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Anglo-Chinese School (Junior)
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2020 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER TWO (BOOKLET A)
PRIMARY SIX

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary 6 ____

Date: 20 August 2020

Duration of paper: 1h 50 min

For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(10 marks)

1. My sister is looking forward to _____ in the art competition.
(1) participate
(2) participates
(3) participated
(4) participating
2. Stella _____ succeeded in solving the puzzle if she had not given up after her first attempt.
(1) will have
(2) must have
(3) would have
(4) should have
3. Madam Lim felt a spider _____ up her leg and jumped in horror.
(1) crawl
(2) crawls
(3) crawled
(4) was crawling
4. "I would advise you _____ spending too much time playing video games," said the teacher.
(1) on
(2) for
(3) over
(4) against
5. This book is very popular but _____ are aware of who the author is.
(1) few
(2) little
(3) many
(4) much

6. The project submission deadline was meant to be today, but it has _____ been extended by two weeks.

- (1) while
- (2) since
- (3) except
- (4) because

7. Each of the students _____ given a ticket to the fair recently.

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

8. When Jenny removed the warm cake from the oven, she realised that she _____ to add sugar.

- (1) forget
- (2) forgot
- (3) has forgotten
- (4) had forgotten

9. Mei Li decided not to study overseas _____ the recent travel restrictions.

- (1) owing to
- (2) in spite of
- (3) regardless of
- (4) resulting from

10. "That boy lost his mobile phone in the school field, _____?" asked Jared.

- (1) didn't he
- (2) hasn't he
- (3) hadn't he
- (4) shouldn't he

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For each question from 11 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(5 marks)

11. Tom _____ his father. He likes fishing as much as his father does.

- (1) takes in
- (2) takes on
- (3) takes up
- (4) takes after

12. The conman's disguise did not work as the detective _____ him immediately.

- (1) retraced
- (2) perceived
- (3) recognised
- (4) distinguished

13. Upon seeing the box full of toys, the girl _____ towards it excitedly.

- (1) strolled
- (2) strutted
- (3) scurried
- (4) sashayed

14. The audience responded with _____ applause when Kurt finished his splendid performance.

- (1) ominous
- (2) laborious
- (3) thunderous
- (4) prosperous

15. Durians are _____ on buses and trains because of their strong smell.

- (1) omitted
- (2) rejected
- (3) exempted
- (4) prohibited

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

Henry was hard at work in his room. After a while, he found himself nodding away as he had been intently reading his textbooks and revision notes. Feeling tired, he rubbed his eyes and stretched his arms. He was so exhausted that he could not understand another word! He badly needed a break.

Henry proceeded to the kitchen to get a cold drink. He caught a faint smell of freshly-baked brownies. When he reached the kitchen, he saw a whole tray of brownies, straight out of the oven. He cut himself a piece and ate it with contentment. Soon, he realised he had gobbled down the entire tray of brownies. He quickly hid the empty tray, hoping no one would find out.

16. (1) observantly
(2) attentively
(3) watchfully
(4) clearly

17. (1) comprehend
(2) scrutinise
(3) analyse
(4) realise

18. (1) puff
(2) gust
(3) whiff
(4) breath

19. (1) warmth
(2) fondness
(3) tenderness
(4) satisfaction

20. (1) nibbled
(2) digested
(3) devoured
(4) swallowed

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Study this flyer and then answer questions 21 to 28.

Hike Singapore

1st October to 31st October 2020



For many of us, all we see in Singapore are high-rise buildings and shopping malls. However, you will be surprised by the amount of greenery that you can find within the city-state and her offshore islands. The best way to explore this? Hiking, of course!

Participate in Hike Singapore, a new initiative to get Singaporeans into the great outdoors. By doing so, you will get to explore the hiking trails in Singapore and appreciate the lush greenery the country has to offer. Not only will you get to enjoy the benefits that come with hiking, you will also enjoy the time to bond with friends and family. This is something we often forgo due to the busy lifestyles we lead.

THE FIVE BENEFITS OF HIKING:

Fitness

Hiking is a good way to improve our fitness, particularly if our route includes some hills, which will force our heart to work harder. Taking a hike on the slightly uneven surface of a trail also strengthens our muscles and improves our sense of balance.

Sharper Mind

Hiking helps our minds stay sharp. How, you may ask? Thanks to the extra oxygen that is taken in during exercise, our brain is more alert.

Stress-Buster

Another benefit of hiking is that it helps to relieve stress. Studies have suggested that spending time in green spaces enables our tired minds to rest after the prolonged use of the computers and mobile phones.

Creativity

Walking in nature allows our minds to wander freely which in turn leads to more creativity. Many experts have suggested that walking in nature allows our minds to wander and encourages creativity. This will, in turn, allow new ideas to flow freely.

Sleep Quality

A strenuous hike helps in ensuring that we get a good night's sleep. The tired body will naturally get sleepy later in the night and one can look forward to a good night's rest!

Visit www.hikesingapore2020.sg for information on all hiking trails in Singapore.

If you have any questions about the event, please email enquiries@hikesingapore2020.sg

Four Hiking Trails to Explore

Merah Park	The easiest of the four suggested trails, this 1-kilometre hike should take you less than 30 minutes. Bird enthusiasts will enjoy the special bird hides along the way. You can observe bird species such as eagles and woodpeckers from them.
Victoria Nature Park	Located at the north of the island, this easy 2-kilometre hike should take about an hour. There are plenty of fruit trees such as jackfruit and bananas. Do look out for the dragonflies. There are at least 56 species that have been recorded in the park, almost half of the dragonfly species found in Singapore.
Coconut Marine Park	This 2-kilometre trail, located along the south-west shore of Singapore, is a little challenging and will take you about 2 hours from one end to the other. Keep your eyes open for the hidden beaches along the way.
Ridge Community Park	Ridge Community Park offers the most challenging trail of 5-kilometres, which will take most hikers about 3 hours to complete. However, once on the trail, you will get to enjoy the beauty of the streams and lakes as well as the many squirrels and monkeys.

Health and Safety Tips:

Wear comfortable footwear

- Choose well-fitting footwear with good ankle support. Make sure they are comfortable enough so you do not get blisters on that long hike.

Select the right trail

- Start off with a shorter and easier trail especially if you have not exercised in a while, or are uncertain of your fitness level.

Check the weather

- Take note of lightning alerts as you check the weather forecast before you begin your hike.

Stay hydrated

- Drink plenty of water during your hike, especially when it is hot.

Carry essentials

- Bring along a small backpack with items like a first-aid kit, mosquito repellent and healthy snacks.

Walk with a friend

- Hike with a partner as a safety precaution. This will ensure there is someone to keep you company and seek help should there be an emergency.



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Adventure Singapore

For each question from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3, or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(8 marks)

21. Look at the last sentence of the first paragraph, 'Hiking, of course!' Why is the exclamation mark used at the end of the sentence?

- (1) to convey excitement of going hiking
- (2) to emphasise the importance of hiking
- (3) to show urgency of making Singapore a green city
- (4) to draw attention to the many high-rise buildings you can see

22. What is the main aim of Hike Singapore?

- (1) Promote new hiking gear offered by Adventure Singapore.
- (2) Teach people the names of the greenery around Singapore.
- (3) Help people compare the city-state and her off-shore islands.
- (4) Encourage Singaporeans to explore the outdoors with others.

23. According to the flyer, which of the following is true of the benefits of hiking?

- (1) It gives you a better appetite.
- (2) It forces you to wander freely.
- (3) It helps to develop a creative mind.
- (4) It results in less sleep as people are too tired.

24. Jacob wants to find out more about the hiking trails. He should _____.

- (1) visit each trail location
- (2) contact Adventure Singapore
- (3) send an email to the organisers
- (4) check the information on the website

25. Mrs Wee would like to show her son some birds spotted in natural surroundings. Which trail should she select?

- (1) Merah Park
- (2) Victoria Nature Park
- (3) Coconut Marine Park
- (4) Ridge Community Park

26. What is the similarity between the Victoria Nature Park and the Coconut Marine Park?

Both trails _____.

- (1) feature similar trees and animals
- (2) are located at similar parts of Singapore
- (3) can be covered in the same length of time
- (4) requires participants to walk a similar distance

27. According to the flyer, which of the following is **not** true about the advice given to hikers?

- (1) Hike with a friend who can look out for you.
- (2) Select a trail suitable for one's own fitness level.
- (3) Ensure weather conditions are appropriate for being outdoors.
- (4) Prepare suitable footwear by purchasing brand new hiking shoes.

28. What is the main aim of this flyer?

- (1) provide health and safety tips on hiking
- (2) tell people about Adventure Singapore
- (3) share details about the four hiking trails
- (4) encourage people to participate in 'Hike Singapore'

~ End of Booklet A ~

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Anglo-Chinese School (Junior)
Anglo-Chinese School (Primary)

**2020 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER TWO (BOOKLET B)
PRIMARY SIX**

Name: _____ () Class: Primary 6 _____

Date: 20 August 2020

Duration of paper: 1h 50 min

Parent's/Guardian's signature

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.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.

No.	Contents			Marks	Marks Obtained
1.	Oral			30	
2.	Listening Comprehension			20	
3.	Paper 1	CW	SW	55	
4.	Paper 2	Booklet A	Booklet B	95	
Total Marks				200	

There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

(A) are	(D) during	(G) it	(K) to	(N) which
(B) at	(E) in	(H) on	(L) were	(P) while
(C) can	(F) is	(J) them	(M) when	(Q) with

People have been keeping parrots as pets for many centuries. Some keep them for companionship _____ others keep them for their intelligence. However, the birds' ability _____ (29) _____ mimic human speech and produce a variety of sounds _____ the major (30) _____ (31) reason for people's fascination.

How do parrots produce sounds? Humans have vocal cords, which _____ located high (32) in the throat. _____ we speak, we release air, which passes over the vocal cords and makes (33) _____ vibrate. Unlike humans, parrots do not have vocal cords. Their vocal organs or 'voice (34) boxes', located _____ the bottom of the 'windpipe' or trachea, are sound creators. Tiny (35) muscles move in their 'voice boxes' to create the different sounds they make. As parrots do not depend _____ their mouths and tongues like humans to change the sounds they produce, they (36) _____ (37) sing without opening their beaks.

Parrots learn to talk by imitation, just as young children learn to speak by listening to their parents. _____ training, bird trainers pronounce each word slowly and clearly. This way, (38) parrots are able to repeat them easily.

Today, parrots are still a favourite pet among people all over the world.

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

The tea ceremony is a unique Japanese tradition. During the ceremony, tea is prepared and drunk in the traditional tea room.

Tea was introduced to Japan when tea seeds were brought in from China. It was first drunk (39) (40) for a medicinal beverage. This beverage only gained popuelarity among people years later. The (41) wealthy members of sosiety would organise tea drinking parties among themselves. They would (42) then show off their expensive tea bowls and their knoedle about tea.

(43) Today, the tea ceremony were practised as a hobby. One of the main purposes of this (44) ceremony is for guests to expeerance the warm and friendly treatment of the Japanese host.

(45) Usually, the traditional tea ceremony took place in a venue surrounded by a garden. The (46) garden is kept simple and peaceful to enkouraje a calm spirit. Flowers with bright colours or deep (47) scents sceents are avoided as they are a distraction.

The host prepares the tea in front of the guests. Each piece of equipment for preparing tea (48) is carefully selected and has their specific place. One of the key things to pay attention to is the (49) host's hands and not the made of the tea itself. Her hand move are considered a part of the "art of tea".

