorly balanced and awkward with its heavy load. Whenever the wheels hit a deep rut, the cart would tip precariously and the logs would spill out. 40

Adapted from *A Single Shard (2002)* by Linda Sue Park;Harcourt Publishing, New York

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES

71 What evidence in Paragraph 1 supports the fact that Min was considered to be very skilful in his craft?

_____

_____

72 Explain in your own words why Tree-ear's brow 'furrowed in thought' (line 11).

_____

_____

73 How did Min react when he found Tree-ear in his house?

_____

_____

74 Referring to lines 15 to 20, what did Min mistake Tree-ear for?

_____

_____

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75 Explain clearly why Tree-ear sighed in relief (line 22).

76 Explain fully what 'something' in line 24 refers to.

77 What reasons did Min give for rejecting Tree-ear's offer to work for him as payment?

78 Quote the sentence from the passage that tells us that Tree-ear was disappointed when asked to chop wood on the first day of work.

79 What did Tree-ear expect Min to ask him to do when he worked for the latter?

80 Explain clearly what the greatest challenge Tree-ear faced on his trip back with the cart full of wood was.

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ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2013
SCHOOL : SCGS
SUBJECT : PRIMARY 6 ENGLISH

TERM : SA1

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
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Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
P	C	J	E	F	G

41)badly 42)unnoticed 43)is 44)by 45)doubtful

46)considered 47)campaign 48)stringent 49)Since

50)environment 51)aware 52)based 53)failure 54)point

55)grief 56)my 57)no 58)from 59)However 60)above

61)shed 62)pessimist 63)bad 64)Although 65)consciously

66)You need to obey the rules in order to stay out of trouble.

67)The teacher instructed the class to submit their forms the following day.

68)The farms where I spent my childhood have been cleared to make way for the new industrial park.

69)As soon as Mrs Ng reaches home, she prepares dinner.

70)Work hard and revise your work consistently lest you fail the coming test.

71)Min had made a duck that had very detailed feathers.

72)Tree-ear's brow was furrowed in thought as he was thinking hard about how Min managed to leave the exact amount of space for any of the small boxes to be taken out from the big box.

73)Min bellowed with anger and began caning Tree-ear on his head and shoulders as he screamed at Tree-ear furiously when he found Tree-ear in his house.

74)Min mistook Tree-ear for a thief stealing his work.

75)Tree-ear sighed in relief as he saw Min lowering the tip of the cane to the ground, which meant that he would not be caned any more and would not need to endure any more pain.

76)It refers to the fact that Tree-ear was not a thief.

77)Min rejected Tree-ear's offer as he thought of Tree-ear was an untrained child, and as Min had no time to teach him, Tree-ear would be more trouble than help.

78)The sentence is "Tree-ear felt as though the sun had suddenly dimmed".

79)Tree-ear expected Min to ask him to help Min at the wheel, making things from clay such as pots.

80)The greatest challenge that Tree-ear faced was balancing the cart and its heavy load on the bumpy and rutted path properly and preventing the wheels from hitting a deep rut, for if it did, the cart would tip precariously and the logs would spill out.

TAO NAN SCHOOL 道南学校

SINCERITY & PERSEVERANCE

PRIMARY 6 MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2013

Name: _____ ( )

Class: Primary 6 ( )

Date: 13 May 2013

Time: 8.00 a.m. – 9.10 a.m.

Duration: 1 hour 10 minutes

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 1 (WRITING)

SITUATIONAL WRITING (15 Marks)

CONTINUOUS WRITING (40 Marks)

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Write your name, class and register number.
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3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Write your answers on the answer sheet and foolscap provided.

Part 1: Situational Writing (15 marks)

(1) Study the pictures below carefully.

CIP – Community Involvement Project

Your Task

Imagine you are one of the boys in the pictures. You were with your classmates at East Coast Park for a Community Involvement Project. All of you were assigned to pick up litter along the beach as part of the beach cleaning activity.

Write an email to your cousin, Sandy, giving her the details of what you had experienced at the beach.

In your email, include the following information:

- where and when the activity was held
- what you and your classmates had to do
- what you had to do before the start of the activity
- what one of your classmates found
- one important value that Tom had displayed

You may reorder the points. You should write in complete sentences.

Part 2 : Continuous Writing (40 marks)

There are two questions in Part 2.
Answer only one of them.

(2) Write a story based on the picture below. Your story should be at least 150 words long.

You must make use of the points below in your story:

- what happened to the people in the lift
- what they did next
- how it all ended

You may reorder the points. You may include other relevant points.

(3) One day, you were reading a book in your school library. You looked up and saw a classmate dashing past you.

Based on the above situation, write a story of at least 150 words.

You must make use of the points below in your story:

- how you and the other people reacted
- what happened to your classmate
- what happened in the end

You may reorder the points. You may also include other relevant points.

PRIMARY 6 MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2013

Name: _____ ( )

Date: 15 May 2013

Class: Primary 6 ( )

Time: 8.00 a.m. – 9.50 a.m.

Duration: 1 hour 50 minutes

Parent's signature : _____

Marks: _____ / 95

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2
(LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET A

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Write your name, class and register number.
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3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.
5. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

Section A: Graphic Stimulus

Study the following advertisement and then answer questions 1 to 5.

Recycle into Art

RED DOT RECYCLING WEEK

19 – 26 September 2013

Part of the 2013 Liverpool Arts Biennial Independent Strand

LAUNCH EVENT on opening day

12 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Urban Strawberry Lunch will run a free workshop in which participants will be shown how to turn waste materials and / or objects found into musical instruments.

Venue: Luke's Square

FREE WORKSHOPS

Participants will learn how to turn waste materials and / or objects found into artwork. Creating:

- Buildings from cardboard
- Art from junk furniture
- Jewellery from recycled wire

FIELD TRIP on 20 Sept

to Gaskill's Waste Recycling Plant to look at the various processes of recycling.

Contact the Recycling Week Coordinator for information about this event and to register for a complimentary workshop.

Email: colinsergeant@hotmail.com

Organised by: RED DOT Museum

Souvenirs sponsored by: European Union; Community Foundation for Green Living

Did you know?

RECYCLING SAVES ENERGY! RECYCLING SAVES $

WHY SHOULD WE CARE?

Recycling uses LESS energy → so FEWER fossil fuels are burned → which REDUCES carbon dioxide in the atmosphere → and DECREASES greenhouse gases → which DECREASES global warming

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

1. The aim of this advertisement is to encourage _____.

   (1) people to create musical instruments
   (2) individuals to become successful artists
   (3) students to become experts in the area of recycling
   (4) participation in various activities supporting the green initiative

2. The event is planned and co-ordinated by _____.

   (1) Red Dot Museum
   (2) Urban Strawberry Lunch
   (3) Community Foundation for Green Living
   (4) Liverpool Arts Biemial Independent Strand

3. Mrs Lee should contact the Recycling Week Coordinator to _____.

   (1) register for a free workshop
   (2) find out how to create a musical instrument
   (3) obtain entry to the Red Dot Recycling Week
   (4) get to know more about the various workshop leaders

4. Jane can learn how to turn waste materials into musical instruments on _____.

   (1) 19 September
   (2) 20 September
   (3) 22 September
   (4) 26 September

5. Based on the advertisement, which of the following statements is **true**?

   (1) More energy is used when recycling waste materials.
   (2) Recycling increases the amount of carbon dioxide in the air.
   (3) Everybody can each receive a token of remembrance at this event.
   (4) Participants can learn how to transform recycled wire into fashion accessories.

Section B: Grammar

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 OAS. (7 marks)

6. Ali does not usually forget his homework, _____ ?

   (1) is it
   (2) isn't it
   (3) does he
   (4) doesn't he

7. _____ of the men has asked for a share of the ransom.

   (1) Both
   (2) Each
   (3) Some
   (4) Every

8. Mrs Lee told Jerry, "Please ask your father to read this note. Should he _____ any clarification, do ask him to speak with me."

   (1) need
   (2) needs
   (3) needed
   (4) needing

9. Would you mind _____ the dinner dishes after I have washed and dried them?

   (1) kept
   (2) keep
   (3) keeps
   (4) keeping

10. The teacher was definitely impressed _____ the wonderfully conscientious nature of the pupils in her class.

(1) in
(2) by
(3) of
(4) for

11. That is the boy for _____ I have purchased a large helium balloon.

(1) who
(2) whom
(3) which
(4) whose

12. Between _____, Jack and his classmates have managed to save enough to buy a new wheelchair for the Old Folk's Home.

(1) they
(2) them
(3) their
(4) themselves

Section C: Punctuation

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 OAS. (3 marks)

The surge in piracy is worrisome to counterterrorism experts. Terrorist groups might be tempted to collude with pirates whose motivations are more mercenary than ideological **(13)** In Southeast Asia, where bandits regularly attack ships passing through the Malacca Straits and the South China Sea **(14)** Asian security officials fear that a terrorist cell could hire a gang of pirates to help attack a ship.

Singapore's former Deputy Prime Minister, Mr Tony Tan, said late last year **(15)** The increased frequency of piracy attacks and the changing pattern of how the attacks are carried out lead us to fear the worst."

Adapted from: Time Magazine

13. (1) [—] dash
    (2) [,] comma
    (3) [?] question mark
    (4) [!] exclamation mark

14. (1) [—] dash
    (2) [,] comma
    (3) [.] full stop
    (4) [;] semi colon

15. (1) [:] colon
    (2) [: "] colon and inverted commas
    (3) [, "] comma and inverted commas
    (4) [. "] full stop and inverted commas

Section D: Vocabulary

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 OAS. (5 marks)

16. Tom is delighted that he has been successful in his Direct School Admission application. He is now _____ of a school of his choice.

    (1) ensured
    (2) assured
    (3) confirmed
    (4) convinced

17. The Civil Defence Force _____ off the scene of the disaster with tape to ensure that nobody would be injured.

    (1) fenced
    (2) fended
    (3) marked
    (4) cordoned

18. Doctor Tan warned that seemingly safe medications could be dangerous if taken _____, with no regard for the prescribed dosage.

    (1) unwittingly
    (2) indiscreetly
    (3) unknowingly
    (4) indiscriminately

19. The mere thought of facing the most menacing school bully made the Primary One pupil _____.

    (1) hit the sack
    (2) blow his mind
    (3) face the music
    (4) throw in the towel

20. The mountaineers were caught in a crevice so they sat in deep _____ of their next plan of action.

    (1) reflection
    (2) deliberation
    (3) concentration
    (4) contemplation

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze

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 OAS.

(5 marks)

Ah Seng had left his family in China and decided to seek his fortune in a place far away. After ten days at sea, he felt terrible. Not only were the waves rocky but every food item was served <u>in small quantities</u> **(21)**. Ah Seng wondered if he had made the right decision and felt <u>sad</u> **(22)**. He knew that he did not want to return to his village and become <u>a laughing stock</u> **(23)** due to his failure.

Just when Ah Seng thought things could get no worse, five <u>burly</u> **(24)** men stormed the ship. They were the dreaded vicious pirates who had <u>wiped out</u> **(25)** countless ships. Ah Seng's heart sank and he wondered if he was experiencing a cruel twist of fate.

21. (1) rarely
    (2) miserly
    (3) frugally
    (4) sparingly

22. (1) sombre
    (2) dejected
    (3) confounded
    (4) dumbfounded

23. (1) a comical person
    (2) a popular person
    (3) a person others ridicule
    (4) a person others do not take seriously

24. (1) big and tall
(2) large and strong
(3) chunky and fearsome
(4) invincible and menacing

25. (1) defeated
(2) besieged
(3) overcome
(4) annihilated

Section F: Comprehension

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

On 3 April 2012, in Texas, the Enochs family awoke to an ordinary day. Sherry Enochs saw her family off to work and school. Then she opened the doors of her home to the two small children she would be watching that day. Today, in addition to Laine, she would take care of two children — 19-month-old Abigail and three-year-old Connor. Around midday, she received a call from her daughter, Megan, who told her of an approaching tornado but assured her that it was supposed to stay West and not impact her home.

Relieved, Sherry turned her attention back to the children, busying herself to such an extent that she never heard the sirens warning residents to seek shelter. Later, Sherry went to her bedroom again. She looked out of the window, and **her heart lodged in her throat.** A tornado was tearing across the open adjacent field. It was massive — a great vaporous funnel with a dogleg bend in it tapering down to an earthward point all the more menacing for its slender, stylus-like precision. Behind it, the sky was black, and at its edges bits of debris were churning. A jagged bolt of lightning fired inside the funnel. The twister's path was now obvious; it was heading towards her house. She ordered the bewildered children to get into the bathtub knowing that it would be the best place for them.

Sherry had expected the tornado to sound like a freight train. However, freight trains do not drown out the whole world. There had been an eerie quiet, and then the house's electrical system shut down with an audible pop. Soon, the winds were so violent that she could not hear her own screams. The tornado even drowned out the sound of its own destruction. Whether or not Sherry could hear it, the twister was laying waste to her home.

Observers watched as the house seemed to explode into the tornado as if struck by a bomb. Then, the tornado tried to snatch Laine. Sherry clutched at her grandson for all she was worth but he was sliding away from her. Sherry grabbed Laine's chubby legs above the ankles and strained to pull him back against her. She felt the little boy slipping and applied all her strength to the fearsome tug-of-war she was waging with the tornado. The storm suddenly sucked harder, nearly yanking the boy free, but Sherry bore down, fighting back with the last ounce of her energy. Then the tornado moved on. The battle was over.

The tornado that destroyed the Enochs' home destroyed 73 homes in Diamond Creek, even while some nearby homes were barely touched. Thankfully, there were no fatalities. Sherry has recovered physically, but emotionally it has been hard. Most of the family's belongings were smashed or disappeared, with no pattern to what was spared.

Adapted from: Reader's Digest

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 OAS. (5 marks)

26. Sherry did not respond to the sirens warning residents to take shelter because she was _____.

(1) asleep in her bedroom
(2) busy with the numerous chores which she had to do
(3) preoccupied with taking care of the young children and their needs
(4) trusting towards Megan who said that the tornado would not strike her home

27. In line 11, why was Sherry's **'heart lodged in her throat'**? She was _____.

(1) bothered by the gigantic tornado
(2) amazed to see the tornado so close to her house
(3) shocked at the sheer size and power of the tornado
(4) unwell as she thought of the impending destruction which the tornado would cause

28. The tornado is best described as a _____.

(1) freight train
(2) sharp and precise stylus
(3) menacing animal tearing down the town
(4) confused, massive cloud which headed in a western direction

29. Why were the children placed in the bathtub?

(1) It was the safest place for them.
(2) It was too late to run to the bomb shelter.
(3) They would be protected by the water in the tub.
(4) They would be comfortable and calm in the bathtub.

30. The best title for this passage is _____.

(1) Tornadoes in Texas
(2) Man's Fight Against Tornadoes
(3) How to Survive a Tornado Attack
(4) The Destructive Force of Tornadoes

TAO NAN SCHOOL 道南学校

SINCERITY & PERSEVERANCE

PRIMARY 6 MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2013

Name : _____ ( )

Class : Primary 6 ( )

Date: 15 May 2013

Time: 8.00 a.m. - 9.50 a.m.

Duration: 1 hour 50 minutes

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2
(LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET B

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Write your name, class and register number.
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3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.
5. Write your answers in this booklet.

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Section G: Grammar Cloze

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 to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) ax	(D) for	(G) more	(K) onto	(N) too
(B) at	(E) from	(H) of	(L) out	(P) towards
(C) because	(F) into	(J) on	(M) to	(Q) when

The first hint of morning light was creeping across the Indian Ocean as the Miami-based cruise ship, Seabourn, motored south along the Somali coast. Most of the 312 people aboard were asleep; the ship was expected to arrive **(31)** _____ Mombasa, Kenya, that afternoon. Then, **(32)** _____ of the gloom, came a burst of gunfire.

Passengers later said they saw inflatable rubber boats speeding **(33)** _____ the ship, each carrying four or five men dressed in black and armed with machine guns. As the pirates drew closer, they began unloading their weapons **(34)** _____ the seven-deck cruise ship. Passengers scrambled to a central lounge **(35)** _____ safety as two grenades slammed into the vessel, where at least one of them exploded. Just **(36)** _____ the pirates tried to board, the ship's captain managed to shift (37) _____ high gear and head further out to sea. Frustrated, the bandits turned back.

Seabourn's harrowing escape may sound like a scene **(38)** _____ an action movie, but the danger posed by the new generation of pirates is all **(39)** _____ real. The International Maritime Bureau's Piracy Reporting Centre estimates that in Somali waters alone, attacks have risen from 2 in 2004 **(40)** _____ 32 so far this year. Although attacks on cruise ships like the Seabourn are unusual, piracy is one of the world's most stubborn criminal plagues.

Adapted from: Time Magazine

Section H: Editing for Spelling and Grammar

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box. (10 marks)

Singapore's second guide dog for the blind has found her home in (41) [ ] Singapore. Esme looks like every other dog but she is not a pet when she has (42) [ ] her working harness on. For her owner, she is an **indeespansable** pair of eyes and guide. As Esme is a working dog, her owner, Ms Chiu, shares how she has to remain focussed to allow her to help her owner move from place to (43) [ ] place. However, not everyone welcomed Esme. The Chairman of the Guide Dogs Association for the Blind shared that the rejection is more common in (44) [ ] the more **indevijualiced** forms of transportation, like taxis. In these cases, (45) [ ] there are people who do not understood Esme's role. They fear that she will (46) [ ] cause a **deesturbandce** although it is unlikely as Esme is a highly-trained (47) [ ] professional. She is in the midst of completing the last and final staged of her (48) [ ] training, which she has to underwent prior to being released to her owner. Ms (49) [ ] Chiu hopes society can change their mindset regarding **veesion-impeared** (50) [ ] individuals and recognise other forms of **mobeelety**. With both Esme and Ms Chiu leading the way, the possibilities seem endless.

Adapted from: CNA Online

Section I: Comprehension Cloze

Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15 marks)

Jack had not seen Mr Belser for some time. College, career, and life itself got in the **(51)**_____. In fact, Jack had moved across the country in **(52)**_____ of his dreams. There, due to his busy life, Jack had little time to recall the past and even **(53)**_____ time to spend with his family. He was working and nothing **(54)**_____ stop him.

Then, one day, his mother called and told him that Mr Belser had passed away at a **(55)**_____ old age of ninety-two. Memories flooded his **(56)**_____ like an old newsreel as he recalled his childhood days. Jack's mother then told him how Mr Belser used to reminisce **(57)**_____ the many days they had spent together. She reminded him how Mr Belser had stepped in to make sure he had a man's influence in his **(58)**_____ when his father passed away. Jack knew what he had to do and **(59)**_____ the next flight to his hometown.

One night, Jack and his mother **(60)**_____ by to see Mr Belser's home. Standing at the doorway, Jack paused for a moment. It was like crossing over **(61)**_____ another dimension, a leap through space and **(62)**_____. The house was **(63)**_____ as he had remembered. Every item was there except the box. Jack told his mother that the box in which Mr Belser had kept all his prized **(64)**_____ was nowhere to be found. He figured someone had taken it. "Now I'll never know what had been so **(65)**_____ by him," Jack said. Then, two weeks later, Jack received a small old box in the mail that changed his life.

Adapted from www.inspirational stories.com

Section J: Synthesis and Transformation

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. The cartons of drinks have been delivered to us by John, the delivery boy.

John _____

_____

67. Sally has to return the library books today. Otherwise, Sally will have to pay a hefty fine.

If _____

_____

68. Sallamah had broken the newest school rule because she stayed in class during recess.

By _____

_____

69. Mrs Lee should be more careful. Mrs Lee drove her car into the large monsoon drain.

Had _____

_____

70. Mother asked me, "Will you know the results of these competitions this evening?"

Mother asked _____

_____

Section K: Comprehension Open-ended

Read the passage below carefully and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

Alexi slouched in the passenger seat of her father's jeep, wishing fervently she was still in bed. The teenager had been grounded and the early Saturday morning wake-up call to run errands with her father, Michael, was part of the punishment. She stared glumly out of the window at the Preston, Idaho, cornfields. 5

A seasoned hunter, Alexi let her eyes lazily scan the landscape for wildlife. She was startled when a deer came into view just in front of them, a few feet off the road. "Dad, there's a deer there! I never knew that mule deer appear in plain sight ten days before the hunting season!" Alexi said, rolling down the window for a better look. It was a three-point buck — a male deer 10 with sharp, three-pronged antlers on each side of its head.

As the car moved closer, Alexi saw that the deer's head was bent towards the ground. Then she heard a scream. A few seconds later, she saw an arm fly up near the deer's head. Alexi realised the buck was attacking a woman. Sue, a 44-year-old mother of four, had been out for her morning run. 15 The buck had emerged from the tall corn and begun following her. Having lived in rural Idaho for years, Sue knew that most deer were unnerved by humans. Nonetheless, this deer edged closer, even when she pelted it with a handful of gravel.

"I knew I was in trouble," she said. 20

Sue went to pick up a log to use for self-defence and the buck charged. It hoisted her with its antlers and tossed her into the air. Within seconds, the deer had pushed her off the road and into the cornfield.

When Michael pulled his jeep up at the field, the buck was **tossing Sue like a rag doll**. Alexi bolted out of the vehicle and down the 25 slope towards the buck. "I was kicking and punching it to get its attention," she said. The animal was undeterred by the pounding. Then Michael, who had followed his daughter, wrestled the buck away from the women by the antlers.

Alexi quickly helped Sue into the car, then treated her wounds. "We're going to get you to a hospital," Alexi said. Then she heard her father shout. 30 Michael had been knocked to the ground, his right calf speared by the buck. Alexi grabbed a club from the car and ran to her father, who was lying on his back in the dirt. She beat the buck's head and neck, but **the blows did not faze it.** "I was losing faith," she said. Standing over her father, Alexi could 35 see that he was struggling to breathe.

"A couple more strikes, Alexi," said Michael. "You can do it." Turning the club around, Alexi squeezed her eyes shut and took a strike at the deer's neck. There was a terrified strangled sound. When she opened her eyes, the deer was running away.

Alexi jumped in the driver's seat and sped towards the hospital, hearing 40 her father's breathing grow ragged and watching the blood from his wounded leg seep through the T-shirt he had wrapped around it. In the backseat, Sue

was hardly conscious. Still, she told the girl, "Take a deep breath. You've saved us." Alexi smiled weakly, wondering if she would ever hunt again.

Adapted from: Reader's Digest

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Based on paragraph one, was Alexi looking forward to the trip? Provide a reason for your answer.

_____

_____

72. Quote a three-word phrase which tells you that Alexi had hunted many times before.

_____

_____

73. According to Alexi, what was unusual about the sighting of the mule deer?

_____

_____

74. Why did Sue not notice the deer at first?

_____

_____

75. How did Sue know that most deer were frightened of people?

_____

_____

76. How did Sue attempt to defend herself from the deer? Provide two examples from the text.

_____

_____

77. Explain clearly what the simile **'tossing Sue like a rag doll'** (line 25) tells us about the deer.

_____

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78. Explain fully why the deer finally ran away.

_____

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79. What does '**the blows did not faze it**' (lines 33 and 34) refer to?

_____

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80. How had Alexi's interest in hunting changed after the encounter with the deer?

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End of paper

ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2013
SCHOOL : TAO NAN
SUBJECT : PRIMARY 6 ENGLISH

TERM : SA1

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D	Q	F	E	N	M

41)any 42)indispensable 43)welcomes 44)individualized

45)understand 46)disturbance 47)stage 48)undergo

49)vision-impaired 50)mobility 51)way 52)pursuit

53)less 54)could 55)ripe 56)mind 57)about

58)life 59)booked/reserved/took/caught 60)dropped

61)to 62)time 63)exactly 64)possessions 65)treasured

66)John, the delivery boy, has delivered to us the cartons of drinks.

67)If Sally does not return the library books today, she will have to pay a hefty fine.

68)By staying in class during recess, Sallamah had broken the newest school rule.

69)Had Mrs Lee been more careful, she would not have driven her car into the large monsoon drain.

70)Mother asked me if I would know the results of those competitions that evening.

71)No, she was not. She slouched in the passenger seat of her father's jeep, hopping very much she was still in bed.

72)It is 'A seasoned hunter'.

73)Mule deer were known not to appear in plain sight ten days before hunting season, and it was that time when Alexi saw a mule deer.

74)The deer was in the cornfield at first, where the tall corn hid it from sight, until it came into view and started following her.

75)She had been living in rural Idaho for years, so she was experienced with deer.

76)She had tried to use a log which she picked up self-defence and pelted a handful of gravel at the deer.

77)The deer was very strong.

78)It was hit on its beck many times and was frightened.

79)It refers to Alexi's hits on the deer's head and neck not affecting the deer.

80)Before the encounter with the deer, Alexi being an experienced hunter, was not scared of animals. After the incident, and seeing how much damage a deer could cause, she was traumatized and even wondered if she would ever hunt again.

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2013

英文 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 this booklet until you are told to do so.
Follow all instructions carefully.
Answer all questions.

Name : _____ ( )

Class : _____

Date : _____

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This booklet consists of 11 printed pages and 1 blank page.

Study the following brochure and answer questions 1 to 5.

SHINE

Develop your talent in music or dance!

Join the 4-year programme in Talent Academy now and SHINE like a STAR!

Audition Categories

- **Category A:** Music (singing or playing an instrument)
- **Category B:** Dance (ballet or other dance forms like ethnic dances, modern jazz, tap dance)

Entry Requirements

- Between 12 and 15 years of age
- Application in only one category is allowed
- Completed at least 2 years of formal training in either category
- Have a portfolio consisting of achievements in either art form and academic results in the past 2 years

Register online at: www.shinelikeastar.com.sg

Closing date: 18 November 2013, 5.00p.m

Applicants are to bring along a passport-size photograph as well as their portfolio for an audition at the following venue.

Talent Academy
1 Star Boulevard
Singapore 088101

Successfull applicants will be notified via post by 30 November 2013

Bedazzled Performances

Be awed by a series of performances from our Year 4 talents.

EVENT INFORMATION

"The Moonlake Child" Ballet Showcase
Date: 16 November 2013
Time: 8.00p.m.

"Jazz Up the World" Musical (with live band)
Date: 17 November 2013
Time: 8.00p.m.

ADMISSION CHARGES

Student: $10 (show your EZ-link concession card upon purchase of ticket)
Adult: $25
Senior Citizen: $15 (above 60 years of age)

Children below 7 years old are not allowed entry.

For enquiries on the auditions or events, please e-mail to shinelikeastar@singa.com.sg or call Ms Melody Tang between 8.30a.m. and 5.30p.m. at 6222 8888.

Organised by: Talent Academy **Supported by:** Youth Development Centre
Sponsored by: Star Costumes, Dazzling Symphony, Moonshine F&B Pte. Ltd.

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

1 The talent programme is supported by _____.

(1) Star Costumes
(2) Talent Academy
(3) Dazzling Symphony
(4) Youth Development Centre

2 Jerry is fourteen years old. To watch "The Moonlake Child" Ballet Showcase, he needs to _____.

(1) submit a portfolio
(2) purchase the $10 ticket
(3) be a student from Talent Academy
(4) bring along a passport-size photograph

3 To apply for Talent Academy, one should _____.

(1) watch the Bedazzled Performances
(2) log on to www.shinelikeastar.com.sg
(3) contact Ms Melody Tang at 6222 8888
(4) e-mail to shinelikeastar@singa.com.sg

4 According to the brochure, all applications for the talent programme must reach the organiser latest by _____.

(1) 8.00 p.m. on 16 November 2013
(2) 8.00 p.m. on 17 November 2013
(3) 5.00 p.m. on 18 November 2013
(4) 5.00 p.m. on 30 November 2013

5 Based on the brochure, which one of the following statements is true?

(1) Only a portfolio is required in the auditions.
(2) All applicants of the Talent Academy will be notified by post.
(3) Applicants can audition for both Music and Dance categories.
(4) This recruitment drive aims to attract youths talented in music and dance.

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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. (7 marks)

6 The wedding planner _____ I was supposed to meet did not turn up.

(1) who
(2) whom
(3) which
(4) whose

7 The survivors were trapped _____ the rubble when the building collapsed.

(1) at
(2) on
(3) over
(4) under

8 Mrs Loh has asked my brother and _____ to help her water the plants when she is away on a business trip.

(1) I
(2) me
(3) mine
(4) myself

9 The cast from ACT 3 International put up a play for the pupils this morning, _____?

(1) did they
(2) had they
(3) didn't they
(4) hadn't they

10 The teacher made the class _____ around the field to prepare them for their physical fitness test.

(1) jog
(2) jogs
(3) jogged
(4) jogging

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11 Mr Ng was informed by the police that his son _____ with an accident at the construction site.

(1) met
(2) meets
(3) has met
(4) had met

12 All the pupils except Kirsten _____ the pottery lessons which they attend on Saturdays.

(1) enjoy
(2) enjoys
(3) enjoyed
(4) had enjoyed

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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. (3 marks)

Alvin and Simon decided to visit Universal Studios Singapore during the school holidays. Their friends had recommended them to take a few rides **(13)** Battlestar Galatica, the Mummy and Transformers.

Enthusiasm bubbled in both boys on the day of their visit. At the entrance, Alvin stepped back, marvelled at the beauty of the place and smiled **(14)** "I can't wait to sit on the rides our friends have suggested!" he squealed. Simon nodded in agreement.

When they reached the Battlestar Galatica ride, Simon turned pale.

"It looks scary," Simon stammered **(15)** and I don't think I want to ride on it."

However, that did not deter Alvin from deciding to go on the ride alone.

13
(1) [:] colon
(2) [,] comma
(3) [.] full stop
(4) [;] semi-colon

14
(1) [:] colon
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [,] comma
(4) [!] exclamation mark

15
(1) [:] colon
(2) [,] comma
(3) [,"] comma and inverted commas
(4) [."] full stop and inverted commas

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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.

(5 marks)

16 Amanda's attempt to shoplift was _____ by the quick-thinking shop assistant.

(1) foiled
(2) curbed
(3) wrecked
(4) hindered

17 We must not _____ the copyright by downloading movies from the internet without permission from the authorities.

(1) break
(2) resist
(3) infringe
(4) disobey

18 The tourists were awed as they _____ the scenic view of the entire city from the top floor of the tallest hotel.

(1) took in
(2) tore apart
(3) thought over
(4) tracked down

19 There is a possibility that the computer will render textbooks _____ in the near future as it provides students with real-time information.

(1) invalid
(2) extinct
(3) obsolete
(4) unfashionable

20 People began hoarding food and necessities as the threat of war _____ ominously.

(1) loomed
(2) emerged
(3) gathered
(4) threatened

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For each question from 21 to 25, 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)

Every now and then, Cadbury will dish out a box filled with twelve bars of chocolate, all with different fillings to official food testers. Eleven of these bars are new <u>inventions</u> (21) from the factory. The twelfth is the 'control' bar, usually a Cadbury's Coffee Cream Bar. All the testers are required to <u>sample</u> (22) each bar of chocolate, grade it and make a comment on why they like or dislike it. It is a clever <u>stunt</u> (23). Cadbury has <u>formulated</u> (24) this strategy to test its innovations. Hence, the food testers know <u>intimately</u> (25) every chocolate bar in existence. It is certainly a job that every chocolate lover would want.

Adapted from Boy, Tales of Childhood by Roald Dahl

21 (1) designs
(2) products
(3) gimmicks
(4) promotions

22 (1) try
(2) bite
(3) nibble
(4) savour

23 (1) idea
(2) ruse
(3) antic
(4) policy

24 (1) forged
(2) devised
(3) fabricated
(4) composed

25 (1) secretly
(2) privately
(3) personally
(4) thoroughly

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Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

The king of Annam was a ruthless man who was known for severely mistreating anyone who defied him. His subjects were unhappy with his callous ways but remained silent for fear of arrest. One of them was his advisor, Nom, who secretly hatched a plan to teach the king a lesson.

The king owned a rare Siamese cat which had a large red dot behind its right ear. This distinctive birthmark was a secret known only between the king and Nom. The cat lived a luxurious life and ate the same delicacies that the king ate, whereas the countrymen were dying of hunger. It slept on a beautiful silk pillow, while many of the people in the kingdom were sleeping on the streets.

Seeing how much the king loved his cat, Nom stole the precious feline one night when the king was sound asleep. Once he brought the cat home, Nom forced it to eat scraps of food that most people in the kingdom were subjected to. At first, it refused to eat. Nonetheless, after several days, the cat finally succumbed to its hunger and ate. Nom repeated the same process every day until the cat got used to its new diet. The cat also got used to sleeping on the cold, hard floor like most people.

Meanwhile, the enraged king had ordered his guards to carry out an intensive search for his beloved cat around the entire kingdom. "Search every house and find the culprit! He will not be spared for what he had done," the king's voice thundered.

The guards finally came to Nom's house. To their astonishment, they spotted the king's cat in it. Nom and the creature were seized from the residence and escorted back to the palace. When he was accused of stealing the cat, Nom fervently denied the charges. His defiant reaction angered the king.

"Your highness, my cat also has a large red dot at the back of its right ear. However, unlike yours, mine does not mind eating expired and spoilt food," Nom insisted.

Watched by the guards, Nom dug into his pocket and took out a piece of stale bread. He then reached out his palm with the bread on it. Without hesitation, the cat came over and devoured the mouldy piece of food. Everyone gasped. How can that be possible?" thought the king, a surprised look on his face. Even thought it had eaten the stale bread, the cat was definitely his!

The king felt humiliated as Nom had cleverly outwitted him. He had always told everyone proudly about his cat's liking for only fresh and expensive food. Now that Nom had shown that this cat did not mind eating stale food, the king was unable to prove that the cat was his just by its birthmark. The king ordered for Nom to be locked in the dungeon and soon, news of Nom's arrest spread. People thought the king's capture of Nom was unreasonable and became even more afraid of him.

Adapted from Asian Folktales: The Siamese Cat by Simon Nguyen

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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. (5 marks)

26 Why were the people of Annam fearful of their king?

(1) They were fed scraps of food.
(2) The king's cat led a better life than them.
(3) They struggled for survival while the king led a luxurious life.
(4) The king would not hesitate to capture them if they went against him.