Hence, the Japanese tea ceremony is not only about the taste of the tea, but the manner in which it is served.

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

To help keep Singapore clean and safe from the spread of germs and illnesses, each and every one of us should play a part by practising habits of good public hygiene.

The quickest and simplest habit to adopt would be good hand hygiene. We use our hands constantly – touching many different (51) _____, shaking hands with people, eating our meals, typing on our laptops or even playing at school. Naturally, our hands then are the biggest carriers (52) _____ germs.

By washing our hands with soap and water, we can get (53) _____ of germs and prevent the spread of diseases. We should also wash our hands before eating or cooking food and after (54) _____ the toilet. We must also remember to wash our hands after coughing or sneezing and after being in (55) _____ with someone who is ill.

Another good habit to adopt is to turn (56) _____ from other people and cover our noses and mouths with tissue paper when we cough or sneeze. If this is not done, droplets of liquid carrying germs from the nose and mouth will be (57) _____ in the air and other people will (58) _____ them in. We should then throw these dirty or used tissue paper away (59) _____ delay.

We should practise social (60) _____ by visiting a doctor if we have a cough, a runny nose, a sore throat or a fever. It is advisable to (61) _____ crowds until we are well again.

Besides practising personal hygiene, we need to play our part by (62) _____ our surroundings clean, well-ventilated and pest-free. Therefore, we should aim to keep all toilets dry and clean and (63) _____ our trays after eating. In school, we should keep our tables clean by wiping down after our (64) _____ at the canteen.

(65) _____ these habits are easy to adopt, we should practise them consistently. As Singaporeans, let's each do our part to keep Singapore clean and safe.

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Score:

For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s). (10 marks)

66 Uncle Ben will be here tonight if his flight is not delayed.

_____ unless

67 I was horrified to discover that burglars had broken into my house when I was not at home.

Much to _____

68 My brother said, "I'm excited about going to the zoo today."

My brother said _____

69 Only Ali and Chee Meng do not like playing sports.

Everyone, with the exception _____

70 My pet dog was chewing my slippers in the balcony.

My slippers _____

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Score:

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

(20 marks)

Jonah would never forget how he managed to overcome his shyness and make new friends all because of the timely advice he had heeded a month ago. He remembered that day clearly.

The bell for recess resounded through the corridors at Glendale Primary School. However, instead of heading to the canteen like all the other children did, Jonah, a new student at the school, retreated to the library. He pushed open the swinging door and headed for the nearest bookshelf. Other than the incessant drone of the air-conditioner, the library was quiet and there was barely a soul in sight. Far in a corner, he spotted Mrs Lim, the librarian, who was too busy shelving some books to pay any attention to him. The windows to the library looked out to the canteen. Jonah could hear children laughing and chatting. He wished he was outside playing with some friends but he did not let this bother him.

Suddenly, Jonah heard a rustling sound in the corner. He spun around and saw a pair of eyes peeking at him from behind the bookshelves. Jonah abruptly turned back, eyes wide as saucers. "Oh dear!" he whispered. He peeked over his shoulder again and saw a smaller boy on crutches walking towards him.

"Hi," the boy muttered awkwardly from behind Jonah. "Can I sit with you?" he asked.

"Um...yes," Jonah said, his face flushed red with embarrassment. The boy pulled out the chair next to him and sat down.

"I'm Henry. Why are you reading here when you could be playing with your friends instead?"

"Uh..." Jonah looked around the library, avoiding Henry's gaze. He did not want Henry to know the real reason he was in the library. What would Henry think of him if he knew Jonah did not have any friends? It would make Jonah feel more miserable. Sensing Jonah's hesitation, Henry replied, "It's alright. Finish reading your book. I'll sit with you!"

As Jonah turned the page, he realised Henry was still sitting there, watching him steadily. He had the same look in his eye as Jonah's father during the quiet car rides home from school. Jonah was helplessly tight-lipped whenever his father asked whom he had played or eaten with at school. From his silence, Jonah's father knew he was lonely. It was not that Jonah did not have any friends. They all just happened to live really far away. Jonah would stay up late at night chatting on the computer with his old friends from his previous school. Somehow, it made him feel close to them despite the distance. After being transferred to a new school, Jonah realised how difficult it was to make new friends. Furthermore, everyone had different interests and their own circle of friends already.

"I know how you feel," Henry said, as if he could read Jonah's mind. "I know what it's like to be lonely now that I'm here. Just look at my cast. With this broken leg, I'm stuck here the whole week and cannot go out to play!" Henry said in frustration. "That's why I turn to books for comfort to keep myself occupied," he continued, smiling.

"I'm not lonely," Jonah replied.

"Oh, come on," Henry said, rolling his eyes. "I can see it in your face. You look miserable."

Jonah was startled as he had not expected a total stranger to sense his loneliness. "Just say hello to someone today," Henry encouraged. "I promise they'll respond. Once you've made the first move, it just gets easier."

Jonah sighed, not knowing what to do next. Henry obviously did not understand how challenging that was going to be. However, Jonah appreciated the advice and thanked him before making his way out of the library. In the hallway outside the library, a boy from Jonah's class was crouched on the floor, picking up pens, pencils, and highlighters that had dropped out of his pencil case. Fighting the urge to just walk away, Jonah leaned down and picked up a few pens. Then, he remembered what Henry had advised him.

"Hello, I'm Jonah. Let me help you," he offered. The boy looked up at him.

"Thank you! My name is Ruben."

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Victory at last, Jonah thought, feeling proud of himself.

Adapted from *Lonely* by unknown author

- 71 Pick out a five-word phrase from the second paragraph that tells us that the library was not crowded. [1m]

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- 72 Why were Jonah's eyes "wide as saucers" (line 11)? [2m]

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- 73 Based on paragraphs 2 and 8, fill in the blanks below. [2m]

When Jonah went to the new school (Paragraph 2)

⇒ he did not _____

When Jonah's father asked him about his friends from school (Paragraph 8)

⇒ he did not _____

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- 74 Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. [3m]

Word (s) from the passage	What the word (s) refer (s) to
this (line 9)	
The boy (line 15)	
It (line 20)	

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- 75 Based on lines 5-29, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	True / False	Reason
a) Mrs Lim ignored Jonah because she dislikes children.		
b) Jonah felt comfortable when Henry wanted to sit with him.		
c) Jonah kept in touch with his old friends from his previous school.		

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- 76 What did Henry mean when he said "I know how you feel"? (line 30) [2m]

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- 77 Why do you think Henry rolled his eyes at Jonah in line 35? [1m]

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- 78 Which two of the following words best describe how Jonah felt in lines 39-43? Put a tick ✓ in the box beside each of your answers. [2m]
DO NOT TICK MORE THAN TWO BOXES.

grateful	<input type="checkbox"/>	satisfied	<input type="checkbox"/>
proud	<input type="checkbox"/>	shocked	<input type="checkbox"/>
lonely	<input type="checkbox"/>	helpless	<input type="checkbox"/>

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- 79 Fill in the following table by identifying the correct word(s) from the passage. [2m]

Question	Word (s) from the passage
a) Which word from lines 36-40 tells us that Henry's advice was not easy?	
b) Which three-word phrase from lines 41-43 tells us that Jonah tried to resist the thought of not helping the boy?	

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- 80 What was the victory and why was Jonah proud of himself (line 46)? Support your answer with information from the passage. [2m]

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Booklet A

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

Booklet B

Q 29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
P	K	F	A	M	J	B	H	C	D
Q39)	as		Q43)	is		Q47)	scents		
Q40)	Popularity		Q44)	experience		Q48)	its		
Q41)	society		Q45)	takes		Q49)	making		
Q42)	knowledge		Q46)	encourage		Q50)	Movements		

Q51)	surface	Q56)	away	Q61)	avoid
Q52)	of	Q57)	spread	Q62)	keeping
Q53)	rid	Q58)	breathe	Q63)	return
Q54)	using	Q59)	without	Q64)	meals
Q55)	contact	Q60)	responsibility	Q65)	since
Q66)	Uncle Ben will be here tonight unless his flight is delayed.				
Q67)	Much to my horror, I discovered that burglars had broken into my house when I was not at home.				
Q68)	My brother said that he was excited about going to the zoo that day.				

Q69)	Everyone, with the exception of Ali and Chee Meng, likes playing sports.
Q70)	My slippers were being chewed in the balcony by my pet dog.
Q71)	Barely a soul in sight
Q72)	He was shocked as he had seen a pair of eyes peeking at him from behind the bookshelves.
Q73)	→have friends →reply
Q74)	(line 9) --- Jonah wishing her was outside playing with some friends. (line15) --- Henry (line 20) --- Henry's thought of Jonah if he knew Jonah did not have friends.
Q75)	a)False --- Mrs Lim was too busy shelving some books to pay attention to Jonah. b)False --- His face flushed red with embarrassment. c)True --- Jonah would stay up late at night chatting on the computer with his old friends from his previous school.
Q76)	Henry meant that he knew that Jonah felt lonely.
Q77)	He did not believe that Jonah was not lonely.
Q78)	grateful helpless
Q79)	a)challenging b)fighting the urge
Q80)	He was excited because he had managed to overcome his fear of making friends and overcoming his shyness.



**2020 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY SIX
PAPER 2 BOOKLET A**

NAME : _____

CLASS : P6 _____

REGISTER NO: _____

28 QUESTIONS

28 MARKS

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

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

Parent's signature: _____

Booklet A : _____ / 28

Booklet B : _____ / 67

TOTAL : _____ / 95

Section	Marks	
Grammar		10
Vocabulary		5
Vocabulary Cloze		5
Visual Text Comprehension		8
Total		28

For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

1. _____ I was exhausted after a long day at school, I stayed up late to complete the project.
(1) As
(2) Yet
(3) Since
(4) Although ()
2. When I was at the shopping centre yesterday, I saw the police _____ after a shoplifter.
(1) chased
(2) chasing
(3) was chasing
(4) had been chasing ()
3. "You won't tell anyone about my mistake, _____? Alfred asked worriedly.
(1) will you
(2) are you
(3) have you
(4) would you ()
4. If we _____ our revisions earlier, we ~~would have done~~ better in the exams.
(1) begin
(2) began
(3) had begun
(4) have begun ()
5. All the members of George's family _____ excited about going to the cinema after the easing of the Covid-19 safety management measures next month.
(1) is
(2) are
(3) was_x
(4) werex ()

6. "You _____ television since nine this morning. You should stop now and read a book instead," Mr. Lee told his daughter.
- (1) were watching
 - (2) will be watching
 - (3) had been watching
 - (4) have been watching
- ()
7. "I will be taking the end-of-year examinations _____ a week's time," said Agnes confidently.
- (1) in
 - (2) for
 - (3) from
 - (4) about
- ()
8. "Let's walk more quickly or we'll miss our connecting flight to Hong Kong. There isn't _____ time to waste," Mrs Tan told her children.
- (1) fewx
 - (2) littlex
 - (3) much
 - (4) manyx
- ()
9. Based on the laws in Singapore, you _____ have a license issued by the Traffic Police before you are allowed to drive a car.
- (1) can
 - (2) must
 - (3) might
 - (4) should
- ()
10. My teacher praised my friends and _____ for helping the younger students.
- (1) I
 - (2) me
 - (3) mine
 - (4) myself
- ()

For each question from 11 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

11. Mrs Tan _____ when her son, Cecil, lost his water bottle for the third time this year.

- (1) hit the roof
- (2) bit the bullet
- (3) forced her hand
- (4) beat around the bush

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12. The pandemic has caused many companies to _____ on their spending during the lockdown.