27 Why did Nom come up with the 'plan' (line 3)?

(1) He wanted to train the cat to eat other types of food.
(2) He wanted to teach the king a lesson for being merciless.
(3) He wanted to please the people in the kingdom who feared the king.
(4) He was jealous of the attention that the cat had been getting from the king.

28 How did Nom treat the king's cat when he brought it home?

(1) He refused to feed the cat.
(2) He made the cat eat stale bread every day.
(3) He fed the cat luxurious food and cared for it.
(4) He trained the cat to lead a similar lifestyle as the king's subjects.

29 The king was surprised by _____.

(1) Nom's betrayal of his trust
(2) the cat's willingness to eat the stale bread
(3) Nom's stubbornness to prove his innocence
(4) the guards' capabilities in apprehending the thief

30 The people thought that Nom should not be arrested because they believed that _____.

(1) Nom had outsmarted the king
(2) the cat really belonged to Nom
(3) the king should not lock up his advisor
(4) it was not wrong of Nom to steal the king's cat

END OF BOOKLET A

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英文 ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET B

Total Time For Booklets A and 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.
Write your answers in this booklet.

Name _____ ( )
Class : _____
Date : _____

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This booklet consists of 8 printed pages.

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 to avoid confusion during marking.

(10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

(A) an	(D) could	(G) into	(K) onto	(N) thus
(B) and	(E) from	(H) it	(L) their	(P) which
(C) can	(F) in	(J) on	(M) through	(Q) with

For the past six months, visitors to the River Safari's panda exhibition have not been able to see much of the two pandas together. Shy four-year-old Jia Jia has been retreating **(31)**_____ her den so often that a closed-circuit television camera (CCTV) has been installed inside **(32)**_____.

Visitors **(33)**_____ Now watch her through a live feed on a screen next to her enclosure **(34)**_____ is linked to her den.

"The male panda, Kai Kai, is more friendly and outgoing. Visitors are able to see his behaviour, **(35)**_____ chewing on his bamboo to taking a nap," said River Safari assistant director, Mr Ang Cheng Chye. "On the other hand, Jia Jia is more cautious and reserved. **(36)**_____, we have added a CCTV live feed to allow visitors to have a peek into her private quarters so that they can observe her behaviour."

The duo which are **(37)**_____ a 10-years loan from China are being closely monitored by a team of zoologists to ensure they are in good health. The pandas have adapted well to their new home, **(38)**_____ enclosure that is landscaped in such a way that it simulates **(39)**_____ natural habitat with lush plants and water features.

Many visitors were impressed **(40)**_____ the details in the enclosure which include bamboo leaf-prints on the ceiling and a man-made cave. Since their arrival, the pandas have attracted approximately 250,000 visitors.

Adapted from 'Can't see Jia Jia? Watch the Screen' by Melissa Lin, The Straits Times, March 25, 2013

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Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each <u>underlined</u> word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box. (10 marks)

I stretched my neck over the tour guide's head for a glimpse of the polar bears.

(41) [ ]

As I **skrewtinised** the large enclosure, two massive creatures stood on their hind legs,

knocking each other down with their paws. Upon a closer look, I noticed they were

(42) [ ] (43) [ ]

<u>bite</u> one another Intrigued by the sight, I froze for a second and let the others <u>walking</u>

(44) [ ]

in front of me. I was immediately filled with **rezervasions** of the holiday that awaited me.

(45) [ ]

<u>Locating</u> seven degrees below the Arctic Circle, the cabin sits on the stretch of

(46) [ ]

shore <u>which</u> polar bears gather each autumn to wait for the bay to freeze. Thereafter,

(47) [ ]

they venture onto the ice and begin their winter **persoot** of seals. Built in 1992, the

(48) [ ]

cabin <u>operate</u> five months a year. Adventurous animal lovers can participate in polar

(49) [ ]

bear **trales** and snorkel sessions with the beluga whales.

As I strode on in the vast, untamed wilderness, my initial scepticism was

(50) [ ]

replaced by a feeling of excitement and **antisipasion.** I knew then, that I was going to have an enjoyable vacation.

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15 marks)

Mr Thomas was a jet-setting businessman who frequently travelled overseas for work. While _____ (51) to board the plane at the airport, he bought himself a magazine and a packet of cookies to pass the time at a café. _____ (52) the café being rather crowded, he was fortunate to have secured a seat at an _____ (53) table.

The atmosphere in the café was relaxed, reflecting the leisurely _____ (54) of the patrons who seemed to be going on a vacation. Mr Thomas smiled contentedly as he settled down in the plush seats. _____ (55) a close watch on his belongings, he began browsing through his magazine. Just when an _____ (56) on a page caught his eye, he heard rustling in front of him.

Looking up _____ (57) his magazine, Mr Thomas was flabbergasted to see a lady _____ (58) herself to the packet of cookies on the table. He did not want to _____ (59) up a fuse, so he merely leaned forward to get himself a cookie. A minute or so _____ (60) and he heard more rustling. As he peeked discreetly from behind his magazine, he saw the lady's hand extend towards the packet of cookies again.

By the time they were down to the last cookie, Mr Thomas had worked himself up into a _____ (61) of anger but still could not _____ (62) himself to say anything to the lady. Then, unexpectedly, the lady broke the last cookie in two, pushed one of the pieces towards him, are the _____ (63) piece and left, all the while not uttering a word to him.

Just then, the _____ (64) for the passengers on Mr Thomas' flight to board the plane was made. Mr Thomas opened his bag for his boarding pass. A packet of cookies was inside! He had absent-mindedly dropped the packet into his bag after _____ (65) for it at the counter. The cookies that he had been eating belonged to the lady!

Adapted from 'Judging Others' by Dan. P. Greyling, Everyday Greatness, Compiled by David K. Hatch

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For each of the questions from 66 to 70, rewrite the 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 Susan was ill. She went to school.

_____ in spite of

_____

67 My brother does not like eating yoghurt. My sister does not like eating yoghurt too.

Neither of _____

_____

68 "Did you witness the accident along this road last night?" the police officer asked Jenny.

The police officer asked Jenny _____

_____

69 Terry had withdrawn from the basketball team. The coach was shocked.

_____ by

_____

70 Rachel is very persistent. She has made a new swim record in the Youth Olympics.

Owing to her _____

_____

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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

"Last order for the right! Better go before it rains!" bellowed Mr Chan, the grumpy supervisor of Pizzarella, the newly-opened pizza joint in town.

Hearing that, Janet grabbed two boxes of freshly-baked large pizzas from the counter and walked towards the exit. It was rare for a female to be delivering pizza and Janet was proud of it. As Janet glanced at the delivery slip, she beamed. "A mere fifteen minute ride; my night shift will end soon!" she thought to herself. Skilfully, Janet secured the pizza delivery bag onto the back of her motorcycle. After she had donned her helmet, Janet revved the engine of her motorcycle and accelerated to her destination.

While riding, an inconsiderate driver cut into Janet's lane suddenly, forcing her motorcycle to screech to an abrupt halt. That averted the impending collision. Although Janet was furious, she did not pursue the matter. Instead, she was bent on delivering the sizzling hot pizzas to her customer fast. Without hesitation, Janet carried on with her journey and rode steadily towards the given address.

After parking her motorcycle, Janet removed the pizza delivery bag from the two-wheeler and carried it on her shoulders. When Janet found her way to the lift lobby, she realised that the lift had broken down. Her displeasure grew as she had to make the delivery to a unit situated on the thirteenth storey! Left without alternatives, Janet embarked on her arduous climb up the stairs for the final delivery of the night.

Exhausted, Janet panted heavily with each new level she conquered. With her stamina depleting fast, she regretted not exercising regularly Climbing twenty-six flights of stairs to the unit would surely be an amazing feat for her. Nonetheless, Janet persevered with the uphill task. She pictured the smile of her satisfied customer upon receiving the pizzas which would make the effort invested worthwhile.

When Janet reached the final flignt of stairs, she paused. Wiping the perspiration off her forehead, Janet mustered all the strength she had left and trudged up the steps. Janet heaved an audible sigh of relief when she finally reached the thirteenth storey! Breathing heavily, Janet walked along the corridor and headed towards the unit to make the delivery.

As Janet stood outside the flat, she noticed something amiss - no lights emanated from the interior of the unit and there was no footwear outside the house. Janet rang the doorbell and knocked on the door but there was no response. She knocked even harder and called out the phrase 'pizza delivery' repeatedly.

Then, a sign pasted on the wall next to the unit's main gate caught her eyes. "vacant unit for rent," Janet read. Instantly, she knew that the delivery call was a prank. Janet's blood boiled. She could not believe her luck that night.

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71 What did Janet do for a living?

_____

_____

72 What made Janet say that her night shift would end soon?

_____

_____

73 What does 'That' in line 11 refer to?

_____

_____

74 Quote the two-word phrase from paragraph three that has the same meaning as 'determined'.

_____

_____

75 Explain clearly why Janet 'panted heavily' (line 20) while she climbed the stairs.

_____

_____

76 Which two words found between lines 15 and 24 have the same meaning as 'difficult'? Each word is found in a different sentence.

_____

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77 Explain fully why Janet was baffled when she stood outside the unit.

78 Why did Janet call out the phrase 'pizza delivery' repeatedly?

79 How did Janet realise that 'the delivery call was a prank' (lines 35 – 36)?

80 In what way had Janet's feelings changed at the end of the passage?

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ANSWER SHEET

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TERM : PRELIM

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E	N	J	A	L	Q

41)scrutinised 42)biting 43)walk 44)reservations

45)Located 46)where 47)pursuit 48)operates 49)trails

50)anticipation 51)waiting 52)Despite/with 53)empty

54)pace/manner 55)keeping 56)article/advertisement/item/illustration

57)from 58)kick 59)helping 60)passed/elapsed/lapsed

61)fit 62)bring 63)last 64)announcement 65)paying

66)Susan went to school in spite of her illness.

67)Neither of my siblings likes eating yoghurt.

68)The police officer asked Jenny if whether she had witnessed the accident along that road previous night.

69)The coach was shocked by Terry's withdrawal from the basketball team.

70)Owing to her persistence, Rachel has made a new swim record in the Youth Olympics.

71)Janet delivered pizza for a living.

72)It was the last order for the night for Janet and it was only a fifteen-minute ride.

73)It refers to Janet's motorcycle screeching to an abrupt halt.

74)The phrase is "bent on".

75)Her stamina was depleting fast as she did not exercise regularly.

76)The word are ' arduous' and 'uphill'.

77)She did not see lights emanating from the interior of the unit and there was no foot wear outside the house.

78)She wanted the owner of the unit to know that the pizza had arrived and open the door.

79)Janet read a sign which indicated that the unit was vacant.

80)Janet was happy at first to know that her shift was ending, but at the end of the passage, she became very angry and frustrated.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2 (2013)

PRIMARY SIX

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

Name: _____( )

Class: Pri 6 _____

2 August 2013

20 MARKS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

Answer all questions.

For each question, choose the correct answer (1, 2 or 3).
Then shade the correct oval (1, 2 or 3) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

This booklet consists of 5 printed pages excluding the cover page.

SHADE THE CORRECT OVAL (1, 2 OR 3) ON THE OPTICAL ANSWER SHEET.

Text 1

1. Which one of the following shows the materials that will be used?

Text 2

2. Which one of the following is Sam's water bottle?

Text 3

3. Marcus will be having dinner at Power Point with his friends. Will they be able to watch the new movie about tennis stars?

   (1) Yes, if their dinner does not take too long.

   (2) No, the movie is showing only in the afternoons.

   (3) No, the movie is not showing at the cinema there.

4. Which of the following shows the route that Peter and Betty will take?

   (1) → → → → →

   (2) –> –> –>

   (3) ——————▶

Text 4

5. Who is the organiser of the study camp?

   (1) Fiona Tan

   (2) Aaron de Souza

   (3) Happy Learning Centre

6. What is "Smart Education" likely to be?

(1) A TV series.
(2) A magazine.
(3) A storybook.

7. Vincent, a Primary 6 student, signed up for the camp in mid-August. How much did he pay?

(1) $120
(2) $150
(3) $180

Text 5

8. Where is Langkawi?

(1) Northern Malaysia
(2) Northwestern Malaysia
(3) Northeastern Malaysia

9. Why are the beaches on Langkawi worth visiting?

(1) Jewels can be found on some beaches.
(2) The sunset can be viewed from some beaches.
(3) Conservation areas are located on some beaches.

10. What does Gina's father want to do there?

(1) He wants to go beach-hopping.
(2) He wants to visit the conservation areas there.
(3) He wants to visit the beaches and the Geopark.

11. How can Langkawi be reached from Singapore?

(1) Via land and air.
(2) Via sea and air.
(3) Via land and sea or air.

Text 6

12. Do people do embroidery often nowadays?

(1) No, not at all
(2) Yes, occasionally
(3) Yes, frequently

13. Which of the following cannot be used in the art of embroidery?

(1) sequins and beads
(2) needle and thread
(3) chains and blankets

14. What is a satin stitch?

(1) A decorative item with satin and sequins.
(2) A fundamental technique of hand embroidery.
(3) A special technique that is used only for stitching on satin.

15. Who were the owners of elaborately embroidered articles in the olden days?

(1) rich and important people
(2) people in all Medieval households
(3) people who had mastered the art of decorating fabric

16. What are the narrow ribbons in ribbon embroidery used for?

(1) Displaying different embroidery techniques.
(2) Manufacturing embroidery thread.
(3) Creating floral motifs.

Text 7

17. Who is Luciano Pavarotti?

(1) A famous singer.
(2) A famous actor.
(3) A famous teacher.

18. Did Pavarotti enjoy his childhood?

(1) No, his family had little money.
(2) Yes, he spoke fondly of his childhood.
(3) No, the four members in his family had to share a two-room apartment.

19. What was Pavarotti's first ambition?

(1) To become an opera singer.
(2) To become a voice-trainer.
(3) To become a goalkeeper.

20. Where did Pavarotti teach in his teens?

(1) In a primary school.
(2) In an opera school.
(3) In a music school.

-END OF PAPER-

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2 (2013)

PRIMARY SIX

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 1 (WRITING)

Name:_____( )

Class: Primary Six _____

22 August 2013

55 marks

1 hour 10 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.

There are two parts to this paper - Part I and Part II.
Answer the question in Part I and one question from Part II.

This booklet consists of 4 printed pages excluding the cover page.

Part I: Situational Writing (15 Marks)

(1) Study the notes of a police report by Sergeant Lim carefully.

Rosewood Neighbourhood Police Post

Date of Incident: 18 August 2013, Sunday

Place where incident occurred: Playground at 45, Rosewood Drive

Time of Incident: 4.35 p.m.

Reported by: Gregory Tan **Contact No**: 9001 0020

Notes:

- *Was at the playground with his friend, Peter Phoon*
- *Playing on the swings when a gang of 3 boys appeared*
- *The gang members were dressed in all black*
- *Shouted rudely and claimed that playground was their gang's hangout zone*
- *The biggest boy of the 3, pushed Peter off the swing and Peter landed awkwardly, dislocating his shoulder*
- *Gregory helped his friend up and gave a disapproving look at the gang but remained silent in fear*
- *The same boy, this time, pulled Gregory's wallet out of his shirt pocket*
- *The gang then left immediately with Gregory's wallet*
- *Wallet contained $25 and a library card*

Recorded by: Sergeant Lim Ah Beng
Date/Time: 18 August 2013 / 8.10 p.m.

Your Task

Imagine you are Peter Phoon. Your friend, Gregory Tan, had just visited you at the hospital with a copy of the police report on what had happened the previous day.

Write a diary entry about what happened to both of you on Sunday.

You are to refer to the notes of the police report by Sergeant Lim on page 1 for your diary entry.

In your diary entry, include the following information:

- when and where the incident happened
- why the gang members confronted both of you
- what exactly happened to you
- how Gregory felt about what had happened to you
- what was taken from Gregory

You may reorder your points. Write in complete sentences.

Part II: Continuous Writing (40 Marks)

There are two questions in Part II.

Answer only one of them.

(2) Write a story based on the situation in the picture below. Your story should be at least 150 words long.

You must make use of the points below in your story:

- what had happened to the boy
- who the lady running was and why
- what happened in the end

You may reorder the points. You may also include other relevant points.

(3) You were watching television in the living room one afternoon when, all of a sudden, you heard a shout.

Based on the above situation, write a story of **at least 150 words.**

You must make use of the following points in your story.

- who shouted and why
- what happened next
- what happened in the end

You may reorder the points. You may also include other relevant points.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION TWO (2013)

PRIMARY SIX

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET A

Name:_____ ( )

Class: Primary Six_____

22 August 2013

30 Questions
(30 Marks)

Total Time for Booklets A and 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.

This booklet consists of 9 printed pages excluding the cover page.

Study the following advertisement and then answer questions 1 to 5.

25 April 2013 to 12 May 2013
at DBS Arts Centre -
Home of the Singapore Repertory Theatre

Based on the book, *Rabbit Hole* by David Lindsay-Abaire
Reproduced and brought to you by Pangdemonium

Winner of the 2007 Pulitzer Prize, Rabbit Hole is a vivid, hopeful, honest and witty portrait of a family searching for hope in the most impossible of all situations.

Becca (Janice Koh) and Howie (Adrian Pang) are returning to their everyday existence after the shocking loss of their young child in a road accident. Howie lashes out and desperately attempts to find solace in a counselling group. Becca opens up to her opinionated mother and brash sister.

As lost as they are, the couple keeps trying to find some hope, laughter and happiness after the incident.

***TICKET PRICE (EXCLUDES BOOKING FEE)**
Preview on Thursday, 25 April 2013 at 8 p.m. - $30

Tuesday to Thursday	Saturday & Sunday	Friday & Saturday
8 p.m.	3 p.m.	8 p.m.
$45, $35	$45, $35	$50, $40, $30

Buy your tickets at www.sistik.com.sg or at the SISTIK outlets.

* 15% off tickets for Passioncard holders when they present their card at SISTIK outlets in person.

2 pairs of complimentary tickets are available for **RABBIT HOLE** on Sunday, 28 April, at 3 p.m. All you have to do is to send a personal email to the editor at editor@metropolitant.com with the subject stating *"I want the tickets"* by 20 April 2013.

Remember to include your NRIC and mobile numbers! Winners will be notified through email.

Adapted from: http://www.citynomads.com/events/theatre/1655/rabbit-hole and Passion Quarterly Newsletter

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

1. The play is presented by _____.

   (1) Pangdemonium
   (2) DBS Arts Centre
   (3) David Lindsay-Abaire
   (4) Singapore Repertory Theatre

2. The play is about how _____.

   (1) one of the characters died
   (2) the various characters deal with a tragedy
   (3) the characters reach out to family members
   (4) the characters find solace in counselling groups

3. Mrs Tan can only watch the play on a weekend afternoon. In order for her to get the best deal, she should _____.

   (1) present her Passioncard and get the $30 ticket at any SISTIK outlet
   (2) present her Passioncard and get the $35 ticket at any SISTIK outlet
   (3) use her Passioncard and get the $30 ticket through the SISTIK website
   (4) use her Passioncard and get the $35 ticket through the SISTIK website

4. To obtain free tickets, you _____.

   (1) must first have an email account
   (2) must email Singapore Repertory Theatre
   (3) can write in your request any time before 28 April
   (4) can email DBS Arts Centre your NRIC and mobile numbers

5. Which of the following statements is **true**?

   (1) Becca and Howie are acting in the play.
   (2) Rabbit Hole is directed by Pangdemonium.
   (3) Rabbit Hole is a play that has won a distinguished award.
   (4) You need to check the website to find out if you have won the free tickets.

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. (7 marks)

6. Had I _____ I would fail my exams, I would have studied harder.

(1) know
(2) knew
(3) knows
(4) known

7. The new vaccine is expected to be ready no sooner _____ next year.

(1) than
(2) then
(3) after
(4) before

8. When the enemy attacked, they held _____ at the fort for six weeks.

(1) on
(2) up
(3) off
(4) out

9. Javier is used to _____ all types of junk food at the fast food restaurant he patronises.

(1) eat
(2) eating
(3) has eaten
(4) had been eating

10. You ought to help the blind man cross the road, _____ you?

(1) can
(2) can't
(3) should
(4) shouldn't

11. A bouquet of flowers comprising roses, carnations and lilies _____ handed over to the bride in the church just now.

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

12. If I _____ you, I would not have left my wallet unattended on the table.

(1) is
(2) am
(3) was
(4) were

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. (3 marks)

A total of 90 minutes is all it will take to get from Kuala Lumpur to Singapore when a high-speed rail link is built between the two cities by 2020.

Currently, it takes about eight hours by train or five hours to drive the estimated 300 kilometres that separates the two cities.

Announcing the plan at the 4th annual Malaysia **(13)** Singapore Leaders' Retreat in February, Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong said **(14)** It will change the way we see each other. It's the way people in London and Paris are able to – think of it like twin cities where you can commute, go up there, do business, meet friends, have a meal and come back, all within maybe two-thirds of a day **(15)**

The high-speed rail link is just one of several economic projects that the two governments have in each other's country. These show the warm relationship between them.

Adapted from: Quick Connection between Neighbours, What's Up, March 2013

13. (1) [:] colon
    (2) [,] comma
    (3) [-] hyphen
    (4) [;] semi-colon

14. (1) ["] inverted commas
    (2) [,"] comma and inverted commas
    (3) [."] full stop and inverted commas
    (4) [!"] exclamation mark and inverted commas

15. (1) [,"] comma and inverted commas
    (2) [."] full stop and inverted commas
    (3) [".] inverted commas and full stop
    (4) [!"] exclamation mark and inverted commas

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. (5 marks)

16. The movie's tragic ending put us all in a _____ mood.

    (1) dowdy
    (2) ecstatic
    (3) euphoric
    (4) melancholic

17. A former lawyer who had admitted to _____ evidence to save his client in a court was put on trial.

    (1) fabricating
    (2) formulating
    (3) constructing
    (4) counterfeiting

18. Located at the equator, Singapore has the ideal climate for _____ tropical vegetation.

    (1) exuberant
    (2) exhilarating
    (3) extravagant
    (4) enterprising

19. Dad ordered a book from an online bookshop and it was delivered with the bill _____ for verification.

    (1) encoded
    (2) enclosed
    (3) endowed
    (4) endorsed

20. The sales assistant is trying to _____ the angry customer and not antagonise him further.

    (1) allay
    (2) pacify
    (3) douse
    (4) defuse

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

Police have arrested two 15-year-old male subjects in Taman Jurong. Between 24 and 26 December 2012, Police received several (21) detailed statements informing that the common areas at the void decks and upper floors of the HDB blocks in Kang Ching Road were spray-painted with (22) drawings and writing. Officers from Jurong Police Division carried out extensive (23) official examination of the facts and ground enquiries to (24) determine the identities of the culprits. On 2 January 2013, following an operation, the two suspects were arrested at Taman Jurong Housing Estate. Preliminary investigations indicate that the suspects are believed to be involved in at least 4 cases of (25) deliberate destruction of property committed in the vicinity.

Adapted from: http://www.spf.gov.sg /index.html

21. (1) reports
    (2) testimonies
    (3) verifications
    (4) authentications

22. (1) graffiti
    (2) scrawls
    (3) curlicues
    (4) squiggles

23. (1) recce
    (2) scrutiny
    (3) explorations
    (4) investigations

24. (1) test
    (2) attest
    (3) check
    (4) ascertain

25. (1) sabotage
    (2) vandalism
    (3) defacement
    (4) disfigurement

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Deep in the Hoang Lien Mountains of north-western Vietnam, a day's walk from the nearest road, lay the H'mong village of Na Hang – fourteen barn-like houses of medieval simplicity almost lost among the trees. The forests sweeping up to the mountains beyond are home to the critically endangered western black-crested gibbon, one of the flagship species we are encouraging the H'mong villagers to stop hunting and help protect.

It was 5.30 a.m., almost time for the gibbons to start calling. The H'mong were also early risers, but this particular morning seemed even busier than usual. There was a **party atmosphere**. The place was full of hornets, in every stage of development – from shapeless grubs to fully-formed adults.

The previous afternoon, the eldest son of the household had discovered a hornets' nest, which the villagers had unearthed during the night. All ten storeys, each the span of a cartwheel, were stacked around the house and the floor was littered with hexagonal debris. A group of villagers sat around the fire, plucking grubs from their cells and tossing them into a pot. These grubs – which resembled Brazilian nuts when toasted – became breakfast.

Beside the door, a bulging sack of smoke-dazed adults gave off a rattling sound. **This** was the valuable part of the haul. While the grubs were a breakfast treat, the adults meant money. As with most wildlife in Vietnam, hornets are prized medicinally when steeped in local rice wine, known as *ruou*. To accompany the roasted grubs, our hosts produced a bottle, clouded by use, in which a number of suspended hornets revolved dreamily. *Ruou* is to the H'mong what wine is to the French, and no opportunity is lost in finding reasons to drink it. Given that our two-week training programme had been a success, there was good reason for celebration. Signus and I were not getting off lightly – each meal was accompanied by endless rounds of the stuff, and a polite refusal was not an option.

After dinner, two of our trainees, Lu and Sua, invited us to sample some "special" *ruou* at their dwelling. The brew appeared served in chipped porcelain cups, fashioned in miniature as if for a doll's house. This brew was apparently of an ancient vintage. It had a warm, reddish colour and tasted different. Sua, meanwhile, delivered a eulogy on its curative properties, claiming that it had thirty ingredients - thirty different animals to be exact.

Before we could ask, Lu interrupted, "I promise it doesn't contain any gibbon."

Adapted from *BBC Wildlife*, April 2008.

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. (5 marks)

26. The writer was at the village to _____.

(1) sample the roasted grubs
(2) convince the villagers to stop hunting animals
(3) encourage the villagers to create homes for the gibbons
(4) persuade the villagers to protect the endangered species

27. The "**party atmosphere**" (line 9) was caused by the _____.

(1) early risers
(2) gibbons calling
(3) discovery of the hornets' nest
(4) visit of the writer and his friends

28. What does the word "**This**" in line 18 refer to? It refers to the _____.

(1) rattling sound
(2) breakfast of grubs
(3) sack of adult hornets
(4) haul containing hornets

29 The writer and Signus did not refuse what was offered as _____.

(1) there was a good reason to celebrate
(2) they did not want to offend their hosts
(3) the "special" *ruou* was prized medicinally
(4) they did not want to lose the opportunity to drink

30. Lu stressed that gibbon was not one of the ingredients of the special brew as he knew that the writer _____.

(1) was a vegetarian
(2) would never harm any animals
(3) would never eat anything that contained gibbon
(4) wanted to try the special wine with curative properties

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION TWO (2013)

PRIMARY SIX

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET B

Name: _____ ( )

Class: Primary Six_____

22 August 2013

50 Questions
(65 Marks)

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

Components	Marks
Booklet A	30
Booklet B	65
TOTAL	95

Parent's Signature: _____

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Write your answers in this booklet.

This booklet consists of 7 printed pages excluding the cover page.

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. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) about	(D) had	(G) in	(K) or	(N) to
(B) and	(E) have	(H) may	(L) that	(P) up
(C) can	(F) however	(J) moreover	(M) the	(Q) with

Have you ever felt sick to your stomach during a test? Have you (31)_____ days when you were so loaded down with homework that you had trouble sleeping? Have you ever been so worried about something that you ended (32) _____ with a terrible headache? If so, then you know what it is like to feel stressed. Stress is what you feel when you are either worried (33) _____ uncomfortable about something. This worry (34) _____ give you a stomachache or a headache.

When you are stressed, you (35)_____ not feel like sleeping or eating. You may also sleep or eat too much, feel cranky or have trouble paying attention and remembering things.

(36) _____ stress can also be good. For instance, good stress might show up when you have to complete a project. Have you ever gotten butterflies in your stomach or sweaty hands? Those can be signs of good stress (37)_____ kind of stress that can help you to get things done.

Once you recognise (38) _____ you are feeling stressed, there are several things you can do. You can try talking about what is bothering you (39)_____ an adult you trust, like a parent or teacher. You can also use relaxation exercises (40)_____ get rid of stress. You can easily do this by inhaling slowly and deeply through your nose, and then exhaling slowly through your mouth.

Adapted from: http://kidshealth.org/kid/feeling/emotion/stress.html

Fill in the blanks with the most suitable answer. (15 marks)

Nathan Sawaya was just five years old when his grandparents gave him a Christmas present that would become his lifelong obsession: his very first box of LEGON bricks. For the rest of that Christmas morning, Nathan worked tirelessly at (51) _____ a LEGON house and soon he (52) _____ crafted his very own LEGON City, which was displayed behind his family's living room couch.

Even as an (53) _____ LEGON bricks were not far from Nathan's grasp as he found it to be a useful tool to blow (54) _____ steam after a hard day at the office. Eventually, Nathan took the biggest risk of his life by (55)_____ his high-flying career as a corporate lawyer to pursue his passion of being a full-time artist. Nathan's decision sparked off a range of reactions. While Nathan's parents were extremely supportive of his (56) _____, many tried to dissuade him and even forced their own opinions on him. Nathan lost many colleagues, friends and even his girlfriend, which caused him to question whether he had made the right career switch. (57)_____, Nathan persevered and channelled his energies into creating his pieces of art.

Initially, Nathan explored with traditional mediums (58) _____ clay and wire but quickly went back to his beloved LEGON bricks as he felt that everyone (59) _____ be able to recognise an ordinary toy and yet be amazed by its transformation (60) _____ meaningful pieces of art.

Drawing inspiration from every day (61) _____, people, places and personal experiences, Nathan never loses his motivation and (62)_____ empowered to create anything he sets his mind to. In time and with lots of practice, Nathan's sacrifices started to (63) _____ off: he became a LEGON Certified Professional; gained lucrative commissions; made many media appearances and his (64) _____ of art continue to be displayed in museums around the world. Nathan never dreamed that his artworks would have garnered him great success and (65) _____ acclaim. He also has the additional satisfaction of seeing children inspired to create their own pieces of art after viewing his works.

Adapted from: The Art of the Brick – Educator's Guide

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each <u>underlined</u> word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box. (10 marks)

41. [ ]

21 November 2012 was a school holiday. Nevertheless, volantears from schools across Singapore turned up bright and early at the reporting centres, all

42. [ ]

eager and ready to pick <u>on</u> their donation tins and KDF stickers to kick-start their island-wide fundraising.

43. [ ]

Throughout the day, students <u>stations</u> themselves across various spots in

44. [ ]

Singapore **apeeling** to passers-by for donations. The heavy rain in the afternoon did

45. [ ] [ ]

not deter the students' <u>determined</u> to raise funds for the needy.

46. [ ]

Apart from students who willingly **sacreeficed** a part of their school holidays,

47. [ ]

there were also a few **spontainious** members from the public who stepped forward to contribute to this event. The street collection was also an opportunity for KDF to

48. [ ]

spread the word about the work they have <u>do</u> for their patients. It was a mission

49. [ ]

beyond <u>comb</u> the streets to fill up the tins. Every dollar collected from the public

50. [ ]

meant more **finential** relief for the patients.

Adapted from: *KDF Link*, date unavailable

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). (10 marks)

66. "Did you attend the morning training session yesterday?" my father asked.

My father asked _____

_____

67. All the pupils are expected to submit their travel declaration to their teacher tomorrow.

Every _____

_____

68. Grandma dislikes western food. Ali loves it.

_____ is not shared

_____

69. Tom was witty. He was not popular in class.

In spite _____

_____

70. Tanny was delighted. She had won the first prize in the lucky draw.

Much to _____

_____

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

I worked hard picking that bouquet of wild flowers from the field at the back of Grandma's house. When I presented my gift to Grandma, she smiled and hugged me.

"Oh child, you warm the cockles of my heart," she said.

"You have cockles in your heart, Grandma?"

She laughed. Grandma smelled like vanilla and coffee. I remember the first time we made cookies from scratch. I thought one of the cups of stuff she put into the bowl was "scratch". She explained, "There are two kinds of cookies; store-bought and scratch."

Grandma had a secret recipe and it was magical because it did not matter if we put raisins or nuts or chocolate chips in the batter, the cookies always tasted like heaven. Grandma gave me her secret "scratch" recipe and I kept it in my wooden treasure box under my bed.

I also had a four-leaf clover, framed and kept in my box. We had spent two hours crawling around on our hands and knees in her backyard looking for that four-leaf clover. We held hands and danced in a circle when I finally spotted one. I ran forward and plucked the **treasure** from the base of its stem and held it aloft.

Grandma had what she called a **"bottomless"** candy dish - a little open glass dish stationed on a coffee table in her living room near a window with a flowing lace curtain. I could eat candy in the afternoon and after dinner in the evening. The next morning, the candy dish was full again. It was filled to the brim with mints of all colours that with minimum sucking would sweeten the palate and send a hand plunging inside for more. However, whenever I offered Grandma a mint, she would laugh and say, "Excessive sugar for a senior can turn a managed waistline into a glob of pullout fat in a short amount of time."

Grandma's porch swing was my favourite place in the whole world. I would lean against her and pour out my woes without a care in the world. **This** was my most treasured moment. Sometimes, we found pictures in the clouds as Grandma gave the swing a nudge once in a while with her foot.

Once Grandma told me, "Someday when I'm living with the angels, you look up into those clouds and say hi to your old grandma, okay?"

I was never worried about **that day**. That was two months ago. Mum and Dad were in the house packing Grandma's belongings. I sat on Grandma's porch swing and gave it an occasional push with my foot. The backyard was quiet and

there was no laughter. 35

A white fluffy cloud moved across the sky, directly overhead. I looked up, remembering our "pictures in the cloud" game. The wind shuffled the cloud as I watched. I saw Grandma! There she was! Her wings were spread wide and her white dress was falling in folds around her feet. She had a happy smile on her face!

"Grandma, I love you," I called out. I knew she was there. She just did not need the old house and all the stuff in it anymore. I saw her gently wave. Smiling, I spread out on the porch swing to watch her as she floated across the sky. 40

Adapted from: Rogers, N. *(2000). Grandma's Cloud Game - Chicken Soup for the Preteen Sou.*

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Which 7-word phrase in the passage tells us that the narrator was able to make her grandma feel happy?