- (1) cut up
- (2) cut off
- (3) cut out
- (4) cut back

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13. The school informed the students that their graduation certificates would be _____ in an envelope with a congratulatory letter next week.

- (1) enrolled
- (2) encased
- (3) enclosed
- (4) entrapped

()

14. Please make sure that you email the submission to the school immediately. It is _____.

- (1) brisk
- (2) hasty
- (3) urgent
- (4) abrupt

()

15. The earthquake hit the city and its habitants without _____.

- (1) notice
- (2) warning
- (3) hesitation
- (4) interruption

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

Have you ever seen a photograph of a steak, salad or slice of strawberry shortcake that made your mouth water? Images like these are the creations of skilled food photographers with an eye for details. These artists (16) get their creative juices flowing to make their audience crave a dish without the help of the food's actual presence, taste, aroma and texture. Food photographers work to create and (17) capture these beautiful and enticing images of food for magazines, menus, cookbooks and other types of media. They must have (18) very good knowledge and experience in using a digital camera and related technologies.

They work with food stylists to make the food look as (19) appetising and appealing as possible. There are approximately 1,000 photographers employed in Singapore. Only a small percentage of these professionals specialise in food photography. Such jobs are (20) typically freelance-based and highly competitive. Some photographers join the International Association of Culinary Professionals - Food Photographer and Stylist Division in hopes of landing more jobs.

*Adapted from Photography (Ferguson's Careers in Focus, 2009)
New York, Ferguson Publishing Company*

16. (1) think profitably
(2) think ingeniously
(3) think productively
(4) think constructively

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17. (1) take
(2) hook
(3) catch
(4) seize

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18. (1) the agility
(2) the aptitude
(3) the potential
(4) the proficiency ()

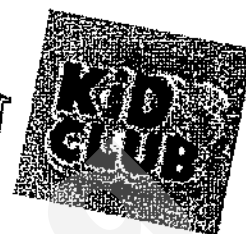
19. (1) edible
(2) likeable
(3) agreeable
(4) delectable ()

20. (1) commonly
(2) continually
(3) persistently
(4) occasionally ()

Study this flyer carefully then answer questions 21 to 28.



VivaCity



Hey Kids!

Your ticket to a world of fun and excitement has arrived. The VivaCity Kids Club opens its doors for you to experience a host of fun activities and exhilarating play times with great offers from your favourite stores all year round. Kids Club membership is now FREE from the moment you register till the day you turn 13 years old!



VivaCity Kids Club Launch Party

You're invited to our launch party on 1st and 2nd September 2020! At the Play Court Area (Level 2), you will find game stalls, craft and face painting booths, roving balloon sculptors and free candy floss and popcorn for all children aged 12 and below. If you sign up for membership at the launch party or before that, you are entitled to 2 free carnival rides at the Plaza (Level 1).



Find out more about VivaCity Kids Club and sign up at <https://www.vivacity.com/kidsclubsignup> or call our Customer Service Officers at (+65) 6386 9100.

EXCLUSIVE MEMBERSHIP

for the children of shoppers at
VivaCity Shopping Mall aged
3 to 12 years old.



MEMBERSHIP IS FREE!

Registration begins on 25th August 2020.
Get your parents to help you sign up by
doing the following....

Step 1:

Download the VivaCity app

Step 2:

Sign up for your Kids Club membership

Step 3:

*Collect the membership card from the
customer service counter at Level 1

**For those who have signed up before 1st
September 2020, you may collect the
membership card on the launch party days.*

Membership Privileges

As a VivaCity Kids Club member, you get to enjoy great deals and offers from all participating stores as well as access to exclusive events all year round! That's not all, you can also enjoy special birthday deals on your birthday month when you shop and dine at VivaCity Shopping Mall. Keep a lookout for the latest updates of privileges and offers at www.vivacity.com/kidsclub/offers.

Current Promotions for Kids Club members from 01 September 2020 - 31 Dec 2020



BumbleBEE Fashion
Clothes especially designed for toddlers
#03-55

- Up to 30% discount for regular-priced items
- Additional 10% off sales items
- Free gift-wrapping service

Parisian Miki
#02-57



- FREE Vision Screening and Eye Test for children aged 5 years & above
- 20% OFF all regular-priced spectacle frames and sunglasses

LEGENDS ARCADE

#03-89

- Buy \$20 worth of tokens and get 5 *FREE games
- Buy \$50 worth of tokens and get 15 *FREE games



Cotton ON Kiddos

#03-63



- Spend a minimum of \$50 and get 20% off regular-priced items
- Buy \$150 worth of clothing and get a FREE Minecraft

CANDY KINGDOM

#02-73

- 10% OFF Kids' Candy range*



*With minimum purchase of \$10 worth of items from Kids' candy range. Not valid for all other product range.

Mr Lim's Noodle Place

#02-95

Kids eat for FREE with purchase of any 2 full course set meals.



Terms and Conditions:

Present your VivaCity Kids Club membership card at the respective stores to enjoy the offers. All offers are exclusive to outlets at VivaCity Shopping Mall. Participating stores' terms and conditions apply, and are subjected to change without prior notice. Please check with respective stores for complete details.

For each question from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

21. The **main** purpose of this flyer is to _____.
- (1) promote the membership of VivaCity Kids Club
 - (2) create awareness of VivaCity's current promotions
 - (3) invite children to the VivaCity Kids Club launch party
 - (4) encourage more people to shop at Vivacity Shopping Mall ()
22. What does the word 'ticket' in the first line of the first paragraph of the flyer refer to?
- (1) Invitation to the launch party
 - (2) Membership to VivaCity Kids Club
 - (3) Tickets to play games at the game booths
 - (4) Privilege of getting discounts and free items at the mall ()
23. To collect membership card on the launch party days, the _____.
- (1) applicant needs to download VivaCity app
 - (2) applicant needs to be between 3-12 years of age
 - (3) registration must be made before 1st September 2020
 - (4) registration must be done via <https://www.vivacity.com/kidsclubsignup> ()
24. At the launch party, only members of the VivaCity Kids Club get to _____.
- (1) go on free carnival rides
 - (2) receive free balloon sculptures
 - (3) play at the games booth for free
 - (4) gets to enjoy free popcorn and candy floss ()

25. Why are the words 'Hey Kids!' in the first paragraph of the flyer written in bold?
- (1) To inform readers what the paragraph is about
 - (2) To promote the new children's club to the reader
 - (3) To attract the attention of children to read the flyer
 - (4) To highlight the importance of the contents of flyer ()
26. Mrs Lim wants to buy a new pair of glasses and t-shirt for her 10-year-old son. She can use her son's Kids Club membership privilege at _____.
- (1) Parisian Miki and Legends Arcade
 - (2) Cotton On Kiddos and Parisian Miki
 - (3) Parisian Miki and Bumblebee Fashion
 - (4) Candy Kingdom and Bumblebee Fashion ()
27. Based on the information provided in the flyer, which of the following statements is **not true** about the current promotions?
- (1) To enjoy the promotional offers, one must present his/her membership card.
 - (2) All the promotional offers are valid from 1 September to 31 December 2020.
 - (3) The promotional offers apply to all participating shops and their branches across Singapore.
 - (4) To find out more details about the promotional offers from each store, one should access the website www.vivacity.com/kidsclub/offers.
- ()
28. VivaCity Kids Club member will be able to get a complimentary gift when he or she _____.
- (1) eats with a parent at Mr Lim's Noodle Place
 - (2) buys \$10 worth of tokens at Legends Arcade
 - (3) spends \$150 on clothes at Cotton-On Kiddos
 - (4) purchases \$10 worth of items at Candy Kingdom ()

End-of-Booklet A



**2020 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY SIX
PAPER 2 BOOKLET B**

Name: _____ () Class: P6 _____

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

There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

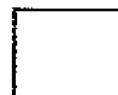
(A) a	(D) but	(G) for	(K) is	(N) the
(B) and	(E) can	(H) in	(L) must	(P) was
(C) as	(F) from	(J) into	(M) to	(Q) while

The gentle splash of a lone kayaker scudding across the water breaks the silence. A few metres away, a family of otters dives into the water as the early morning mist clouds _____ water surface of the MacRitchie Reservoir.
(29)

A gateway _____ Singapore's nature reserves, the MacRitchie Reservoir Park is a popular spot _____ nature lovers and exercise enthusiasts. Surrounded by lush forest, the MacRitchie Reservoir Park
(30)
(31)

_____ opened in 1868 and is the oldest of Singapore's seventeen reservoirs.
(32)
Visitors _____ take a morning or evening stroll along the water's edge to
(33)
admire the beauty _____ serenity of the reservoir.
(34)

The MacRitchie Reservoir Park _____ also a popular venue for cross-country events. The carefully planned routes allow participants to run through designated trails _____ embracing the wonders of our native biodiversity.
(35)
(36)

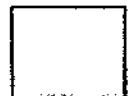


The iconic MacRitchie bandstand continues to hold a special place

_____ the hearts of many Singaporeans. It serves as the focal point for most
(37)
of the photos taken within the park.

Other reservoirs include the Lower Peirce Reservoir, the Upper Peirce Reservoir and
the Upper Seletar Reservoir. Serving _____ water catchment areas, the
(38)
forests surrounding these reservoirs are protected from agricultural activities in order to ensure
the quality of the water. Fishing is also prohibited in all reservoirs.

Adapted from <https://www.marks.gov.sg/gardens-parks-and-nature/parks-and-nature-reserves/macritchie-reservoir-park>



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

One of the most practical ways of getting important tasks done is by doing them

(39)

a little at a time. Create the timetable by setting aside the same time each day or

blocking out specific periods in your daily schedule to complete a task or a piece of

work.

(40)

The key is to be consitant and slowly foster a habit. Once this happens, you will

(41)

get used to doing it and a part of the task will be acompleashed each day. Let's use

(42)

writing a book as an example. At first it will seem like an overwelming task. But if you

set your goal to writing one page a day, even if you take a break during the weekends,

(43)

you will have complete a 260-page book at the end of the year. We can also compare

(44)

(45)

this technik to building a brick house. The individual bricks can be small and lay them

one at a time can be painfully slow. However, when those bricks are constantly placed

(46)

on top of each other, a strong wall or pillar is created. Therefore, unless we plan our

(47)

time well, it not only helps us to get more work done but also developing self-discipline.

(48)

This ultimately helps us to overcome our habit of procrastination.

Successful time management is the result of hard work done daily through the

(49)

(50)

effective use of time. If you are achieving your daily goals, you are living productive.

Such daily achievements are the building blocks of a successful life.

Adapted from *Life's Greatest Lessons: 20 Things That Matter*, Hal Urban, Author Fireside books

Fill in each blank with the most suitable word.

(15 marks)

Thousands of edible water bottles were handed out at the 2019 London Marathon in an attempt to reduce plastic waste.

Runners generally prefer plastic water bottles (51) _____ paper cups of water as they are more convenient to drink from when running. Therefore, (at the (52) _____ of a marathon, a sea of plastic waste is usually found as thirsty runners attempt to stay hydrated (53) _____ drinking from, then discarding, bottles of water as they run.

However, this time, (54) _____ of the event had arranged for all runners to be handed edible pods filled with a sports drink as they (55) _____ along the gruelling 42-km route while trying to clock the fastest time.