_____

_____

72. Explain clearly why the cookies baked by the narrator's grandma were so special.

_____

_____

73. How do we know the narrator valued her find in Grandma's backyard?

_____

_____

74. What does the word "treasure" in line 17 refer to?

_____

_____

75. What did the narrator's grandma do to ensure that the candy dish remained "bottomless" in line 18 ?

76. Explain fully why Grandma declined the narrator's offer of a mint from her own candy dish.

77. What does the word "This" in line 27 refer to?

78. What does "that day" in line 32 exactly refer to?

79. What does "The backyard was quiet and there was no laughter" (lines 34-35) tell us about the impact that the narrator's grandma had on the narrator when she was alive?

80. State an adjective to describe the narrator's grandma. Support your answer with a reason.

END OF PAPER

ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2013
SCHOOL : CATHOLIC HIGH
SUBJECT : PRIMARY 6 ENGLISH

TERM : PRELIM 2

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
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H	F	M	L	Q	N

41)volunteers **42)up** **43)stationed** **44)appealing**

45)determination **46)sacrificed** **47)spontaneous** **48)done**

49)combing **50)financial** **51)crafting** **52)had** **53)adult**

54)off **55)leaving** **56)decision** **57)However** **58)like**

59)would **60)into** **61)life** **62)feels** **63)pay**

64)works **65)international**

66)My father asked me if I had attended the morning training session the previous day.

67)Every pupil is expected submit his travel declaration to his teacher tomorrow.

68)Ali's love for western food in not shared by Grandma.

69)In spite of the fact that Tom was witty, he was not popular in class.

70)Much to her delight, Tanny won the first prize in the lucky draw.

71)The phrase is "you warm the cockles of my heart".

72)The cookies were handmade and they were delicious as she made them wing a secret recipe.

73)The narrator had placed the four-leaf clover in a frame and it was kept ion his wooden treasure box under his bed.

74)It refers to the four-leaf clover.

75)She refilled the candy dish every night without fail.

76)She was old and having too much sugar would cause her to become fat and as a result she would be unhealthy.

77)It refers to the moment the narrator spent time with her Grandma on her porch swing where the narrator would lean against her and tell Grandma his woes.

78)It refers to the day that grandma would die.

79)Grandma had brought joy and laughter to the narrator's life.

80)She was a loving person. She baked cookies for the narrator and played wither.

Anglo-Chinese School (Junior)/
Anglo-Chinese School (Primary)

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2013
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2 (BOOKLET A)
PRIMARY SIX

Name: _____ ( )

Class: Primary 6 _____

Date: 20 August 2013

Duration of paper: 1h 50 min

Parent's/Guardian's signature

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. This question paper consists of 9 printed pages.
2. Do not turn this page until you are told to do so.
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4. Shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

Read the advertisement below and answer questions 1 to 5.

Eco Family Walkathon 2013

Back after the successful inaugural event at Summervale Park in 2012!

Date & Time : 8 December 2013, 6.30 a.m.
Venue : Marine Gardens Park
Registration opens from 1 August 2013 to 1 December 2013.
Simply log on to www.ecofamily.com.sg and register. It is free!

This event is OPEN TO ALL!
Simply come down with your family members to Marine Gardens Park and be a participant!

All participants will receive a free t-shirt and water bottle from Mitsuko & Co.

Every participant will also receive a ticket for the Lucky Draw which will be held right after the walkathon. Winners will be announced on the spot and also notified by post.

Our lucky winners can look forward to the following prizes:

1) 3D2N cruise to Penang
2) A 2-night stay at Costa Ris Resort
3) 1 year's supply of isotonic drinks from Zero One

Food and Games Galore!
We have 30 food and games stalls which await you after the walk.

Organised by

ECO FUN

Prizes Sponsored by

HAPPY CRUISE

ZERO ONE

From questions 1 to 5, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4).
(5 marks)

1. This event will take place at _____.

   (1) Penang
   (2) Costa Ris Resort
   (3) Summervale Park
   (4) Marine Gardens Park

2. This is the _____ Eco Family Walkathon.

   (1) first
   (2) only
   (3) final
   (4) second

3. To participate, you need to _____.

   (1) register online
   (2) pay the organiser
   (3) wear a t-shirt from Mitsuko & Co
   (4) be at Summervale Park on 8 December

4. Participants can look forward to _____.

   (1) staying at Costa Ris Resort
   (2) walking with a family member
   (3) playing games during the walk
   (4) winning a prize sponsored by Eco Fun

5. Which of the following statements is **false**?

   (1) Anyone can participate in the event.
   (2) Mitsuko & Co is sponsoring T-shirts and water bottles.
   (3) Lucky Draw tickets are only given to winners of the event.
   (4) The event will be held at Marine Gardens Park for the first time.

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.

(7 marks)

6 The roadworks on the PTE expressway might take anything _____ three months to a year.

(1) at
(2) by
(3) from
(4) between

7 Nowadays, there are _____ people who do not own a mobile phone.

(1) any
(2) few
(3) a little
(4) much

8 "All the money _____ missing!" screamed Sally the moment she saw her empty wallet.

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

9 During the History examination yesterday, I saw a student _____ and alerted the teacher.

(1) cheat
(2) cheats
(3) cheated
(4) was cheating

10 _____ she was breathless, Amy continued running the marathon.

(1) If
(2) Since
(3) Unless
(4) Although

11 Devi planned to buy the Hello Kitty special edition soft toy, _____ she?

(1) did
(2) does
(3) didn't
(4) doesn't

12 Everyone but Nancy _____ to stay up to watch the results of the General Elections tonight.

(1) decide
(2) deciding
(3) has decided
(4) have decided

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. (3 marks)

I knocked on the door. I had rushed home from work (13) looking forward to playing with my new pet dog, Fuzzy.

"Who is it (14)" a familiar voice asked nervously.

A minute after my reply, the door opened a fraction. My wife stood at the door. She looked pale. She has never looked this pale before. I sensed something was amiss.

"I need to tell you something," she said hesitantly (15) It looks like Fuzzy is missing."

I took a shuddering breath before tears started rolling down my cheeks.

Adapted from *Revelation* by C.J. Sansom

13
(1) [:] colon
(2) [,] comma
(3) [.] full-stop
(4) [;] semi-colon

14
(1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full-stop
(3) [?] question mark
(4) [!] exclamation mark

15
(1) [,"] comma and inverted commas
(2) [."] full-stop and inverted commas
(3) [?"] question mark and inverted commas
(4) [!"] exclamation mark and inverted commas

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. (5 marks)

16 Not wanting to _____ the agony, Ann decided to see the dentist at once to have her aching teeth attended to.

(1) evade
(2) prolong
(3) elongate
(4) outsource

17 The ruthless king viewed his subjects as _____. To him, they were merely to be used and not valued at all.

(1) expensive
(2) exhausting
(3) expendable
(4) extraordinary

18 Sally's account is _____ Josie's account of the incident. Who is telling the truth?

(1) at length
(2) at present
(3) at odds with
(4) at a loose end

19. Jack _____ to June's story. He was miles away.

(1) lent an ear
(2) from ear to ear
(3) listened with half an ear
(4) kept his ear to the ground

20 "Children, the programme will _____ once everyone is seated," the teacher instructed.

(1) comment
(2) commend
(3) commence
(4) comprehend

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the words(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

Once upon a time, Truth went about the streets as naked as the day he was born. As a result, no one would let him into their homes. Whenever people caught sight of him, they turned away and fled. One day when Truth was sadly wandering about, he met Parable. Now, Parable was dressed in splendid clothes of beautiful **(21) colours**.

Parable upon seeing Truth, said, "Tell me, neighbour, what makes you look so sad?"

Truth replied **(22) bitterly**, "Ah brother, things are very bad – very bad. I am old – very old, and no one wants to acknowledge me. No one wants anything to do with me."

Hearing that, Parable said, "People do not run away from you because you are old. I too am old – very old. However, the older I get, the better people like me. I will tell you a **(23) secret**: Everyone likes things disguised and prettied up a bit. Let me lend you some **(24) splendid** clothes like mine, and you will see that the very people who pushed you aside will invite you into their homes and be glad of your company."

Truth took Parable's **(25) advice** and put on the borrowed clothes. From that time on, Truth and Parable had gone hand in hand together and everyone loved them. They made a happy pair.

Adapted from an old Yiddish tale.

21 (1) hues
(2) sizes
(3) texture
(4) shapes

22 (1) angrily
(2) blatantly
(3) resentfully
(4) unfeelingly

23 (1) yarn
(2) fable
(3) mystery
(4) password

24 (1) drab
(2) grand
(3) heroic
(4) gaudy

25 (1) policy
(2) wisdom
(3) thinking
(4) suggestion

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow it.

The two boys entered the classroom quietly. Casting furtive glances, they moved purposefully towards a desk in the centre of the class.

"Are you sure about this?" Ahmad whispered timidly.

"Yes and do not chicken out now. He has to be taught a lesson," Kumar hissed.

"Well, perhaps we should..." stuttered Ahmad but was cut short by a dismissive wave of the hand by Kumar.

"He cannot be allowed to get away with it," insisted Kumar again.

After this, there was no further argument. Ahmad stood outside the classroom, acting as a lookout while Kumar went back to the desk and started searching systematically through Ah Seng's school bag. He soon found what he was looking for – the latest Monterey Jack, Rodent Detective adventure graphic novel, 'Rats in Space'. It was the hottest graphic novel from America and all the boys in school were talking about it. Kumar was an ardent fan. He had bought every issue and this one, 'Rats in Space' was the latest and not even sold in local bookshops yet.

Kumar's mother frequently travelled to America on a business trip and always purchased a copy for him. However, just two days ago, his copy had gone missing! Ahmad then noticed Ah Seng reading 'Rats in Space' in secret. Kumar knew straightaway that he had stolen it as there was no way he could have bought it yet. It normally took a few months for the latest issue to go on sale here. It had to be his! Hence, Kumar hatched a plan to get it back and drafted a protesting Ahmad to assist.

Suddenly, he heard something that made his blood go cold. Ahmad was whistling 'Kumbaya'. A prefect was almost upon them and there was no way to escape unseen! As agreed, Ahmad walked off while Kumar hid under the teacher's table. The prefect walked agonisingly slowly and Kumar prayed that he would not enter the class.

Then he heard the door open. The prefect entered and looked around. Thankfully, he did not look under the teacher's table. He soon left and Kumar made a **discreet** getaway.

After recess, the class lined up outside the class. Ahmad and Kumar were pleased with themselves. They were also careful to hide the book. Just then, Marvin tapped Kumar on the shoulder. "Sorry I took it without asking. Hope you don't mind. I was absent yesterday and this is the first chance I have to return it to you," apologised Marvin.

To his horror, Marvin was holding a copy of 'Rats in Space' in his hand. His own copy. Kumar looked at Ahmad and Ahmad stared back. A new problem had arisen.

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.
(5 marks)

26 In Line 7, "He" refers to _____.

(1) Marvin
(2) himself
(3) Ahmad
(4) Ah Seng

27 Which one of the following statements accurately describes Ahmad's behaviour?

(1) He was eager.
(2) He obeyed Kumar without question.
(3) He was scared but supported Kumar.
(4) He wanted nothing to do with the entire affair.

28 Why was Kumar so sure that Ah Seng had stolen his graphic novel?

(1) Ah Seng was a known thief.
(2) Ah Seng hated graphic novels.
(3) The graphic novel was too expensive for a student to afford.
(4) The graphic novel was the latest issue and not on sale locally yet.

29 The word "discreet" in line 24 means _____.

(1) with haste
(2) without haste
(3) without any noise
(4) without attracting attention

30 Which statement **best describes** the new problem that confronted Kumar and Ahmad?

(1) They had made a mistake.
(2) They had been caught stealing.
(3) They had been seen taking the graphic novel.
(4) They had to think of a way to return Ah Seng's graphic novel.

Anglo-Chinese School (Junior)
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PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2013
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2 (BOOKLET B)
PRIMARY SIX

Name: _____ ( ) Class: Primary 6 _____

Date: 20 August 2013

Duration of paper: 1h 50 min

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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1. Composition	55	
2. Language Use & Comprehension	95	
2.1 OAS (Booklet A)	30	
2.2 Grammar Cloze	10	
2.3 Editing (Spelling & Grammar)	10	
2.4 Comprehension Cloze	15	
2.5 Synthesis & Transformation	10	
2.6 Comprehension	20	
3. Listening Comprehension	20	
4. Oral Communication	30	
Total	200	

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 to avoid confusion during marking.
(10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

(A) a	(D) can	(G) from	(K) on	(N) were
(B) an	(E) could	(H) had	(L) to	(P) which
(C) at	(F) for	(J) is	(M) was	(Q) with

In nineteenth century England, sailors faced terrible dangers sailing on ships that carried nearly every type of cargo. Every year, hundreds of seamen lost their lives (31) _____ dangerously overloaded ships.

Unscrupulous ship owners, eager for greater profits, took terrible risks (32) _____ the lives of the sailors. Overloaded ships (33) _____ allowed to leave port, only to flounder at sea and sink. Such news would often be greeted with joy as it meant that they could claim the generous insurance from the loss of the ship. In 1873, hundreds of men lost their lives.

Sailors (34) _____ not refuse to sail in such ships. Once a man had signed up for a voyage, he was legally bound no matter how unsafe the ship. Ship owners had made it a crime for sailors to jump ship.

This ~~become~~ became Samuel Plimsoll's mission. He (35) _____ a simple but effective idea. Every ship was to have a load line, indicating the point to which a ship could be loaded. Plimsoll ran (36) _____ Parliament in 1868 and was elected. He immediately began campaigning to save the lives of British sailors.

He gave passionate speeches and wrote a book (37) _____ shocked the public by the exposure of the conditions that the sailors faced. Gradually he won over public opinion and shamed the government into taking action. The Unseaworthy Vessels Bill was passed in 1875 and the following year, a bill written by Plimsoll, which required a load line, passed. However, under pressure from vested interests, Parliament compromised. They allowed a ship's owner (38) _____ put the line wherever he desired.

Plimsoll fought on for another 14 years until laws were passed to make sure that the line was set (39) _____ a level that would ensure the safety of the ship. With the passage of time, his load line has become the international standard. On the hull of every cargo ship today, you will see the Plimsoll line, indicating the maximum depth to which a ship (40) _____ be safely and legally loaded. Plimsoll became known as 'The Sailor's Friend'.

Adapted from *Cultivating A Heart of Contentment*

For each word in **bold**, write the correct spelling of the word in the box. For each <u>underlined</u> word, write the correct grammatical form of the word in the box. (10 marks)

Is it the smell? Is it the taste? Or just simply the bright colours which catch your

(41) [ ] (42) [ ]

wunduhring eyes across the funfair? Cotton candy or commonly known as candyfloss <u>had</u> been a

(43) [ ]

funfair favourite since festivities began and continues to please people of all **ajhers** even today.

(44) [ ]

Candyfloss is made <u>with</u> pouring sugar in a machine. The prices of the sugar are known to vary

(45) [ ] (46) [ ]

kensiderebeli. The sugar is then <u>spinned</u>, using a stick which rotates within the machine.

(47) [ ]

Recently however, candy floss stalls have <u>begin</u> leaning away from using sticks due to

(48) [ ]

safety reasons. The sticks have been known to <u>causes</u> splinters, posing a danger for children.

Instead candy floss is now packed in small containers and can be found within the sweets and

(49) [ ]

kenfecshenery sections of supermarkets. With a rainbow of colours out there to be picked from,

(50) [ ]

you will be sure to find something to please your palet

Adapted from *Candyfloss as Entertainment Brain Food*

Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15 marks)

Have you noticed how oddly people behave when they are talking on the telephone? The police officer (51) _____ his hand in a salute when he addresses his sergeant on the telephone. The insurance salesman shakes an imaginary (52) _____ when he introduces himself by telephone to a new customer. Notice how your older sister sits (53) _____ a corner and hugs the telephone while talking to her boyfriend. Have you noticed too, how many people have an (54) _____ to doodle while engaged on the telephone?

Is there a reason for this peculiar (55) _____? Yes, there is, say the media experts. The telephone, they say, is a 'cool' medium. It involves the (56)_____ of mainly one sense, your hearing, and it therefore demands your fullest (57)_____. Since you cannot see the person at the other (58)_____ of the line, you often have to fill in incomplete pieces of conversation yourself (59)_____ being able to picture his facial expression or gestures. You also have to show that you are still there and (60)_____, so you have to ask questions, answer questions, confirm instructions or offer sympathetic grunts. All this means that you have to (61)_____ on the task.

Another unique (62)_____ of the telephone is that it demands instant attention. It will not let you rest even though you are (63) _____ your favourite television programme. The telephone makes you jump to answer it. You, on your part, are not sure whether it is the ringing sound that puts you (64) _____ edge or whether you have to know who is calling. The telephone also has the power to (65)_____ lives. Once, it saved a man from an industrial accident when he went back to his office to stop its incessant ringing.

Adapted from *The Cool Telephone* by Fleur Vaz

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 Jane spotted a stain on her new dress. It made her angry.

The sight _____

_____

67 Mother realised that the guests had arrived. She started preparing snacks for them.

_____ upon

_____

68 Mrs Lim reminded her pupils not to forget to bring their report books the following week.

Mrs Lim reminded her pupils, "_____

_____

69 Sam saw the injured cat in pain. He took it to the vet.

Having _____

_____

70 Mary will not take the injection. The doctor has to give her a sweet.

Unless _____

_____

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. (20 marks)

I have heard men say that seeing is believing; but I should say that feeling is believing; for as much I had ever seen before, I never knew till now the utter misery of a cab-horse's life. My life was now so utterly wretched that I thought that I might, like Ginger, drop down dead at my work; and one day my fear very nearly came to pass.

A very heavy train was expected to come in that morning. When it arrived, all the cabs were soon engaged, and ours was called for. There was a party of four: a noisy, blustering man with a lady, a little boy, a young girl and a great deal of luggage. The lady and the boy got into the cab, and while the man ordered about the luggage, the young girl came and looked at me.

"Papa," she said, "I am sure this poor horse cannot take us and all our luggage. He is so very weak and worn out; do look at him."

"Oh! He's all right, miss," said my driver, "he's strong enough."

The porter, who was pulling about some heavy boxes, suggested to the gentleman, as there was so much luggage, whether he could take a second cab.

"Can your horse do it, or can't he?" said the blustering man.

"Oh! He can do it all right, sir," said the driver, "send up the boxes, porter, he could take more than that," and he helped to haul up a box so heavy that I could feel the springs go down.

"Papa, Papa, do take a second cab," said the young girl in a beseeching tone; "I am sure we are wrong, I am sure it is very cruel."

"Nonsense, Grace, get in at once, and don't make all this fuss. And hold your tongue!"

My gentle friend had to obey; and box after box was dragged up and lodged on the top of the cab, or settled by the side of the driver. At last all was ready, and with his usual jerk at the rein, and slash of the whip, he drove out of the station.

The load was very heavy, and I had had neither food nor rest since eight in the morning; but I did my best, as I always had done, in spite of cruelty and injustice. I got on fairly well till we came to Ludgate Hill. I was struggling to keep on, goaded by constant chucks of the rein and use of the whip, when, in a single moment – I cannot tell how – my feet slipped under me, and I fell heavily to the ground on my side. The suddenness and the force with which I fell seemed to beat all the breath out of my body. I lay perfectly still. Indeed, I had no power to move, and I thought I was going to die.

Soon I heard a sort of confusion around me, loud angry voices and the getting down of the luggage, but it was all like a dream. I thought I heard that sweet pitiful voice saying, "Oh! That poor horse! It is all our fault." Someone else said, "He's dead. He'll never get up again." I could also hear a policeman giving orders, but I did not even open my eyes; I could only draw a gasping breath now and then. Then someone came and loosened the throat strap of my bridle, and undid the traces which kept the collar so tight upon me. Suddenly some cold water was thrown over my head and a little cordial poured into my mouth. I could then feel something like a blanket thrown over me. How warm that felt. I could not tell how long I lay there, but I found my life coming back, and a kind-voiced man was patting me and encouraging me to rise. After some more cordial had been given me, and after one or two attempts, I staggered to my feet, and was gently led to some stables which were close by. Here I was put into a stall and some warm gruel was brought to me which I drank thankfully.

When I was finally back at my master's stable that evening, he examined me and decided it **more profitable** to sell me off than nurse me to health. He barked some orders to the stable man and for the next ten days, I was well fed and cared for by the kind stable man. When the twelfth day after the accident came, I was taken to the sale, a few miles out of London. I felt that any change from my present place must be an improvement, so I held up my head, and hoped for the best.

Adapted from *Black Beauty* by Anna Sewell

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71 How did the author feel about his work as a cab-horse?

_____

_____

72 The girl used **two** arguments to persuade her father to use the second cab. What were they?

_____

_____

73 Which word in paragraph eight has the same meaning as 'pleading'?

_____

_____

74 From the way Grace spoke to her father, what can we tell about her character?

_____

_____

75 Which phrase in the passage means "to stop speaking"?

_____

_____

76 In line 20, who does "my gentle friend" refer to?

_____

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77 In paragraph eleven, why was the author not working at his best?

_____

_____

78 Write down the sentence in paragraph eleven that tells us that the author did not move at all when lying on the ground.

_____

_____

79 Help was given to the author after he fell. List **two** ways.

_____

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80 What does the phrase "more profitable" (line 43) suggest about the master's main concern?

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END OF PAPER

ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2013
SCHOOL : ACS
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TERM : PRELEM

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41)wandering 42)has 43)ages 44)by 45)considerably

46)spun 47)begun 48)cause 49)confectionery 50)palate

51)raises 52)hand 53)in 54)urge 55)behaviour

56)use 57)attention 58)end 59)without 60)listening

61)focus 62)feature 63)watching 64)on 65)save

66)The sight of a stain on her new dress made Jane angry.

67)Mother started preparing snacks for the guests upon realising that they had arrived.

68)Mrs Lim reminded her pupils, "Don't forget to bring your report books next week.

69)Having seen the injured cat in pain, Sam took it ti the vet.

70)Unless the doctor gives Mary a sweet, she will not take the injection.

71)The author felt that his work as a cab-horse was miserable and unpleasant, and that one day he might die from the had labour.

72)The horse was too weak (and tired) to take all the luggage and it was cruel of them to overload the horse.

73)It is "beseeching".

74)From the way Grace spoke to her father, Grace was a determined and sympathetic person.

75)It is " hold your tongue".

76)It refers to Grace.

77)He was very tired and hungry.

78)It is "I lay perfectly still".

79)The author's throat strap was slackened, allowing the author to breathe, and cordial was given to the author.

80)He was concerned about not losing money from keeping a weak and tired horse.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 1 (2013)

PRIMARY SIX

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

Name:_____ ( )

Class: Primary Six_____

17 May 2013

20 Marks

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Answer all questions.

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This booklet consists of 5 printed pages excluding the cover page.

SHADE THE CORRECT OVAL (1, 2 OR 3) ON THE OPTICAL ANSWER SHEET.

TEXT 1

Q1. Which of the following shows the instruments that will not be kept in the cupboards?

TEXT 2

Q2. Which of the following best depicts Jessica's cousin?

TEXT 3

Q3. For campers in Team Leader David's group, which of the following is their first stop?

(1) Happy Valley
(2) Waterfall Point
(3) Sunshine meadow

Q4. Which of the following shows the route that the campers with Team Leader Molly will take?

(1) → → → → →
(2) ==> ==> ==> ==>
(3) ——————▶

TEXT 4

Q5. What can Mrs. Tan do in order to pay only $8 for entry into the National Bird Park?

(1) take her six-year-old son there on a Monday in June
(2) flash her Feathered Friends Membership Card
(3) arrive before 9 a.m. on a Monday in June

Q6. Which of the following is a privilege current Feathered Friends Club members can enjoy in June?

(1) a $30 discount on Annual Membership fees
(2) free admission into the National Bird Park
(3) a 15% discount at the restaurants

Q7. If Bob would like to join the Feathered Friends Club in June, how much will he need to pay for an annual membership?

(1) $120
(2) $150
(3) $180

TEXT 5

Q8. Can Paul play floorball even though he doesn't have a floorball stick?

(1) Yes, the sticks will be provided.
(2) No, all players need a stick to play floorball.
(3) Yes, the floorball team rents sticks to players.

Q9. Where was floorball first played?

(1) Sweden
(2) Norway
(3) Finland

Q10. Is floorball only played in Scandnavian countries?

(1) Yes, floorball leagues can only be found there.
(2) No, it is played in every country around the world.
(3) No, people are playing it in various countries, including North America.

Q11. Why does Mag play floorball?

(1) She wants to join a floorball league.
(2) She thinks it is a safe game.
(3) She enjoys playing it.

TEXT 6

Q12. According to the text, why was 2008 a most memorable year?

(1) China had a huge debt to repay.
(2) Two major disasters struck Asia.
(3) The world ignored the damage caused.

Q13. What did Cyclone Nargis cause?

(1) An earthquake.
(2) Damage to the North Indian Ocean.
(3) A very high number of deaths.

Q14. Why were relief efforts after Cyclone Nargis struck slowed down?

(1) Leaders of other countries were reluctant to help.
(2) Relief efforts were held up by heavy rain.
(3) Myanmar's leaders refused help at first.

Q15. Why was the Sichuan earthquake likened to a monster?

(1) It measured 7.9 in magnitude,causing great loss of lives and damage.
(2) It was the third costliest disaster in China.
(3) It was uncontrollable.

Q16. How long after Cyclone Nargis did the Sichuan earthquake occur?

(1) A month apart.
(2) More than a month apart.
(3) Less than a month apart.

TEXT 7

Q17. What are the species of elephant that exist today?

(1) The Indian elephant, the African forest elephant and the African bush elephant.
(2) The African bush elephant, the Asian elephant and the Indian elephant.
(3) The Asian elephant, the African forest elephant, the Indian elephant and the African bush elephant.

Q18. In what way do the lives of male and female elephants differ?

(1) Males have no natural predators but females are often poached.
(2) Males move around alone but females move in groups.
(3) Males live longer than females.

Q19. How many years do elephants usually live for?

(1) 65 to 85 years
(2) 50 to 70 years
(3) 25 to 45 years

Q20. How do humans pose a threat to the survival of elephants?

(1) By killing the calves and weak adult elephants.
(2) By hunting them and destroying forests.
(3) By breeding lions to prey on them.

-- THE END --

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 1 (2013)

PRIMARY SIX

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 1 (WRITING)

Name:_____ ( )

Class: Primary Six _____

9 May 2013

55 marks

1 hour 10 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so

There are two parts to this paper - Part 1 and Part 2.
Answer the question in Part 1 and one question from Part 2.

This booklet consists of 4 printed pages excluding the cover page.

Part I: Situational Writing (15 marks)

(1) Read the following conversation between Calvin and Sarah.

	Hey Calvin, you look troubled. Is there anything wrong?
	I'm at a loss as to what I should do. I'm not sure if I should report an incident that I had witnessed.
	What happened?
	Yesterday, during recess at about 10.20 a.m. I was carrying some books to the staffroom for Mr Wong. To my horror, while walking past the Science Room, I saw Joe and Sam damaging the Science projects.
	Not again! Those infamous pranksters from 6H. What did you do then?
	I shouted at the boys to stop what they were doing.
	They did as they were told, didn't they?
	No, they continued! They also warned me not to report them to the teachers.
	That's too much! I think you should report this to Mr Neo.
	Yes, Sarah, I think I should do that. They should not be allowed to get away with such irresponsible behaviour.
	Mr Neo will take care of the case. So, don't be troubled by it. You should concentrate on preparing for tomorrow's Science test.
	Oh yes, tomorrow is 3 May. Thanks for reminding.

Your Task

Imagine you are Calvin.

Write an incident report of what you witnessed at the Science Room to Mr Neo, the discipline master of the school.

You are to refer to the information on page 1 for your incident report.

In your report, include the following information:

- the date and time of the incident
- what you were doing at that time
- who were the boys involved
- what you witnessed
- how the boys reacted to you

You may reorder the points. Remember to write in complete sentences.

Part II: Continuous Writing (40 marks)

There are 2 questions in Part 2. Answer only **one** of them.

(2) Write a story based on the picture below. Your story should be **at least 150 words** long.

You must make use of the points below in your story:

- why the boy was running
- what happened to the man on the ladder
- what happened in the end

You may reorder the points. You may also include other relevant points.

(3) You were waiting for the lift one quiet evening. Just then, you felt a hand grip your shoulder.

Based on the above situation, write a story that is **at least 150 words** long.

You must make use of the points below in your story:

- who gripped your shoulder
- how you reacted
- what happened in the end

You may reorder the points. You may also include other relevant points.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION ONE (2013)

PRIMARY SIX

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET A

Name: _____ ( )

Class: Primary Six _____

17 May 2013

30 Questions
(30 Marks)

Total Time for Booklets A and 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.

This booklet consists of 9 printed pages excluding the cover page.

Study the following advertisement and then answer questions 1 to 5.

Peek-a-boo Playtown!

The Fun & Safe Entertainment for Kids!

Peek-a-boo Playtown - A children's indoor playground at United Mall. You can even drop your kids off while you shop!

Remember to bring your socks! (Compulsory to enter Playtown)
+Entrance charges apply.

It's Party Time!
Reasons to have your party at Peek-a-boo Playtown:

1. **Hassle-free!** Just bring yourself and a cake! We provided everything else!
2. **We run the party, you relax!** Exclusive use of the party area for 2 hours with our dedicated party hosts!
3. **We keep your guests happy!** Complimentary invitation cards provided. Free SMS reminder service to ensure your guests turn up!
4. **Parking is free!** (For the first hour on weekdays, excluding public holiday)

Available Party Time slots:
1) 10 a.m. to 12 noon
2) 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 pm
3) 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

*Packages Available		
	Cost**	**Other Perks**
Classic Party Set Up	$450 (for up to 10 kids) $520 (for 15 kids)	FREE: Peek-a-Boo balloon bouquet for the birthday child!
	Cost***	**Other Perks**
Cartoon Themed Party Set Up	$590 (for up to 10 kids) $680 (for 15 kids)	**FREE: Peek-a-Boo vouchers worth more than $100 and themed balloon bouquet for the birthday child!**

* Weekday discounts of $100 given. Entrance fee waived for all when a package is booked.
** Additional children at $28 each (Inclusive of food and drinks).
*** Additional children at $38 each (Inclusive of food and drinks).

+Entrance Charges:

- Adults: $3 per entry (1 adult free for 1 paying child and free for babies up to 9 months)
- Children: $12 per entry
- Drop-off (4 years and above): $15 for 2 hours & $5 per subsequent hour

For party booking, please call us at 6765 4000 or mail us at party@peekaboo.com.sg
You may also visit us at United Mall Office (Level 2).

For enquiries on Peek-a-boo Playtown:
Call Donna @ 6700 0100 or visit our website at www.booboo.com

1. The main aim of this advertisement is to _____.

(1) promote the importance of safety in play
(2) allow parents to shop peacefully without their kids
(3) promote Peek-a-boo Playtown as a children's haven
(4) inform the public that Peek-a-boo Playtown is an indoor Children's playground

2. Peek-a-boo Playtown is an excellent birthday party venue as _____.

(1) party hours are flexible
(2) party hosts will run the show
(3) every item needed for the birthday party is provided
(4) guests will be able to park their cars for free during party hours

3. To find out about Peek-a-boo Playtown's opening hours, one must _____.

(1) call 6765 4000
(2) go to www.booboo.com
(3) go to United Mall Office Level 2
(4) e-mail party@peekaboo.com.sg

4. Mrs. Caffrey wants to hold a party for her son who loves the cartoon character, Thomas the Train on Tuesday. She has 15 guests on her list so she has to pay _____.

(1) $580 with entrance fee
(2) $680 with entrance fee
(3) $580 with no entrance fee
(4) $680 with no entrance fee

5. Which of the following statements is <u>true</u>?

(1) Every birthday child gets a themed balloon bouquet.
(2) A birthday child must bring his/her socks to Peek-a-boo Playtown.
(3) All children must pay a Peek-a-boo Playtown entrance fee of $12.
(4) Peek-a-boo parties can only accommodate a maximum of 15 guests.

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. (7 marks)

6. _____ of the men at the ceremony was given a bow-tie to wear.

   (1) All
   (2) Both
   (3) Each
   (4) Some

7. Joey, together with his sisters, _____ in the pool for hours every Sunday.

   (1) swim
   (2) swims
   (3) has swum
   (4) have swum

8. Not only did the coach _____ the soccer players but he also mentored them.

   (1) train
   (2) trains
   (3) trained
   (4) had trained

9. The container with all the sports apparels and equipment _____ in the room a fortnight ago.

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

10. Susan's rarely been sick this year,_____she?

   (1) has
   (2) does
   (3) hasn't
   (4) doesn't

11. The pupil, _____ curiosity was piqued, went to find the source of the sound.

(1) when
(2) who's
(3) where
(4) whose

12. Henry watched his opponent _____ the chess tournament with extreme frustration.

(1) won
(2) wins
(3) winning
(4) had won

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. (3 marks)

One day, Lion summoned all the animals in the jungle. "Each of you must tell a joke," he said **(13)** but if anyone fails to laugh, I'll kill the person who told it. Monkey, you go first."

Monkey began, "Two men go into a bar..." When he delivered the punch line, everyone roared with laughter **(14)** except Tortoise. Immediately, Lion pounced on Monkey and killed him. Next up was Elephant. The same thing happened and the Lion killed him. The animals were furious with Tortoise, but no one dared to move. Tiger began his joke. Tortoise suddenly rolled over and began kicking his feet in the air, laughing his head off. "What's wrong with you **(15)** roared an irate Lion. "Tiger has not even finished his joke yet!"

"I'm sorry," said Tortoise, gasping between laughs, "but Monkey's joke was simply too funny!"

Adapted from: http://www.rdasia.com/Jokes/funniest

13. (1) [, "] comma and inverted commas
    (2) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
    (3) [? "] question mark and inverted commas
    (4) [! "] exclamation mark and inverted commas

14. (1) [:] colon
    (2) [,] comma
    (3) [.] full stop
    (4) [;] semi colon

15. (1) [,"] comma and inverted commas
    (2) [."] full stop and inverted commas
    (3) [?"] question mark and inverted commas
    (4) [!"] exclamation mark and inverted commas

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. (5 marks)

16. The detective was _____ in gathering detailed evidence of bank records in order to convict the criminal. He left no stone unturned.