These 'Ooho!' pods, designed by a London-based company, were made using a common ingredient (56) _____ many may be familiar with – seaweed. The pods could be bitten to release the liquid inside and the outer covering could also be swallowed. However, if runners (57) _____ not to swallow the outer covering, they could throw (58) _____ on the ground. This was perfectly fine

as the pods were designed to break apart within four to six weeks – a relatively short time period. In (59) _____, it would take 450 years for plastic bottles to disintegrate.

“The marathon is just a stepping stone. We are hoping that the ‘Ooho!’ pods can be used (60) _____ a much larger scale in the future (61) _____ as during music festivals,” said Rodrigo Gonzalez, one of the company’s founders.

(62) _____ these efforts, the 2019 marathon was still not entirely plastic-free (63) _____ water bottles were available in shops along the route.

With the goal of reducing unnecessary plastic waste, the main sponsors of the event had also guaranteed that all water bottles (64) _____ out during the marathon would be made partly from recycled plastic. In addition, all these plastic bottles that the runners had used would be (65) _____ up and recycled.

All in all, this ‘Ooho!’ pod campaign had helped to reduce the use of hundreds of thousands of plastic bottles.

Adapted from: <https://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/london-marathon-edible-water-bottle-capsules-a8889796.html>



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. The famous basketball player is paying for the coach's retirement gift. His manager is also paying for the coach's retirement gift.

_____ as well as _____

67. The kind policeman helped the little boy. The little boy was very grateful.

_____ whom _____

68. "Have you made your bed today?" Mother asked Katie.

Mother asked Katie _____

69. Jim was brilliant at memorising facts. He won many trivia competitions.

Due to Jim's _____

70. Lily misbehaved during the holiday trip. It caused her to be punished by her mother.

Lily's _____



Read this passage and answer questions 71 – 81.

<p>The river was dry. Clara could not remember the last time water had flowed along it. It had not rained for a long time and the tanks were almost dry. She would have to order water in again and that cost money, something she did not have a lot of. How much longer could they hang on? Ever since her brother, Scott, decided he wanted nothing more to do with the farm and left, she had been struggling. Her parents were too old for farm work and it was difficult to hire help. People were leaving the countryside as jobs in the city paid more. Clara had no solution.</p>	5
<p>The following week, Clara drove to a town to run some errands. On the way back, she saw a sign on the side of the road advertising a bed and breakfast. She knew that was the answer. She had read many stories about people living in the city wanting a countryside experience. Her family could offer accommodation and meals at their farm at a reasonable price. "Maybe I can also charge an additional fee if guests are keen to experience farming activities," she wondered. Now all she had to do was to convince her parents.</p>	10
<p>"No," Dad objected. "This is a working farm, not a farm stay for people who can't differentiate a horse from a cow."</p>	15
<p>"Considering we don't have any cows on the farm, that shouldn't be a problem," Clara said. "I really don't think we have a choice, Dad. Half the sheep are dead and the ones left aren't that far behind. If we get paying guests, we can buy more feed and get more water brought in."</p>	20
<p>"But it won't feel like a home with strangers around the house," Dad said.</p>	
<p>"Yes, it will. This will still be our house and the rooms you built will still be here," Clara assured him.</p>	
<p>"If we don't do this, John, we may not be able to keep this place running for much longer," Anna, Clara's mum said.</p>	25
<p>"And it will only be during the weekends," Clara pleaded.</p>	
<p>John nodded. "Just one condition – if the guests mess up my farm, this will have to stop immediately."</p>	
<p>Hence, the three of them prepared the house for guests. Clara got all the approvals and placed the first advertisement. The day the advertisement appeared, they</p>	30

received three reservations. Then, Clara began worrying about their decision. What if the guests were unreasonable and demanding and the food was not good enough? Clara had prepared as much as she could. She just hoped the first guests would be nice.	
<p>Soon, the first group of guests from the city arrived. They had never stayed in a farm house before. All it took was for a kangaroo to hop across the paddock in front of the house to make their weekend unforgettable. The guests were captivated by the animal and went home happy.</p> <p>The next guests were a different story. Nothing was good enough. The scenery was not beautiful enough. They did not see enough animals. The bed was too hard. The meal portions were not enough and they had no interest in seeing how the farm worked. However in the end, they still paid their money and that was what Clara needed.</p> <p>By the end of the third month, the bank balance was starting to look better – not good enough that they could stop worrying but a lot better than it was. Clara's dad was more comfortable with what they were doing. The minute things started to improve, Scott returned. He wanted everything for nothing. Clara was furious but her dad was thrilled to have him home.</p> <p>"You know what he's like," Mum said. "Scott can do no wrong in his eyes."</p> <p>After lazing around the farm for a few months, Scott finally decided to go back to the city to work. That morning when he left, Clara was in high spirits. It was not until her bank card was rejected because of insufficient funds when buying food for their next guests that she discovered Scott's incorrigible act. She recalled that Scott had access to the farm account and her parents would never take money out without telling her. All their hard work was for nothing.</p> <p>"He is not welcome in this house ever again," Dad said in a disheartened manner.</p> <p>Thankfully, their business picked up with the help of the guests they had accommodated in the first few months. Word-of-mouth brought them more business than any of their advertisements. It took them a year before they could stop worrying about the farm.</p> <p><i>Adapted from Bright Light Multimedia - Bed and Breakfast by Shelley Banks</i></p>	<p>35</p> <p>40</p> <p>45</p> <p>50</p> <p>55</p> <p>60</p>

71. Which word in the first paragraph tells us that Clara was facing difficulties? [1m]

72. What was the "answer" (line 10) to Clara's financial problem? [2m]

73. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

Statement	True / False	Reason
The countryside was experiencing a drought.		
Clara decided to start a bed and breakfast business after hearing stories about city people wanting a countryside experience.		
Clara was not confident that the family would succeed in their business at first.	True	

74. With reference to Line 15 – 23, give two reasons why John was not in favour of Clara's idea at first. [2m]

1. _____
2. _____

75. What did Clara mean when she said "the ones left aren't that far behind" (line 18 -19)? [1m]

76. Tick one quality that best describes Clara. [1m]

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> inquisitive | <input type="checkbox"/> nonchalant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> organised | <input type="checkbox"/> rigid |

Support your answer with information from the passage. [1m]

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

	Clara's business improved as a result of word-of-mouth.
	Clara put up an advertisement offering bed and breakfast.
	Clara convinced her parents to accept paying guests at their farm house.

78. Based on the passage, state the corresponding **cause** and **effect** listed in the table below. [4m]

Cause	Effect
People were leaving the countryside as jobs in the city paid more.	
	The first group of guests went home happy.
	Scott returned to the farm.
Scott stole money from the farm account.	

79. Which two words from lines 45–55 show John's feelings towards Scott? The two words are separate. (2m)

When John saw that Scott had returned home

When John found out that Scott had taken money from the farm account

80. Explain what Clara's mom meant when she said "Scott can do no wrong in his eyes."
(line 48) [2m]

END - OF- PAPER



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Booklet A

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

Booklet B

Q 29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
N	M	G	P	E	B	K	Q	H	C
Q39)	a		Q43)	completed		Q47)	develops		
Q40)	consistent		Q44)	technique		Q48)	procrastination		
Q41)	accomplished		Q45)	laying		Q49)	effective		
Q42)	overwhelming		Q46)	if		Q50)	productively		

Q51)	to	Q56)	that	Q61)	such
Q52)	end	Q57)	chose	Q62)	Despite
Q53)	by	Q58)	it	Q63)	as
Q54)	sponsors	Q59)	contrast	Q64)	handed
Q55)	ran	Q60)	on	Q65)	gathered
Q66)	The famous basketball player, as well as his manager, is paying for the coach's retirement gift.				
Q67)	The little boy whom the kind policeman helped was very grateful.				
Q68)	Mother asked Katie if she had made her bed that day.				

Q69)	Due to Jim's brilliance at memorising facts, he won many trivia competitions.
Q70)	Lily's misbehaviour during the holiday trip caused her to be punished by her mother.
Q71)	Struggling
Q72)	Clara's could offer accommodation and meals at her form at a reasonable price to made a profit and change an additional fee if guests.
Q73)	True → It had not rained for a long time and even the river was also dry. False → Clara decided to start a bed and breakfast business after seeing a road sign advertising a bed and breakfast. True → Clara was worried that the guests were unreasonable and demanding and the food prepared was not good enough at first.
Q74)	1) It was a working form not meant for city people. 2) It would not feel like a home with strangers around the house.
Q75)	Clara meant that the sheep that remained alive were about to die.
Q76)	organised Clara got approval for her business before putting up the first advertisements.
Q77)	3 , 2 , 1
Q78)	It was difficult for Clara To hire help. The first group of guests were captivated by a kangaroo. Clara could not buy food for their next guests as her bank card was rejected due to insufficient funds.
Q79)	thrilled disheartened
Q80)	Clara's father believed that Scott could not do anything wrong.

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PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2020

PRIMARY 6

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 1 (WRITING)

Additional Materials: Writing Paper

Total Time : 1 hour 10 minutes

Total Marks : 55 marks

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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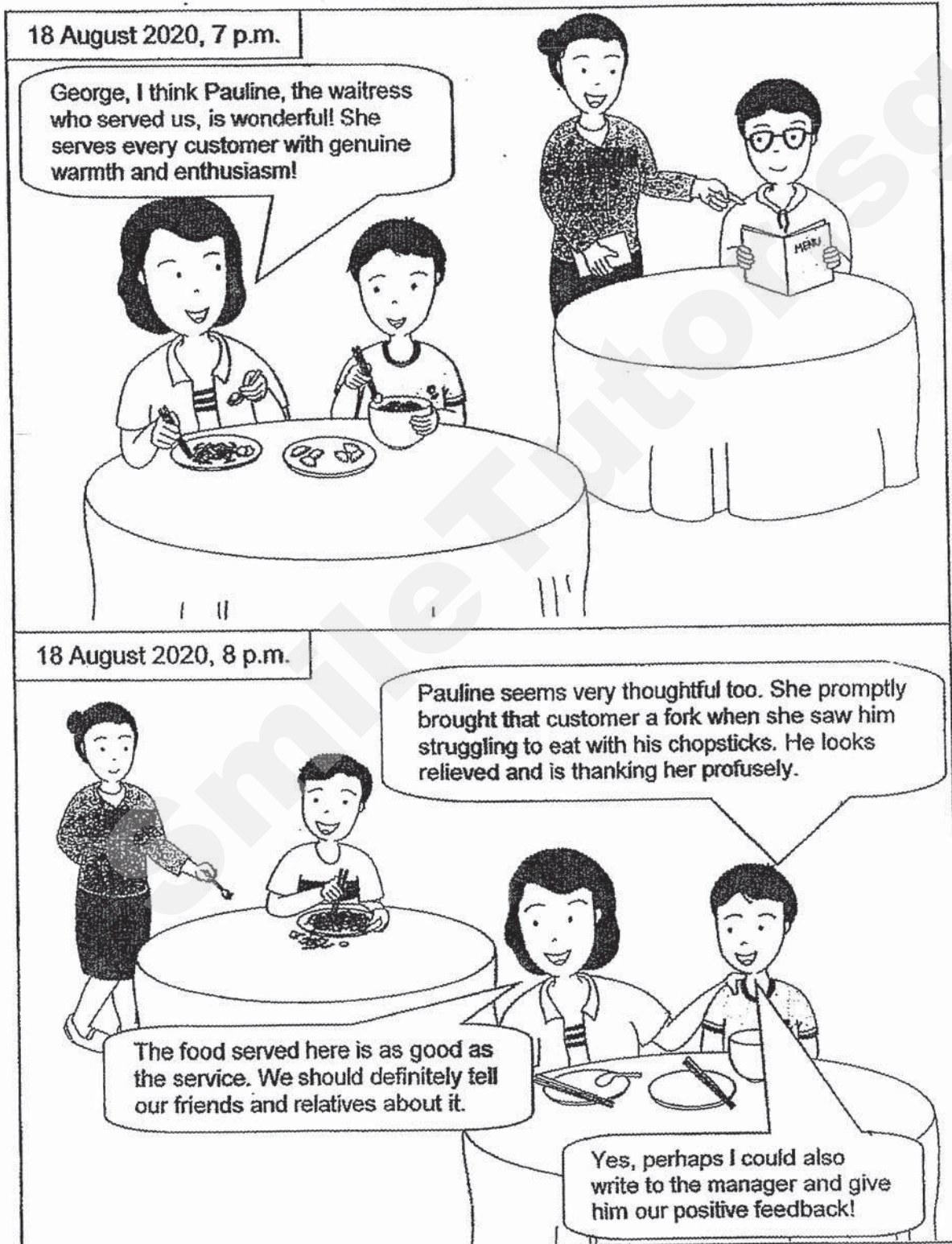
Class: Primary 6. _____

Date: 20 August 2020

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Part 1: Situational Writing (15 marks)

- 1 The pictures below show a conversation between George and his mother. The conversation took place at Orchid Restaurant. Study the pictures carefully.