    (1) delirious
    (2) frivolous
    (3) apoplectic
    (4) meticulous

17. Aunt Emma _____ back home with heavy bags of groceries after a long walk to the supermarket.

    (1) paced
    (2) ambled
    (3) trudged
    (4) prowled

18. The filial daughter visited her ailing mother in the hospital, without fail, for seven days _____.

    (1) concertedly
    (2) concurrently
    (3) conveniently
    (4) consecutively

19. Joseph had made many _____ business decisions that resulted in a great financial loss.

    (1) intelligent
    (2) indelicate
    (3) inadvisable
    (4) indispensable

20. Since the _____ of the special programme in schools a few years ago, many pupils at the primary level have benefited from it.

    (1) inception
    (2) operation
    (3) culmination
    (4) construction

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

An innocent pupil, Tommy, had to undergo several counselling sessions after being mercilessly teased by his classmates. It started off innocently with his classmates making some **(21)** innocuous jokes about one another. However, it took a turn for the worse when some of these pupils started spreading **(22)** malicious gossip about Tommy, causing other pupils to ostracise him. Much of this gossip was **(23)** fabricated to torment Tommy. Fortunately, a teacher found out about their activities and managed to curb the spreading of such baseless rumours. The group of pupils has been **(24)** chastened by the school authorities. They have to attend detention classes and reflect on the consequences of their actions. This incident can **(25)** attest to the negative effects of spreading gossip.

21. (1) injurious
    (2) gracious
    (3) harmless
    (4) venomous

22. (1) crafty
    (2) vicious
    (3) obvious
    (4) shrewd

23. (1) imitated
    (2) falsified
    (3) obscured
    (4) replicated

24. (1) caned
    (2) charged
    (3) condemned
    (4) reprimanded

25. (1) vouch
    (2) dispute
    (3) disclaim
    (4) guarantee

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

I did badly in the first term's class test, not unexpectedly. It was not completely attributed to the fact that I had fallen ill quite often and neither was I an average pupil. My family's recent move to Kampong Bahru was somewhat a disaster for my education. There was too much fun for boys my age, from rounders, basketball, fighting fish to mischievous exploits of one sort or another.

My teacher, Mr Doraisamy, was an amicable person who was not an advocate of 'spare the rod and spoil the child'. However, he wrote four words in my report book -"Can work, but lazy." It was the system then that principals would go round to each class and take a look at every report book. The principal, Captain Goodman Ambler, was a retired British army officer. He was about six feet tall, slim and slightly hunched, but his looks were enough to give shivers to pupils who did not match his expectations.

On that fateful afternoon, Captain Ambler sat on our teacher's chair and went through the report books. Coincidentally, my book was on top of the pile. Then I heard my name. His military voice boomed across the room. "So you can work, but you are lazy, eh? My boy," the principal bawled, "go to my office. Next to my desk is a wooden cabinet. Open it. In it, find the magic wand you like best and bring it back to me."

I did not need any prodding. I stepped quickly out of my class. In the wooden cabinet, I found six canes of various thickness, from the girth of one's smallest finger to one's fat thumb. What a decision to make! I remembered that I had heard from other mischievous boys that the thicker the cane, the less the pain. Not knowing any better myself, I took a risk. What I could not guess was how many strokes I would be given. This thought struck fear in me.

By the time I returned to class, there were about seven others who had 'qualified' to experience the magic wand. I was the first. Then like a first-rate magician, Captain Ambler brought the cane down on my buttocks. I almost fainted. At that very instance, he called, "Next." It was the happiest word I had heard till that moment.

That one stroke changed my life. All extra-curricular activities in the *kampung* were put on hold. When the results of the third term came in, there was nothing to make me qualify for another stroke. Deep in my heart, I am totally grateful to Captain Ambler for performing his magic. I could have ended up as a dropout and life would have been ruined.

Adapted from: Glimpses and Reflections By Wee Kim Wee

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. (5 marks)

26. The writer's bad results were expected because he _____.

    (1) had been ill
    (2) was not a very smart pupil
    (3) was too distracted to study
    (4) took time to adapt to Kampong Bahru

27. Mr Doraisamy _____.

    (1) thought that the writer was not capable
    (2) wanted Captain Ambler to cane the writer
    (3) believed that a child should be disciplined with the cane
    (4) thought the writer had potential but was not achieving it

28. The risk the writer took in line 23 was _____.

    (1) choosing the thickest cane
    (2) choosing the thinnest cane
    (3) not listening to the mischievous boys' advice
    (4) not waiting to be prodded but leaving the class quickly

29. The author was happy after being caned as he _____.

    (1) had not fainted
    (2) had only been caned once
    (3) wanted the others to feel the pain too
    (4) had qualified to experience the magic wand

30. Which of the following statements is **true**?

    (1) Captain Ambler was a good magician who had retired.
    (2) There was nothing good about the writer's third term results.
    (3) The writer stopped playing basketball temporarily after being caned.
    (4) The author had been a dropout before Captain Ambler intervened in his life.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION ONE (2013)

PRIMARY SIX

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET B

Name: _____ ( )

Class: Primary Six _____

17 May 2013

50 Questions
(65 Marks)

Components	Marks
Booklet A	30
Booklet B	65
TOTAL	95

Parent's Signature: _____

Total Time for Booklets A and 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.

Write your answers in this booklet.

This booklet consists of 7 printed pages excluding the cover page.

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. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) as	(D) due	(G) has	(K) of	(N) their
(B) both	(E) for	(H) into	(L) off	(P) while
(C) by	(F) had	(J) its	(M) over	(Q) with

Once common throughout Africa and Asia, elephant numbers were severely depleted in the 19th century. This was largely (31)_____ to the massive ivory trade. (32)_____ some populations are now stable, poaching and habitat destruction continue to threaten the species.

(33)_____ African elephants and Asian elephants need a lot of food and freedom to survive. They wander in small to large herds, sometimes (34)_____ incredibly large areas and consume up to several hundred kilogrammes of plant matter in a single day. Elephants, in fact, place such great demands on their environment that they frequently come (35)_____ conflict with people who are competing for many of the same, often scarce, resources.

Although poaching of elephants for their ivory (36)_____ declined since the 1989 worldwide ivory ban, it remains a widespread problem. Large quantities of African ivory, for example, still find (37)_____ way to illegal markets in Africa and beyond. Elephants are also killed (38)_____ their meat and hides.

A more long-term threat is the reduction of habitat available to elephants in the face (39)_____ expanding human populations. (40)_____ a rise in human settlements, many wild elephant populations lose their habitats. Habitat loss and degradation also increases confrontations between elephants and people, often leading to deaths on both sides.

Adapted from: http://wwf.panda.org/what_we_do/endangered_species/elephants/

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each <u>underlined</u> word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box. (10 marks)

Tan Tock Seng Hospital (TTSH), the SARS-designated hospital during the 2003

41. [ ] 42. [ ] 43. [ ]

apidamik, paid tribute to healthcare workers <u>which</u> battled the **krises** a decade ago,

44. [ ]

at a **kommemoration** event on Wednesday.

45. [ ]

A SARS exhibition jointly <u>organising</u> by the National Heritage Board and

TTSH was also launched. It featured tools used in the SARS fight and captured

46. [ ]

poiknent stories from that period. Health Minister Gan Kim Yong also unveiled a

47. [ ]

plaque. In his speech, Mr Gan said Singapore's healthcare workers worked <u>selfless</u>

to care for SARS patients.

48. [ ] 49. [ ]

"We mourned <u>for</u> a nation when some of these heroes **sercumbed** to the

50. [ ]

infection so that patients they cared for could live <u>off</u> and recover," said Mr Gan, who

thanked the nurses, doctors and healthcare workers in all hospitals and healthcare

institutions.

Adapted from: http://www.straitstimes.com/breaking-news/singapore/story/ttsh

[ ]

Fill in the blanks with the most suitable answer. (15 marks)

Koalas are set to be listed as a threatened species after a plunge in the wild population. Some studies suggest that there are (51)_____than 80,000 koalas left. (52)_____ are suffering from habitat destruction and climate change.

Australian environment minister Tony Burke is expected to list koalas in Queensland as endangered' and those in New South Wales as 'vulnerable', (53)_____to local media reports. This means (54)_____ would be placed on mining projects, logging operations and housing developments in their habitats in these areas. (55)_____, environmental groups say such restrictions do not go far enough and should cover a wider area.

Research (56)_____ in a koala habitat near Sydney has shown that numbers for the animal have (57)_____ by 75% since 1993. David Paul, an ecological expert who did the study, (58)_____ the dwindling koala numbers in that area to the drought and hot weather recorded in the last decade.

"A lot of koalas were (59)_____ due to lack of water sources and I think perhaps it might be an early sign of climate change," said Paul. Paul also said that koalas in other parts of Australia (60)_____ from habitat loss, which is (61)_____ mainly by housing development.

Environmentalists last year recommended that the koala should be considered for being listed as a vulnerable (62)_____ in areas of significant koala population decline.

"Tony Burke should not delay his decision any further. He should (63)_____the koala as vulnerable and act now to strengthen national environment laws," senator Larissa said in an interview on Thursday. Burke, who has (64)_____ the decision twice before, is due to rule next Monday based on advice (65)_____the National Threatened Species Scientific Committee. Environmentalists are keeping their fingers crossed that Tony Burke would make a prompt decision without delaying yet again.

Adapted from: http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2136443/Koalas

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). (10 marks)

66. I was annoyed that I could not complete my A-Star creative writing project.

Much _____

_____

67. Mary was extremely pleased as she watched her favourite team win.

It was with _____

_____

68. Neither eggs nor milk is found among the ingredients in the recipe for my dessert.

Both _____

_____

69. Carla wrote an intriguing story. It was not chosen.

In spite _____

_____

70. Sally did her assignment with John's help.

Without _____

_____

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

Folklore has it that my father, Baba, once wrestled a black bear in Afghanistan with his bare hands. If the story had been about anyone else, it would have been dismissed as part of that Afghan tendency to exaggerate – sadly, almost a national disease. If someone bragged that his son was a doctor, chances were the kid had once passed a biology test in high school. But no one ever doubted the veracity of any story about Baba. Even if they did, well, Baba did have those three parallel scars coursing a jagged path down his back.

Many referred to Baba by his famous nickname, "Mr. Hurricane." It was an apt enough nickname. My father was a force of nature, **a towering specimen** with a thick beard, a wayward crop of curly brown hair as unruly as the man himself, hands that looked capable of uprooting a willow tree, and a black glare that would "drop the devil to his knees begging for mercy" as many used to say.

Baba was impossible to ignore, even in his sleep. I used to bury cotton wisps in my ears, pull the blanket over my head, but it penetrated the walls. To make matters worse, my room was across the hall from Baba's bedroom. How my mother ever managed to sleep in the same room as him is a mystery to me. It's in the long list of things I would have asked my mother if I had ever met her.

In the late 1960s, when I was five, Baba decided to build an orphanage. Baba had drawn the blueprints himself despite the fact that he had no architectural experience at all. Skeptics had urged him to stop his foolishness and hire an architect. Of course, Baba refused and everyone shook their heads in dismay at his obstinate ways. Then Baba succeeded and everyone shook their heads in awe at his triumphant ways. I was told that Baba had personally funded the entire construction of the two-storey orphanage.

This took three years in all. I was eight by then. I remember the day before the orphanage opened, Baba took me to Ghargha Lake, a few miles north of Kabul. He asked me to invite my friend Hassan along, but I lied and told him Hassan was ill. Previously at Ghargha Lake, Hassan and I were skimming stones and Hassan made his stone skip eight times. The most I managed was five. Baba was there, watching, and he patted Hassan on the back and even put his arm around his shoulder. I wanted Baba all to myself. How I wished Baba would notice me more. I always felt like Baba hated me a little. Why not? After all, I had killed his beloved wife, his beautiful princess, when I was born, hadn't I? The least I could have done was to have had the decency to have turned out a little more like him. But I hadn't turned out like him. Not at all.

Adapted from: The Kite Runner

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. What was the 'national diseases' that the writer was referring to?

_____

_____

72. What evidence in the passage shows that Baba could have battled a bear?

_____

_____

73. What does the phrase "a towering specimen" in line 8, tell you about Baba's physical attribute?

_____

_____

74. Based on paragraphs 1 and 2, which word has the same meaning as 'truthfulness'?

_____

_____

75. Explain clearly why the writer had trouble sleeping.

_____

_____

76. What evidence in the passage shows that Baba was not affected by criticism?

_____

_____

77. Which two-word phrase shows Baba's generosity?

_____

_____

78. What does the word 'This' in line 23 refer to?

_____

_____

79. Explain fully why the writer was envious of Hassan.

_____

_____

80. What happened to the writer's mother?

_____

_____

END OF PAPER

ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2013
SCHOOL : CATHOLIC HIGH
SUBJECT : PRIMARY 6 ENGLISH

TERM : PRELIM 1 (SA1)

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41)epidemic 42)who 43)crisis 44)commemoration 45)organized

46)poignant 47)selflessly 48)as 49)succumbed 50)on

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56)done 57)decreased 58)elated 59)suffering 60)suffer

61)caused 62)animal 63)list 64)considered 65)from

66)Much to my annoyance, I could not complete my A-star creative writing project.

67)It was with extremely pleasure the Mary watched her favourite team win.

68)Both eggs and milk are not found among the ingredients in the recipe for my dessert.

69)In spite of the fact that Carla wrote an intriguing story, it was not chosen.

70)Without John's help, Sally mould not have done her assignment.

71)The "national disease" that the writer was referring to was the Afghan tendency to exaggerate.

72)Baba did have three parallel scars coursing a jagged path down his back.

73)He was very tall.

74)The word is "veracity".

75)The writer's room was near Baba's bedroom and so he could hear Baba snoring loudly.

76)Even though skeptics had asked Baba to stop being foolish and to hire an architect, Baba still continued to draw the blueprints, and soon successfully built the orphanage.

77)The two-word phrase is "personally funded".

78)It refers to the building of the orphanage.

79)Baba paid more attention the Hasan butter writer wanted Baba for himself only.

80)His mother had passed away while giving birth to the writer.

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CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

Primary 6

Preliminary Examination

19 August 2013

English Language

Paper 2 Booklet A

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

30 questions
30 marks

Instructions to Candidates:
Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
Follow all instructions carefully.
Answer all questions.

This booklet consists of 10 printed pages and 1 blank page.

Study the brochure below carefully and then answer questions 1 to 5.

BUDDING ARTISTS CREATIVE CAMP

A 3-day art camp for children aged 10 to 12

If you love everything about art and want to explore a variety of materials and skills, this is the camp for you.

*Budding Artists Creative Camp** allows you to pick up drawing, painting and printing, as well as sculpture and craft techniques. You will learn to sketch, draw and paint with tools like pencils, pens, markers, charcoal, oil pastels, water-colours and acrylic paint, and develop your knowledge of two-dimensional artwork. You will also have opportunities to learn more about three-dimensional artwork design through hands-on activities. Experience the joy of watching your creations come together beautifully under the skilful and patient guidance of our wonderful instructors.

Date : 28 to 30 November 2013
or
1 to 3 December 2013
Time : 9am to 5pm daily
Venue : Art Fanatics Studios (Picasso Room)
2 Esquire Place, Singapore 009900

Camp Fee: $150 per participant (inclusive of all art materials, camp T-shirt, lunch and tea)

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First 50 regristrations: Free Art Fanatics Limited Edition art bag and $5 The Craft Shop voucher

To register :
Pick up a registration form from Art Fanatics Studios and submit the completed form with cash or cheque payment for camp fees by 14 November 2013.
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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). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(5 marks)

1 Children who participate in the art camp will _____.

(1) create their own artwork
(2) choose one technique they want to pick up
(3) read about three-dimensional artwork design
(4) observe how the instructors create beautiful artwork

2 Those who want to take part in the art camp _____.

(1) must buy a camp T-shirt
(2) will receive an art bag and a voucher
(3) can register online and pay the camp fees in cash
(4) pay a lower camp fee if they register by 31 October 2013

3 Which one of the following statements is **not** true?

(1) It is not suitable for pre-school children
(2) Participants do not stay in for the day camp.
(3) Participants will have to pack their own food for meals.
(4) Two similar art camps will be conducted on different dates

4 Mrs Lim feels confident that her daughter, Joy, will benefit from the art camp probably because _____.

(1) Joy will get to keep the art pieces
(2) all the art materials will be provided
(3) it is highly recommended and has won awards
(4) she will be able to register Joy before the deadline

5 The **main** aim of the *Budding Artists Creative Camp* is to _____.

(1) create three-dimensional artwork
(2) win awards for Art Fanatics Studios
(3) advertise in Parents' Circle Magazine
(4) give children opportunities to learn about art

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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. (7 marks)

6 Rita wrote two stories and _____ was shortlisted for the top prize.

(1) all
(2) both
(3) each
(4) some

7 Jacob did not study and resorted _____ cheating during the test.

(1) in
(2) to
(3) by
(4) on

8 The police _____ in the bank. The officers have been speaking to eyewitnesses for over an hour.

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

9 The teacher, together with her students , _____ the animal shelter once a semester.

(1) visit
(2) visits
(3) are visiting
(4) have visited

10 Mr Li asked the coach, "Has James _____ round the track in the shortest possible time?"

(1) run
(2) ran
(3) runs
(4) running

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11 _____ volunteering to coach the children in Mathematics in the evenings Mr Raman also delivers food to the orphanage every morning.