(Go on to the next page)

Your Task

Imagine you are George.

Write an email to the Manager of Orchid Restaurant, Mr Tan, to give him some positive feedback about the restaurant.

You are to refer to the pictures and information on page 2 for your email.

In your email, include the following key information:

- the date you were at the restaurant
- the name of the waitress who provided good service
- two examples of good service provided by the waitress
- how a customer responded to the waitress' help
- reasons why you would recommend the restaurant to others

You may reorder the points. Remember to write in complete sentences.

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Part 2: Continuous Writing (40 marks)

- 2 Write a composition of at least 150 words about **patience**.

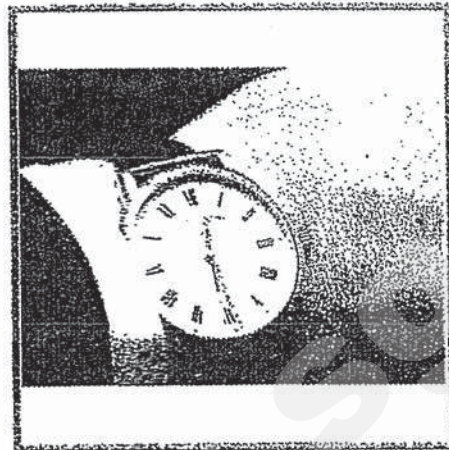
The pictures are provided to help you think about this topic.

Your composition should be based on one or more of these pictures.

Consider the following points when you plan your composition:

- Who was / were patient?
- How did the person(s) show patience?

You may use the points in any order and include other relevant points as well.



End of Paper

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
(BOOKLET A)

Total Time for Booklets A, B and C: 1 h 50 min

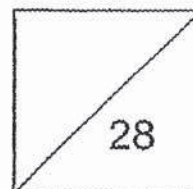
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4. Shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary 6. _____

Date : 20 August 2020



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For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer.
Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.
(10 marks)

1 When I was shown the wallet, I knew at once _____ it belonged to.

- (1) that
- (2) who
- (3) which
- (4) whose

2 There was a fight at the supermarket when one woman accused another _____ trying to hoard toilet rolls.

- (1) of
- (2) for
- (3) with
- (4) against

3 Mother suggested _____ the dog for a walk.

- (1) take
- (2) taking
- (3) to take
- (4) to taking

4 I _____ the old lady if I knew she needed help.

- (1) help
- (2) helped
- (3) would help
- (4) would have helped

5 " _____ I be given a pay rise, I will give you a treat," Siti promised.

- (1) Might
- (2) Could
- (3) Would
- (4) Should

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- 6 The jewellery in these jewellery boxes _____ all given to me by my grandmother before she passed away.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
- 7 _____ he was given a chance to confess to the crime, he failed to come clean.
- (1) Since
 - (2) Unless
 - (3) Despite
 - (4) Although
- 8 "You'll help to carry the chairs to the hall, _____ you?" the teacher asked the boys.
- (1) will
 - (2) won't
 - (3) would
 - (4) wouldn't
- 9 Raju witnessed the burglar _____ into the bungalow.
- (1) broke
 - (2) break
 - (3) breaks
 - (4) was breaking
- 10 Jack approached several people with his proposal, but _____ were interested.
- (1) few
 - (2) most
 - (3) many
 - (4) some

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For each question from 11 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.
(5 marks)

- 11 "Ali's interest in rugby has begun to _____ ever since his friends introduced him to soccer. He has a stronger passion for soccer now," said the coach.
- (1) dim
 - (2) wane
 - (3) vanish
 - (4) recede
- 12 Emily signed up for too many enrichment classes and had difficulty managing her time. She _____.
- (1) had the best of both worlds
 - (2) struck while the iron was hot
 - (3) bit off more than she could chew
 - (4) made a mountain out of a molehill
- 13 Su Ling resigned because she could no longer tolerate her manager's domineering ways and his _____ behaviour.
- (1) overriding
 - (2) overacting
 - (3) overbearing
 - (4) overwhelming
- 14 We could not believe how Gopal had _____ Zack's tricks again.
- (1) fallen on
 - (2) fallen for
 - (3) fallen into
 - (4) fallen over
- 15 The judges were impressed by Aminah's _____ and awarded her first prize in the speech competition.
- (1) elegance
 - (2) diligence
 - (3) eloquence
 - (4) dramatisation

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

My heart was palpitating. I was on tenterhooks even before the race began. My
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nervousness was obvious to those around me. My heart was pounding so quickly that I was
sure it was audible from a distance. The doctor had reminded me that taking part in the
competition would mean a worsening of my condition but I was adamant to represent my
(17)
school in the race as it was my only chance.

When I heard the starter gun, I took off like a deer pursued by its hound. Then what
the doctor feared most happened. My kneecap succumbed to pressure. "No, please, no!" I
(18)
cried to myself. The gnawing pain grew. My legs weakened and I collapsed. When I came to,
(19)
I was unable to walk and my movement was restricted. However, I was undaunted and
(20)
determined to finish the race despite my injury. I was proud of myself for persevering to the
end.

- 16 (1) anxious
(2) doubtful
(3) confused
(4) terrorised
- 17 (1) depletion
(2) deterioration
(3) degeneration
(4) disintegration
- 18 (1) bowed
(2) yielded
(3) subjected
(4) surrendered
- 19 (1) became sensible
(2) became conscious
(3) became determined
(4) became courageous
- 20 (1) unresolved
(2) unalarmed
(3) uncertain
(4) unfazed

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Study this article from a magazine, Earth Hour, and then answer questions 21 to 28.

Lead A Lifestyle of 3Rs!

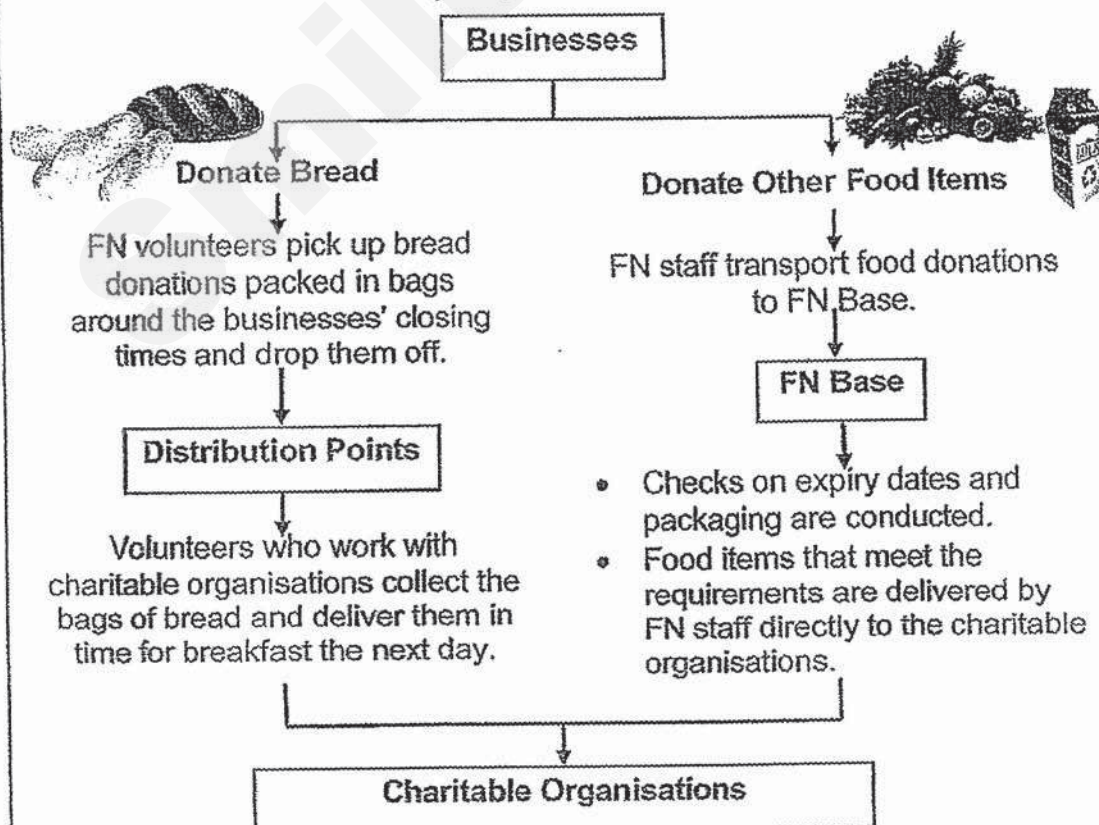
The 3Rs – reduce, reuse and recycle – play a crucial role in protecting the environment. Cutting down on the amount of waste helps to conserve natural resources, landfill space and energy. Minimising waste is everyone's responsibility. You can play a part too.

Killing Two Birds with One Stone

Food is among the five largest sources of waste in Singapore and currently accounts for close to a quarter of the total waste. That is equivalent to the weight of more than 54 000 double-decker buses! There is a pressing need to minimise food wastage, and it starts with avoiding food wastage and excess food production. Excess food can then be redistributed to the needy whenever possible.

Food Network (FN) was therefore set up with that objective to redistribute excess food. It has been saving as much as 50 000 kg of bread and other food items from the bins monthly! More than 100 businesses, mostly bakeries and supermarkets, donate excess food, such as bread, milk, fruits and vegetables that is safe to consume. The donations are picked up daily and handed over to charitable organisations that work with the needy.

How Food Network (FN) Redistributes Excess Food



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How to Minimise Waste at Home



Avoidable food waste, which refers to food that could have been consumed but was not, makes up a significant part of the daily total waste of each household in Singapore. For instance, leftovers from a meal, blemished fruits and vegetables, and food that has turned bad or been kept past its expiry date are often dumped carelessly. Such waste can be prevented if some good habits are formed. These can include preparing lists before shopping for groceries, adopting good food storage and preparation practices, and making use of leftovers to cook.

How to Minimise Waste at School



A lot of stationery is used at school. To minimise waste, cultivate the following good habits: ensure that both sides of a piece of paper are used, use refillable pens and markers. Post notices in classrooms instead of making multiple copies for distribution. Donations of uniforms and textbooks that are no longer needed but still in good condition should also be encouraged.

As you can see, there are many practical ways you can protect the environment without having to make dramatic lifestyle changes. Now, it doesn't seem that difficult to make reducing, reusing and recycling a way of life, does it?



Annual Year-End Donation Drive



- ✓ Instead of leaving festive goodies to turn bad, donate them! They must be unopened, in good condition and have at least two weeks of shelf life left.
- ✓ If there are textbooks you will not be using anymore, donate them! They must be in good condition and notes or scribbles should preferably be erased.

Collection dates : 1 to 30 December 2020
 Collection point : Community Service Centre
 14 Egmont Road, Singapore 700100
 Opening hours : 6.30 a.m. to 10.30 p.m. daily

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For each question from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.
(8 marks)

- 21 In "The 3Rs – reduce, reuse and recycle – play a crucial role in protecting the environment", dashes are used to _____.
- (1) present additional information
 - (2) show that the information is factual
 - (3) emphasize why the 3Rs are important
 - (4) indicate that the information is the main idea
- 22 Why is "Killing Two Birds with One Stone" an appropriate sub-heading for that section?
- (1) Food Network picks up donations and distributes them.
 - (2) Food Network reduces food wastage and helps the needy.
 - (3) Food Network saves businesses and charitable organisations.
 - (4) Food Network prevents excess food production and donations.
- 23 According to the article, there is a pressing need to minimise food wastage because _____.
- (1) food is the largest source of waste in Singapore
 - (2) annual food wastage in Singapore weighs about 54 000 kg
 - (3) people living in Singapore have started avoiding food wastage
 - (4) almost a quarter of the total waste dumped in Singapore is food
- 24 Where is the inspection of food items carried out?
- (1) distribution points
 - (2) business premises
 - (3) Food Network Base
 - (4) charitable organisations
- 25 According to the section "How to Minimise Waste at Home", what does "such waste" refer to?
- (1) recyclable waste
 - (2) avoidable food waste
 - (3) total waste in Singapore
 - (4) total waste of each household in Singapore

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- 26 Which of the following is **not** a step towards minimising waste at school?
- (1) using refillable writing instruments
 - (2) handing out notices to individual students
 - (3) putting up information sheets on noticeboards
 - (4) using every available space on a piece of paper
- 27 Joan cleared out her cupboard and found some textbooks she wanted to donate. What should she do before heading to the collection point?
- (1) Remove the doodles on some pages
 - (2) Wrap the textbooks carefully in plastic
 - (3) Tear out the pages containing written notes
 - (4) Check whether the textbooks can be used the following year
- 28 What is the **main** purpose of the article?
- (1) to describe how the 3Rs should be practised
 - (2) to explain how to help the needy through the 3Rs
 - (3) to inform readers that the 3Rs are being practised everywhere
 - (4) to convince readers that they can do their part to practise the 3Rs

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METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)
Founded in 1887



PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2020
PRIMARY 6

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
(BOOKLET B)

Total Time for Booklets A, B and C: 1 h 50 min

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Booklet A	28
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This booklet consists of 5 printed pages including this page.

There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) a	(D) at	(G) each	(K) more	(N) the
(B) about	(E) before	(H) however	(L) one	(P) them
(C) after	(F) by	(J) in	(M) that	(Q) where

The silkworm moth goes through the same development as other moths.

_____, unlike other moths, it has been domesticated. Raised and cared for
(29)

_____ people, silkworm moths live on farms. These farms can be found
(30)

_____ Japan, China and other countries _____ silk is produced.
(31) (32)

In the first stage, the female moth lays _____ 500 yellow eggs,
(33)

_____ no bigger than the head of a pin. The eggs have a glue-like
(34)

covering _____ makes them stick to anything they touch. This covering
(35)

acts as a protective shell.

_____ the eggs are laid, silk farmers store them in refrigerators to
(36)

simulate winter before they hatch. When the farmers want the eggs to hatch, they move

_____ to incubators, which are machines that warm them to _____
(37) (38)

correct temperature for hatching. After about twenty days, tiny worm-like larvae emerge from the eggs.

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

The polar bear in North America is under threat while in Borneo and

Sumatra, the orang-utan is considered critically endangered.

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It is a disturbing fact that many difrent kinds of wild animals throughout

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the world are in danger of extinksion. The reasons for this is many and varied.

(42)

The three main threats to wild animals' survival are pollution, the disturbing of animals'

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natural envairoment and man's greed and thoughtlessness.

(44)

Firstly, industry has grown enomusly, and it has become common practice for

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(46)

factories to dispose away factory waste in streams and rivers, causing great lost

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of river life. Secondly, an increase of human population has also led to more land

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development - and with it, the distrucktion of habitat for wild animals.

(49)

Fortunately, the problem is receiving world-wide rekonition and some action is

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being took. Organisations like Friends of the Earth do valuable work for this deserving cause.

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

My father was a supervisor of a sugar-cane plantation in Puerto Rico. Like other children from poor families, I too worked at the plantation. My first _____ (51) was to drive the oxen that ploughed the cane fields to prepare the land for planting. For a dollar a day, I _____ (52) eight hours straight, with no food breaks. I would walk behind an ox, _____ (53) him with a stick to make him move forward. It was tedious work, but it prepared me for life and _____ (54) me many lasting lessons. As the plantation owners were _____ (55) watching us, I had to be _____ (56) time every day and work as _____ (57) as I could. The habit of being punctual became ingrained in me. I have never been _____ (58) for any job since. I also learnt about _____ (59) respectful and loyal to the people I work for. _____ (60) importantly, I earned my pay; it never occurred to me to say I was sick because I did not want to work. I was _____ (61) six years old, but I was doing a man's job. Our family needed _____ (62) dollar we could make because my father never _____ (63) more than \$18 a-week. Our _____ (64) was a wood shack with a dirt floor and no toilet. Nothing made me prouder than bringing home _____ (65) to help my parents, two brothers and three sisters. This gave me self-esteem, one of the most important things a person can have.

Adapted from *Reader's Digest: 'The Plowboy'*

Score: _____

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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 Both Raj and Simon have gone to the carnival.

_____ together with

67 The team was loyal to their coach. It inspired the spectators.

_____ the team's

68 "Will you help water my plants when I am overseas next week?" Mr Lim asked Siti.

Mr Lim asked Siti if _____

69 A police officer appeared suddenly on the crowded street. The pickpocket was nervous.

_____ nervous about the

70 The tailor-bird weaved a nest. Mei Ling was intrigued by the nest.

Mei Ling found the nest _____

Score:

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METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2

(BOOKLET C)

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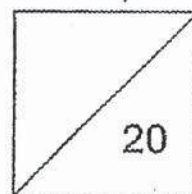
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This booklet consists of 5 printed pages including this page.

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

My mother suggested the sweetest name: Mercy. We soon learnt it was just what the new Boxer pup my parents had adopted would need. My parents' rambunctious dog would bolt out of bed and go-go-go all day long. Whenever they went out and left her alone for a while, they would not be surprised to come back and see the house in a mess. This led my parents to expect chaos when they brought home a Christmas tree. To their astonishment, Mercy paid no attention to the tree that suddenly appeared in the living room. Nor did she react to the fancy presents under it, including a wrapped box of dog treats, *Milk Bones*, which were just for her. 5

Yet, my mother and father were wary. They never had a dog that did not force them to move everything to higher ground as if they were expecting a flood; but Mercy seemed oblivious to the tree and presents. 10

On Christmas day, my mother awoke early, as usual. She passed the dimly-lit living room and then stopped suddenly. Glancing back into the room, she confirmed what she thought she had first seen. Every present under the tree was gone. Only the tree was still there. Had they been robbed? Why hadn't Mercy barked? Where was she? Had the burglars taken her? My mother's thoughts went wild as she noticed a scrap of ribbon on the floor. Then, a bit of torn wrapping paper a few metres away, some glitter beyond that. The clues all made a trail leading toward the back door. 15

My mother flipped the switch, bathing the backyard in light. The perpetrator's head lifted and froze. Alarm and guilt made her eyes wide. Oh, yes, it was Mercy. She lay under her favourite tree in the backyard in a fluffy nest of shredded wrapping paper, chewed-up boxes, and curling bits of ribbon. Presents, pawed from their packages, were strewn about among tattered bows. Beautifully-wrapped boxes had gaping holes and there were fragments of wrapping tissue mixed with the last remaining evidence of gifts. 20

Clearly, Mercy's self-control had failed. She had silently pillaged one package after another out the doggy door leading to the backyard. Anything edible was gone, including cookies, chocolates, candy canes, and two kilogrammes of the *Milk Bones*. 25

Trying to suppress a laugh, my father said, "Nature has really taken pity on Mercy. With everything eaten up, she is fortunate to have **survived her midnight snack.**" My parents were so grateful they did not need to take a trip to the veterinarian that they laughed off the ruined presents. To them, **this** was not a problem. The real problem was with all the gift tags attached to each gift destroyed, how could my parents know who had sent them each of the gifts and send out thank-you cards to them? Mercy had presented the problem, yet Mercy was soon able to provide the answer. A few days after the incident, my mother returned to her rocking chair to find Mercy guiltily licking a plate where a doughnut had just been. She snapped a picture of the shamefaced pooch and used it to make thank-you cards to the family and friends who usually gave them Christmas gifts every year. The caption read, "Thank you for the ??". Inside each card, the whole story was explained. We all had to laugh. Everyone shared the sweet reminder that amid all the gift-giving, it was really a season for 'mercy'. 30 35

Adapted from *A Season of Mercy* by Teresa Anderson

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- 71 Why did the writer's parents expect to find the house in a mess whenever they came back home? [1m]

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- 72 Based on lines to 5 - 18 fill in the boxes below. [4m]

	What the writer's parents thought would happen	What actually happened
When the writer's parents brought home the tree	a)	b)
	What the writer's mother thought had happened	What actually happened
When the presents went missing	c)	d)

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- 73 How did the writer's mother feel when she saw the presents missing from under the tree? How do you know? [2m]

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- 74 Fill in the following table by identifying the correct word(s) from the passage. [2m]

Question	Word(s) from the passage
a) Which word from paragraph two tells us that the parents did not trust Mercy to stay away from the tree?	
b) Which ^{two words} two words in paragraph four tell us that the presents were found scattered around in the backyard?	

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Based on lines 9 - 18, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [2m]

	True / False	Reason
a) It was the first time the writer's parents owned a dog.		
b) Mercy was only interested in the presents but not the tree.		

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

- _____ The writer's mother followed the trail of evidence.
- _____ The writer's mother sensed something was wrong.
- _____ The writer's mother found the presents destroyed.

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- 77 Why was Mercy considered to be fortunate to have "survived the midnight snack" (line 29)? [2m]

- 78 Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. [2m]

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
this (line 31)	
it (line 36)	

- 79 Why did the caption in the thank-you cards have "???" (line 38) in it? [2m]

- 80 Based on the story, how was the name "Mercy" appropriate for the dog? [2m]

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BOOKLET A

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

BOOKLET B

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|----------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Q29. (H) | Q39. (different) | Q51. (job) |
| Q30. (F) | Q40. (extinction) | Q52. (worked) |
| Q31. (J) | Q41. (are) | Q53. (prodding) |
| Q32. (Q) | Q42. (disturbance) | Q54. (taught) |
| Q33. (B) | Q43. (environment) | Q55. (always) |
| Q34. (G) | Q44. (enormously) | Q56. (on) |
| Q35. (M) | Q45. (of) | Q57. (hard) |
| Q36. (C) | Q46. (loss) | Q58. (late) |
| Q37. (P) | Q47. (in) | Q59. (being) |
| Q38. (N) | Q48. (destruction) | Q60. (most) |
| | Q49. (recognition) | Q61. (only) |
| | Q50. (taken) | Q62. (every) |

Q63. (earned)

Q64. (house)

Q65. (money)

Q66. Raj, together with Simon has gone to the carnival.