(1) Since
(2) Despite
(3) Beyond
(4) Besides

12 No sooner had Jenny walked through the gate _____ her dog came to greet her.

(1) so
(2) than
(3) after
(4) when

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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. (3 marks)

Goma and his brother, Chetu, sneaked into the reserve at sunrise. It was tranquil then and they looked forward to seeing a plethora of animals at the lake. A sudden movement caught their attention and they crouched behind some bushes, their hearts beating wildly in their chests.

" What if he has a clear shot **(13)**" Chetu whispered as he looked at the lone calf. Though the safety of the animal was uppermost in their minds, they realised they were in danger as well.

Knowing the herd would never be far from their young **(14)** Goma had an idea. He acted fast. "When I signal," he hissed **(15)** scream with all your might. Now!"

Just as the poacher took aim, the herd of elephants appeared and charged. The calf was safe, at least for that day. Goma and Chetu knew they had been fortunate as well, once again.

13 (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [?] question mark
(4) [!] exclamation mark

14 (1) [:] colon
(2) [,] comma
(3) [.] full stop
(4) [!] exclamation mark

15 (1) [,"] comma and inverted commas
(2) [: "] full stop and inverted commas
(3) [" ,] inverted commas and comma
(4) [" .] inverted commas and full stop

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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.

(5 marks)

16 Teenagers in the neighbourhood enjoy hosting Halloween parties in the _____ house to scare their friends.

(1) grand
(2) quaint
(3) grotesque
(4) refurbished

17 The toddler has _____ curiosity about the insects in his garden.

(1) a persistent
(2) an authentic
(3) an insatiable
(4) a compulsive

18 David refused to _____ to his friend's persuasion to shoplift.

(1) oblige
(2) accede
(3) venture
(4) succumb

19 Mr Peter Han was found innocent and was _____ to his previous position of vice-chairman of the company.

(1) recast
(2) reinstated
(3) reassigned
(4) relinquished

20 As the elderly are extra _____ to accidents at home, more measures must be taken to ensure their safety.

(1) creditable
(2) vulnerable
(3) predictable
(4) sustainable

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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.

(5 marks)

Any creative person – whether inventor, painter, author or other – is a dreamer basically (21), says physicist Willard Boyle. Your dreams must be grounded in reality (22) but you need an equal dose of faith that society will eventually react favourably (23) to you, whether that means buying your painting, reading your book or manufacturing your product. "You always have to stay hopeful and positive," says Boyle.

Inventing can be a lonely (24) path, one that demands intellectual self-confidence, and rejection is common. However, this can work out to be a motivator. James Dyson decided to make the vacuum cleaner that now bears his name only after being turned down by the big vacuum manufacturers. It took him five years and 5127 prototypes. "You need the ability to persevere (25)," he says. Now numerous households round the world use his invention. Perhaps you have one in your home as well.

Adapted from The Mind of the Inventor by Stuart Foxman

21
(1) obviously
(2) absolutely
(3) essentially
(4) prominently

22
(1) feasible
(2) accessible
(3) memorable
(4) dependable

23
(1) transfer
(2) conform
(3) respond
(4) gravitate

24
(1) solitary
(2) tranquil
(3) confined
(4) restricted

25
(1) inspire
(2) endure
(3) transform
(4) contemplate

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Read the passage and answer questions 26 to 30.

The Geylang Serai market opened earlier this month – on the very same site as the old one. The event brought back many memories for me for I lived in Geylang Serai from the age of eight to twenty-one. I had seen it grow from a *kampong* into a conglomeration of ultra-modern buildings. But it is the area's *kampong* days I cherish most for they are associated with the days of my childhood.

My mother rented a room in a row of *attap* houses for $14 a month. My house had no tap, so I had to collect fresh water from the government standpipe a little distance away. I usually did this at night, carrying two pails. It took a few trips to the standpipe to fill the water-drum in our tiny kitchen area. On my last trip, I would bathe at the standpipe, enjoying the cold water, before returning.

There was an entertainment centre in the area called the Eastern World Amusement Park. It had rides, games galleries and snack stalls. Beside the park was the Taj cinema, where Tamil, Hindi and Malay movies were screened to packed houses during weekends. We boys found it more fun to watch cowboy and Tarzan films at the open-air cinema located at Jalan Alsagoff. It cost only 10 cents to watch movies there. Once, as we watched a travelling wagon being set on fire in a cowboy movie, we suddenly realised that the screen was really burning – perhaps because vandals had set it on fire. The show was abandoned, much to our dismay.

Nearby the Taj, in an open field, we would play with tops and marbles. In the kite season during windy April, we would watch young men fly kites and engage in 'kite battles'. Boys carrying **salvaging poles** would run after 'losing' kites, often stepping on food spread out to dry on the ground or on roaming chicks. With the curses of residents ringing in their ears, the boys would run away.

Beside the amusement park was a bus terminal fronting Changi Road. The terminal was littered with leaves from the many Madras thorn trees in the area – and also with used bus tickets. I would go round with a friend to collect clean used tickets and arrange them according to value, the lowest being 5 cents. We used the tickets to play number guessing games. One day as we were collecting these tickets, my friend found a 10-cent coin. We rushed off to buy a packet of nasi lemak – coconut-flavoured rice with sambal, a piece of cucumber, a tamban fish and a bit of fried egg, all wrapped up in banana leaf, which in turn was wrapped in old newspaper. Between the two of us, the food was gone in no time.

Finding the 10-cent coin was a piece of good luck. But there was another time when I was even luckier. At the edge of the present Malay Village, there used to be four rows of shops. One afternoon, I went to a bookshop there to look at some Malay books. As I was leaving, an elderly man in the shop tapped my shoulder and gave me an old English book. That book – Grimm's Fairy Tales – stirred my interest in reading, and I went on to read most of the books in the library cabinet in my classroom. I was then a Primary 6 pupil at Telok Kurau Primary School.

Some time in the middle of that year, my principal, Mr Ratnam Sabapathy, a strict man who walked around with a cane in his hand, made an announcement during morning assembly. "Singapore now has a Prime Minister," he said. "He is Mr Lee Kuan Yew – and he was a student at this school." The year was 1959. It was when Singapore became a self-governing state.

Adapted from The Kampong Memories that Last a Lifetime by Shaik Kadir

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For each of the questions from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make a choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

26 What was the likely reason for the writer to have his bath at the standpipe?

(1) He was too tired to carry more water for his bath.
(2) He did not want to waste the water he had collected.
(3) The water-drum was not big enough for him to bathe in.
(4) The water he had collected was only to be used by his mother.

27 What was the boys' concern when the screen caught fire?

(1) The vandals might attack them.
(2) They could not continue watching the movie.
(3) They would be evacuated from the cinema hall.
(4) They would not be able to watch a cowboy movie again.

28 In paragraph 4, why did the boys carry 'salvaging poles'?

(1) The boys used the poles to engage in kite battles.
(2) The boys used the poles to leap over roaming chicks in their way.
(3) The poles were used to defend themselves against angry residents.
(4) The poles helped them retrieve kites that had flown off during kite battles.

29 $14 for rent, $0.10 to watch a movie and $0.10 to buy a packet of *nasi lemak* show that _____.

(1) times were hard
(2) people were frugal
(3) the cost of living was low
(4) children had little pocket money

30 Which one of the following is the **most** suitable title for this story?

(1) 'Geylang Serai – As I knew it'
(2) 'Geylang Serai – Then and Now'
(3) 'Geylang Serai in Early Singapore'
(4) 'Geylang Serai and my teenage years'

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CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

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Primary 6

Preliminary Examination

19 August 2013

English Language

Paper 2 Booklet B

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

50 questions
65 marks

Instructions to Candidates:
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Follow all instructions carefully.
Answer all questions.

Parent's Signature: _____

Booklet A	30
Booklet B	65
Total	95

This booklet consists of 9 printed pages and 1 blank page.

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 to avoid confusion during marking.

(10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

(A)	a	(D)	every	(G)	on	(K)	these	(N)	will
(B)	both	(E)	have	(H)	should	(L)	to	(P)	with
(C)	even	(F)	it	(J)	the	(M)	under	(Q)	within

Along Tyersall Avenue, just off Holland Road, stands a set of spiked, forbidding-looking gates. Inside, the paved path is buried _____ (31) moss. It is just visible beneath a thick carpet of fallen leaves and fruit. The area is overgrown _____ (32) trees such as *tembusu, banana and albizia.*

However, in a few years' time, visitors _____ (33) the Singapore Botanic Gardens will get to wander through this forest and a new marshland on an elevated walkway. They may be able to do so, perhaps _____ (34) at night, when the area comes alive with the sounds of the wild.

This 9.8 hectare patch _____ (35) be the latest extension to the Botanic Gardens. Tyersall Avenue will also be realigned to skirt the edge of the extension, and elevated walkways will serve to protect _____ (36) visitors and biodiversity.

_____ (37) century-old regenerated forest of the Tyersall extension will provide a rare chance to study forest regrowth. _____ (38) the forest are towering trees planted along the entry path to the then Sultan's residence here which burned down in 1905. It is likely that _____ (39) along with other plants and fungi, enabled the forest to regenerate.

"Man has so altered the environment that if you want a natural or semi-natural environment to prosper, you _____ (40) to manage it," said Dr Nigel Taylor, Director of the Singapore Botanic Gardens.

Work will begin on the project later this year.

Adapted from 'Work to Start on Extension to Botanic Gardens' by Grace Chua

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each <u>underlined</u> word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

(10 marks)

Joanne Rowling was born in July 1965 at Yate General Hospital in England. In **(41)** [ ]
university, she <u>earns</u> a French and Classics degree. As a postgraduate, she moved to London and worked as a researcher at Amnesty International, among other jobs. She **(42)** [ ]
started writing the Harry Potter series during a ***deelaide*** *Manchester to London King's* **(43)** [ ]
Cross train journey. During the next five years, she outlined the plots <u>from</u> each book and **(44)** [ ]
began writing her first ***knoval.***

(45) [ ]
Rowling then moved to northern Portugal, where she taught English as a ***fouren*** *language. Her first book, Harry Potter & the Philosopher's Stone, was first published under the name J.K. Rowling. The 'K', for Kathleen, was her paternal grandmother's name. It* **(46)** [ ] **(47)** [ ]
was added <u>in</u> her manager's request as he thought that a woman's name would not ***apeel*** *to the target audience of young boys.*

(48) [ ]
J.K. Rowling is the ***reeceepiant*** *of numerous awards and honours. She supports a* **(49)** [ ]
wide number of <u>charity</u> causes and is the founder of Lumos, an organisation working to **(50)** [ ]
transform the lives of <u>disadvantageous</u> children.

Rowling currently lives in Edinburgh with her husband and three children.

Adapted from http://www.jkrowling.com/en_GB/#/about-jk-rowling

Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15 marks)

It is found that children using electronic gadgets like smartphones at a younger age are increasingly exposed to certain social and health risks that come with it Parents, however, do not fully understand the negative effects of using such _____ (51). Many also do not teach their children how to _____ (52) them wisely.

These prelimnary findings are part of a new _____ (53) led by Dr Nirmala Karuppiah from the National Institute of Education's (NIE) early childhood and special education academic group. Unprecedented, the study is said to be the _____ (54) that looks at how pre-schoolers in Singapore use gadgets such as computers, tablets and smartphones.

The study found that three-quarters of the children _____ (55) playing with electronic devices even _____ (56) they turned three - undeniably younger than school-going age. Most of the children played video and simulation games on the devices. Half of them said they used the gadgets to play educational games such as spelling quizzes. Other uses _____ (57) surfing the Internet and social networking.

Few parents, however, _____ (58) their children in how they used these devices. They simply did not have time to guide them, let _____ (59) keep track of what they were doing. Only 30 per cent of the parents interviewed had rules on how much '*computer time*' their children were allowed. The rest of the parents _____ (60) their children free rein to use devices of any kind.

Some of the parents felt their childrer _____ (61) from using the gadgets, as they saw them becoming more IT-savvy. Many, however, were not aware of the risks _____ (62) in the misuse and excessive use or these devices.

Dr Karuppiah pointed out health risks such as poor sitting postures and children _____ (63) their eyes by staring at electronic screens for extended periods of time. He also highlighted social and emotional risks like gaming _____ (64) and cyber-bullying, which could lead to serious consequences. In addition, children could pick up negative _____ (65) like being violent, or have problems in socialising with their peers.

The final findings of the study will be made known this year.

Adapted from 'Kids Using Gadgets at Earlier Age Being Exposed to Risks' by Amelia Teng

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 Jacob loves kittens less than puppies.

_____ prefers _____

_____

67 Miss Lim's laptop is not working. Miss Lim is terribly upset.

_____ whose _____

_____

68 My father parked illegally along the road. Consequently, he was fined.

As a result of _____

_____

69 "Where is the broom I left by the sink?" Robert asked Sheila.

Robert asked Sheila _____

_____

70 You need to be patient and determined when teaching a hyperactive child.

_____

_____ are needed.

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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

Not even a flooded river could stand between Mary Breckinridge and the hospital her patients needed.

Christmas at the mountain clinic would have to wait. A fierce rain had swollen the middle fork of the Kentucky River, and the brown water overflowed its muddy banks beside Mary Breckinridge's Wendover, Kentucky, clinic. The trails were washed out and she had to find a way to get her five patients to the hospital. There was only one thing to do. Since overland travel was impossible, she would turn the flood to her advantage and go out by boat. But first she had to build one! Time was precious, and she knew she had to work fast.

A neighbour gave her some wooden planks, and he helped Mary and the nurses build a sturdy boat. They named it Ambulance, and on the morning of December 30, 1926, Mary, another nurse, and the patients set off down the river. The churning, muddy water rushed and swirled around them. After sixteen wild miles on the treacherous river, they left the boat and got into a mule cart. At eight o'clock that evening, they arrived at the train station in Krypton. As she watched the train pull away with her patients safely on board, Mary smiled and waved, knowing that they now had a chance to live a healthy life.

Mary had not planned to be a nurse. She was the daughter of a wealthy Kentucky politician and grew up with money, governesses and trips to Europe. But the family had always been concerned about the poorer people of the state, and as a child, Mary was influenced by an aunt who spent most of her fortune paying for the education of poor Kentucky children. As an adult, Mary was inspired to become a nurse after she had watched helplessly as a child died of typhoid fever. A few years after she graduated from nursing school, her own two small children died. In her grief, she and her husband divorced, and she decided to devote her life to helping rural Kentucky children.

Mary picked the most out-of-the-way place in the Kentucky Mountains – Leslie County – to start a health clinic and prove that dedicated people could bring medical care to even most isolated areas. So in 1925, Mary hired a few British-trained nurse-midwives and, with some money from her family, started the Frontier Nursing Service in Wendover, Kentucky.

Before Mary and her nurses came, the mountain folk had no trained medical caregivers. The men worked in the coal mines or for the lumber companies, and the women grew vegetable gardens. Families made so little money they could not afford doctors or medicine - even if they could get them. Many children had diseases such as tubercolosis and pneumonia, and nearly every person was malnourished

Mary and the nurse-midwives built clinics and a small hospital deep in the forests of Leslie County, spacing them throughout the rocky hills so that no one would be far from care. There were no paved roads, electricity, or telephones. On horseback each day, the nurses went to isolated farms, often in bad weather, to answer calls for help. They worked hard to keep an eye on their patients. To the grateful mountain people, Mary and the nurses seemed to be everywhere. They treated everything from cut fingers to pneumonia, gave shots, and delivered babies. Their patients joked that they finally knew where babies came from – the nurses brought them in their saddlebags! The proud country folk liked the nurses because they treated everyone with respect.

The Frontier Nursing Service grew, and today, the work of the Nursing Service now reaches far beyond the Kentucky mountains.

Adapted from Nurses in the Wilderness by Ruth L. Ewers

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71 What was Mary Breckinridge's profession?

_____

_____.

72 How did the flood make 'overland travel' (line 7) impossible?

_____

_____

73 What was the first step Mary took to get her patients to the hospital?

_____

_____

74 Which word in paragraph three has the same meaning as 'dangerous'?

_____

_____.

75 What was the cause of Mary's 'grief' (line 24)?

_____

_____.

76 What prompted Mary to start the Frontier Nursing Service in Wendover, Kentucky?

77 Quote the sentence which reflects the poor state of health of the mountain folk.

78 From the second last paragraph, how would you describe Mary's attitude towards her profession?

79 How did the nurses gain access to the remote areas in spite of the difficult terrain?

80 Explain fully how the Frontier Nursing Service had changed over time.

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ANSWER SHEET

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79)The built clinics and a small hospital deep in the forests of Leslie County, spacing them through out the rocky hills and they rode horses.

80)At first, the Frontier Nursing Service only existed in the Kentucky mountains. Later, it grew to exit beyond the Kentucky Mountains.