Q67. The spectators were inspired by the team's loyalty to their coach.

Q68. Mr Lim asked Siti if she would help water his plants when he was overseas the next week.

Q69. The pickpocket was nervous about the sudden appearance of a police officer on the crowded street.

Q70. Mei Ling found the nest weaved by the tailor-bird intriguing.

Q71. Mercy was a rambunctious dog.

Q72. a). Mercy would destroy the tree and presents.

b). Mercy paid no attention to the Christmas tree.

c). They had been robbed and the burglars had taken mercy.

d). Mercy had silently pillaged all the packets into the backyard.

Q73. The writer's mother was scared as her thoughts went wild and thought they had been robbed.

Q74. a). wary

b). strewn about

Q75. a). False, The writer's parents had dogs before that forced them to move everything to higher ground.

Q76. (2, 1, 3)

Q77. Mercy ate everything edible from cookies and chocolates to candy canes and dog treats and she was fortunate not to have a stomach ache from eating so much.

Q78. Line 31 : The presents being ruined

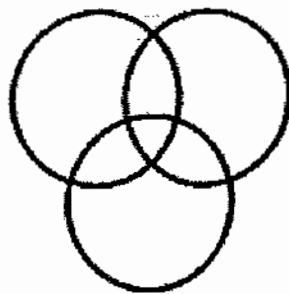
Line 36 : The picture of Mercy guiltily licking a plate where a doughnut had just been.

Q79. They did not know what the gifts were and who had given them as the gifts and the gift were destroyed.

Q80. Despite the fact that Mercy had destroyed the gifts, she was still forgiven.

Q75b. True Mercy pillaged every present but ignored the tree.

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**NAN CHIAU PRIMARY SCHOOL
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PRIMARY 6**

Booklet A

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For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.
(10 marks)

- 1 Almost all the shops located in this shopping centre _____ closed during the recent school holiday.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
- 2 It's about time she _____ the family portrait on the wall in her bedroom.
- (1) hang
 - (2) hung
 - (3) hangs
 - (4) hanged
- 3 _____ hungry I am, I never seem to be able to eat the food prepared by my sister.
- (1) However
 - (2) Wherever
 - (3) Whenever
 - (4) Whichever
- 4 He was sure that the couple lived all by _____ in that remote island.
- (1) itself
 - (2) himself
 - (3) ourselves
 - (4) themselves
- 5 This area has been cordoned _____ by the police for investigation.
- (1) of
 - (2) off
 - (3) out
 - (4) away

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- 6 The number of cars on the street _____ drastically since the lockdown.
- (1) is reduced
 - (2) are reduced
 - (3) has reduced
 - (4) have reduced
- 7 If you had to choose, which country _____ you visit next?
- (1) might
 - (2) could
 - (3) would
 - (4) should
- 8 The boys helped Mrs Tan _____ the books to her table.
- (1) carry
 - (2) carries
 - (3) carried
 - (4) carrying
- 9 Kumar _____ a mat under a shady tree and read a book.
- (1) lie
 - (2) lay
 - (3) lain
 - (4) laid
- 10 "She'd come in first in the competition, _____?" Mr Tan asked the teacher when he saw his daughter walking towards the stage to receive the prize.
- (1) hasn't she
 - (2) hadn't she
 - (3) doesn't she
 - (4) wouldn't she

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For each question from 11 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(5 marks)

- 11 Julie's birthday party was not _____ as she did not want her parents to spend too much money on her.
- (1) lavish
 - (2) luxuriant
 - (3) bountiful
 - (4) abundant
- 12 To prepare yourself _____ for the interview, you should find out more about the secondary school.
- (1) instantly
 - (2) dreadfully
 - (3) deplorably
 - (4) adequately
- 13 My mother realised that something was _____ when she noticed my younger brother behaving strangely.
- (1) faulty
 - (2) amiss
 - (3) astray
 - (4) flawed
- 14 The heavy downpour did not _____ even after three hours.
- (1) let up
 - (2) let off
 - (3) let out
 - (4) let down
- 15 My brother kept pestering my mother for a mobile phone until she _____ to his request.
- (1) obliged
 - (2) acceded
 - (3) submitted
 - (4) surrendered

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

Tom and his younger brother had just moved into a new house with their parents. A cockroach named Brownie was hiding at a corner of the house observing them. He felt ⁽¹⁶⁾ hopeful that he would not have to worry about not having enough food to eat. Brownie ⁽¹⁷⁾ noticed the children have the habit of dropping their food and leaving their food crumbs ⁽¹⁸⁾ all around the house. Brownie was so elated one day when Tom dropped a piece of cake on the floor and did not pick it up. ⁽¹⁹⁾ Just as Brownie was about to make a move from ⁽²⁰⁾ where he was to pick up the cake, Tom seized it instead. He picked it up and threw it into a bin.

- 16 (1) studying
(2) identifying
(3) discovering
(4) acknowledging
- 17 (1) expired
(2) tasteless
(3) insufficient
(4) inappropriate
- 18 (1) impulse
(2) tendency
(3) weakness
(4) frequency
- 19 (1) animated
(2) delighted
(3) captivated
(4) triumphant
- 20 (1) react
(2) attack
(3) explore
(4) perform

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For each question from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)



RUN FOR WILDLIFE



The Children's Wildlife Run is back again in Singapore for the 10th year! Like in previous years, the run will commemorate Singapore Zoo's most well-loved matriarch, Ah Meng the Sumatran Orangutan, who died of old age in February 2008.

Spend time with your family running through the Singapore Zoo.

Do your part to help raise awareness on conservation of our wildlife animals that are facing extinction.

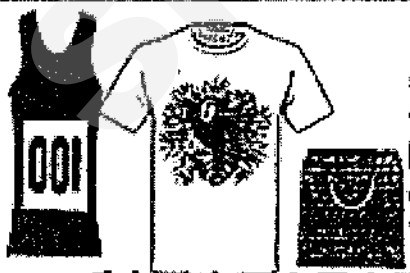


REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

you are strong encouraged to register online at our website. Alternatively, you may visit the information counter at the Singapore Zoo to register.

CATEGORY		REGISTRATION FEE
5 km Safari Zoo Run	11 – 12 years old	\$40
*1 km Safari Zoo Run	7 – 10 years old	\$30

* For safety reasons, all young runners aged 7 to 10 have to be accompanied by at least one parent. Accompanying parent/participates for free without any runner's entitlement.



RUNNER'S ENTITLEMENT

Exclusive Children's Wildlife Run Race T-shirt
Exclusive Children's Wildlife Run Race Bib
Free admission to Singapore Zoo (on race day only)
Attractive goodies from our sponsors.

RACE DETAILS

Date : 29 August 2020, Saturday
Reporting Time: 6 a.m.
Flag-off Time : 7 a.m.
Starting Point : Zoo Entrance



RULES AND REGULATIONS

REGISTRATION

- All participants are strongly encouraged to submit their registration online at www.singaporezoo.com.sg
- Registration is only confirmed upon successful payment and receipt of confirmation email
- There are limited slots available. All race entries are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis
- There will be water stations if you need a break before continuing with the race

RACE DAY

- Registered runners who miss the flag-off time will not be allowed to participate in the race
- Race bib and race T-shirt must be worn throughout the entire race. Not doing so will result in disqualification
- Registered runners who complete the race will receive a finisher medal each.



OTHER THINGS TO NOTE

- Parking at the Singapore Zoo is limited and traffic congestion is expected in the vicinity
- Participants are encouraged to use the free shuttle bus available from 5 a.m. to 7 a.m. at the Mandai Bus Terminal to get to the Singapore Zoo
- For advertising purposes, pictures of you may be taken when you run in the race. If you would like to withdraw the use of your pictures from our website, please write in to advertising@singaporezoo.com.sg.
- If you would like your photo printed, you may proceed to the Exit counter. An administrative fee apply.

Calling for Volunteers for the event!

- Ushers
- Photographers
- First aiders
- Packers for race packs

Call us now!

For more information on the Children's Wildlife Run, feel free to contact us at 62253456 (Mon-Fri, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.)

Organiser: Singapore Zoo
Co-organiser: WeCare Insurance

Sponsors: Pixie Toy Company
Bolt Sports
Jerry Ice-cream

For each question from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

21 Which of the following is not the objective of this event?

- (1) encourage family bonding
- (2) raise awareness of wildlife conservation
- (3) remember Ah Meng, the Sumatra Orangutan
- (4) celebrate the anniversary of the Children's Wildlife Run

22 How can parents benefit by accompanying their children to the event?

- (1) They get complimentary race packs.
- (2) They are given reserved parking lots.
- (3) They do not have to pay the registration fee.
- (4) They will have their family pictures taken for free.

23 The asterisk (*) is used in the flyer to _____.

- (1) make it look appealing
- (2) link the point to a piece of information
- (3) highlight an interesting detail of the word beside it
- (4) encourage readers to read carefully the phrase or sentence before it

24 Based on the flyer, which of the following is true of the Children's Wildlife Run?

- (1) All children below the age of 12 can participate in the run.
- (2) Confirmation of registration fee payment will be through email.
- (3) Registration must be done through the Singapore Zoo website.
- (4) Participants aged 7 to 10 can only be accompanied by a parent.

25 How do we know if a participant has completed the race successfully?

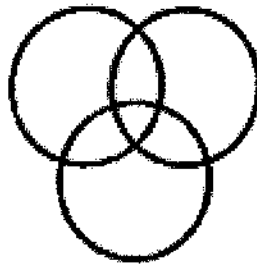
- (1) He would have received a T-shirt.
- (2) He would have received a race bib.
- (3) He would have received a finisher's medal.
- (4) He would have received a photograph of himself.

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- 26 What should Jasmine do if she does not want her photographs to be used purposes?
- (1) call 62253456 before the event day
 - (2) write in to the co-organiser, WeCare Insurance
 - (3) email the advertising department of Singapore Zoo
 - (4) withdraw her photographs from the website herself
- 27 The shuttle bus service to the Singapore Zoo is provided _____.
- (1) only at 6 a.m.
 - (2) for volunteers to the zoo
 - (3) to help prevent traffic congestion
 - (4) to promote the event to the public
- 28 A registered runner will be disqualified from the race if he _____.
- (1) completes only half the running route
 - (2) takes a break in the midst of running before continuing
 - (3) arrives at the entrance of the Singapore Zoo before 7 a.m.
 - (4) wears his race bib over his school PE T-shirt throughout the race

End of Booklet A

(Go on to Booklet B)



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PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION
2020
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
LANGUAGE USE & COMPREHENSION
PRIMARY 6**

Booklet B

Name :

Class :

Date : 20 August 2020

Parent's Signature: _____

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

Instructions to students:

1. Do **NOT** open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. Answer all questions.
4. Write your answers in this booklet.

This booklet consists of 4 pages altogether.

There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN ONLY BE USED ONCE.

- | | | | | |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| (A) about | (D) but | (G) from | (K) more | (N) on |
| (B) at | (E) could | (H) is | (L) most | (P) since |
| (C) between | (F) for | (J) might | (M) of | (Q) was |

Many people in the world would have heard of Harry Potter series written by J.K. Rowling. J.K. Rowling is one of the _____ successful authors of all time. (29)

Her actual name _____ Joanne Rowling. She was born on 31 July 1965 (30)

_____ Yate General Hospital in England. (31)

Rowling loves to write _____ young. The idea for the book came (32)
_____ when Rowling was delayed on a train _____ Manchester to London (33) (34)
King's Cross in 1990. At first, not everyone _____ impressed with her plan to (35)
write a story about Harry Potter and his schooldays at Hogwarts. That _____ be (36)
seen from the fact that twelve book publishers rejected her idea.

Finally, a small publishing firm decided to publish her book _____ (37)
anticipated that boys might not want to read a book written by a woman. It suggested
Rowling to pick a pen name with two initials. The 'J' stands for Joanne, her real name
and as she has no middle name, she picked 'K' for Kathleen which is the name
_____ her paternal grandmother. Her first book, Harry Potter and the (38)
Philosopher's Stone, was published in 1997.

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Score:

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

Singapore Botanic Gardens has been chosen by UNESCO as a world heritage
(39)
site. It is Singapore's first World Heritage Site. Anugly, Singapore Botanic
Gardens receives 4.4 million visitors.

(40)
The story of the Singapore Botanic Gardens begins in 1859. The Agri-
(41)
Horticultural Society got permission from British colonial goverment to build
(42)
gardens in the Tanglin area. In 1874, the authoritys decided to transform the area
(43)
into Singapore Botanic Gardens as it is knew today. Library and Herbarium' was set
up where it would showcase a collection of plant specimens. An 'Economic Gardens'
(44) (45)
where people could experement on how best to grow plants as moneymaking crops is
set up too.

From the 1920s onwards, Singapore Botanic Gardens also started cross-
(46)
breeding orchids to create beauty flowers that no one had ever seen before. 500
(47)
kinds of hybrid orchids have been created so far. These had turned around to be
(48)
wonderful and memorable gifts for promenent guests when they visited Singapore.
(49)
Hence, the Singapore Botanic Gardens is not just a place which you can enjoy
(50)
its scenery, it is also a place of knowlege. Do visit Singapore's Botanic Gardens if you
have not done so. You will surely love the place.

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Score:

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Gardens by the Bay is one of the many attractions in Singapore. _____ by
(51)
the Marina Bay Waterfront in the heart of Singapore, it is a sanctuary for nature lovers and
budding horticulturalists alike. The park _____ of Bay South Garden, Bay East
(52)
Garden and Bay Central Garden.

It sits on 1 010 000 square metres of reclaimed land. The _____ of having this
(53)
Gardens by the Bay is to raise the quality of life by enhancing greenery and flora. The park
has _____ to be popular with locals, tourists and event planners. The demand is to
(54)
use the park for events such _____ weddings that it has to _____ the
(55) (56)
number of events to three _____ week.
(57)

The conservatory complex at Gardens by the Bay comprises two conservatories – the
Flower Dome and the Cloud Forest. The Flower Dome is the larger of the two. It resembles
that of a mild, dry climate and features plants from other parts of the _____. Its
(58)
temperature is maintained between 23°C _____ 25°C. The Cloud Forest replicates
(59)
the cool moist conditions found in tropical mountain regions. _____ features a 42-
(60)
metre Cloud Mountain and visitors can descend the mountain using a lift. On the
_____ hand, a 35-metre waterfall provides visitors _____ refreshing cool
(61) (62)
air.

The Cloud Mountain is an intricate structure completely _____ with plants
(63)
such as orchids, ferns, peacock ferns and mosses. One will not be able to see the structure
beneath it. There are a few levels, each with a different theme. In _____, there is
(64)
also a Children's Garden where children will _____ treehouses and an adventure
(65)
trail. Gardens by the Bay is indeed a place for everyone.

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Score:

For each of the question 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 Jane was supposed to do her homework but she slept.

_____ instead of _____

67 "Beth, did she throw those newspapers that she took from him the previous week?" asked Beth's father.

Beth's father asked her _____

68 John is afraid of water. He took his family on a cruise.

In spite of his _____

69 Jenny feeds and keeps her pet dogs in large cages.

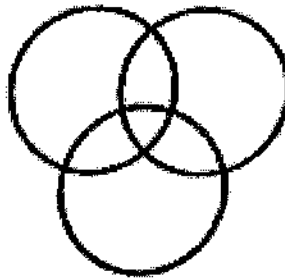
Jenny's pet dogs _____

70 The doorbell rang just seconds after Candy went into the bathroom.

No sooner _____

End of Booklet B

Score:



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Booklet C

Name: _____ ()

Class: _____ Duration: 1h 50 min

Date: 20 August 2020

Parent's Signature: _____

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

Instructions to students:

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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

"Dad, can't we stop to get something else to eat? I'm starving," sulking, Brad asked his father as he sat back against his seat and folded his arms. They had been travelling for over three hours in the stuffy old car.

"Are you really hungry?" Brad's sister, Olivia, who was also sitting in the back of the beat up old Nissan car, pointed out as they just had something to eat half an hour ago. 5 She had her sketchbook out on her lap, with a pencil in her hand to keep her occupied. She tried to draw but had difficulty doing so. She had to keep erasing her sketch work as the old car kept jerking.

"Are we there yet?" Olivia asked optimistically as she continued drawing.

"We'll be there in practically two minutes. The house is around here... somewhere," 10 Dad answered with some uncertainty.

"I don't even see why we had to move in the first place," Brad rolled his eyes. "I was happy back in the old neighbourhood with many friends and being the most popular student in school. My life could not have been more perfect." Silence hung in the air as Dad refused to discuss it as he had already explained to him. Soon, they were driving 15 through a huge area that contained many large houses. They were at least three or four storeys high, complete with balconies and towering pillars by the front door.

"This can't be it, right?" Olivia stared out the window elatedly. Brad was looking out of the window too, with a hint of excitement displayed on his face as he stared at one.

"The house is huge! I can't believe this is it!" 20

Suddenly, Dad broke the news that he could never afford such a house. Upon hearing that, Olivia was not in the mood to draw any longer. She closed her sketchbook and placed it on the seat next to her. She continued to look out of the window. Realising that he had missed an exit, Dad made a U-turn and drove away from the area. A few 25 moments later, they were in a different road. The narrow road was lined with houses on both sides. Each one was ordinary and most disappointing than the last. It was a dramatic contrast to the one they had just seen. The car slowed down as it approached a house. Dad pulled into the driveway and paused for a second, breathing in the tense atmosphere that was brewing inside the car. Taking in the sight of the house as if it was a palace, Dad got out of the car. 30

"You have got to be kidding me," Brad scoffed, slamming the car door behind him and walked towards the house. "You traded our beautiful apartment for this old house?" Ignoring him, Dad jangled the keys cheerfully as he walked up to the front door.

Inside the house, it did not get much better. The paints on the walls had faded into a murky pale yellow. The rooms were empty as the carpets had been ripped up to 35 expose the bare floorboard which made them seem even uglier.

"Well, this is nice," Olivia said plastering a superficial smile on her face which was so transparent that even Dad would be able to see through it.

"It will be a lovely home once we get the furniture in," Dad said, showing no sign of the disappointment that Olivia and Brad were feeling and continued wandering the house 40 and peering around the room. Brad walked up to Olivia with his arms folded over his chest clearly brandishing his frustration that they had to move due to the fact that Olivia received a scholarship to a prestigious school. He shrugged loosely as he left the room after slamming the door behind him. Olivia was left in the room on her own and began to imagine the terrible life she would have in the dull house. Furthermore, with the misery 45 she realised she had caused her brother, she had a change of heart and began to think whether accepting the scholarship was a good decision after all.

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- 71 From the first paragraph, what did Brad do to show that he was getting frustrated? [2m]

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- 72 Why did Olivia use the word 'really' in line 4? [1m]

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- 73 Fill in the following table by identifying the correct word(s) from the passage. [2m]

Question	Word(s) from the passage
a) Which word from lines 4 to 11 tells us that Olivia looked forward to seeing the new house?	
b) Which three-word phrase from lines 12 to 17 tells us that Brad was annoyed?	

☐

- 74 Why was Brad unhappy about the move? [2m]

☐

- 75 Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. [3m]

Words from the passage	What each word refers to
doing so (line 7)	
it (line 18)	
that (line 22)	

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Score:

76 How did Dad react to Brad's outburst upon seeing the house? (2m)

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77 The table below shows the causes and effects of the characters' actions.
Fill in the blanks using the information from the passage. (2m)

Cause	Effect
Brad saw a huge house	
	Olivia kept erasing her sketch work

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

- _____ Dad could not find the house.
 _____ Olivia was accepted to a prestigious school.
 _____ Brad was angry with Olivia.

79 Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. (3m)

Statement	True / False	Reason
Dad lost his way.		
The rooms in the new house were fully furnished.		
Olivia was happy about her new home.		

80 Why did Olivia have second thoughts about the move? (2m)

END OF PAPER

Score:

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TERM : 2020 PRELIM

Booklet A

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

Booklet B

Q 29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
L	H	B	P	A	G	Q	E	D	M
Q39)	Annually	Q43)	known	Q47)	out				
Q40)	Began	Q44)	experiment	Q48)	prominent				
Q41)	Government	Q45)	was	Q49)	where				
Q42)	authorities	Q46)	beautiful	Q50)	knowledge				

Q51)	right	Q56)	reduce	Q61)	other
Q52)	consists	Q57)	per	Q62)	with
Q53)	aim	Q58)	world	Q63)	decorated
Q54)	proven	Q59)	and	Q64)	addition
Q55)	as	Q60)	it	Q65)	see
Q66)	Jane slept instead of doing her homework.				
Q67)	Beth's father asked her if she threw away the newspapers that she took from him the previous week.				
Q68)	In spite of his fear of water, John took his family on a cruise.				
Q69)	Jenny's pet dogs are kept in large cages and fed.				

Q70)	No sooner had Candy went into the bathroom , the doorbell rang.
Q71)	He sat back against his seat and folded his arms.
Q72)	She was doubtful as they had just eaten half an hour ago.
Q73)	a)optimistically b)rolled his eyes
Q74)	Brad was happy back in the old neighbourhood with many friends and being the most popular student in school.
Q75)	(line 7)--- Drawing (line 18) --- the large house (line 22)--- cannot afford such a house
Q76)	He ignored Bray and walked cheerfully towards the house
Q77)	a hint of excitement The old car kept jerking
Q78)	3 , 1 , 2
Q79)	True --- the house is around here somewhere ,dad answered them uncertainly. False --- The rooms were empty as the carpets had been ripped up exposed the bare floor board which made it more uglier. False --- Olivia imagine her miserable life she will be having in that large dull house.
Q80)	She caused her brother to feel miserable living in the large dull house.



NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL
2020 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION
PRIMARY 6

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Name: _____ ()

Class: Pr. 6 _____

Date: 25 August 2020

Booklet A	/ 28
Booklet B	/ 67
TOTAL	/ 95

Parent's Signature & Date

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. Answer all questions.
4. For Booklet A, shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

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Section A – Grammar

For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

1. "Jessy baked the cake herself, _____?" her uncle asked.
 - (1) won't she
 - (2) didn't she
 - (3) hasn't she
 - (4) wasn't she

2. Scientists are still hoping to find a cure _____ this rare disease.
 - (1) in
 - (2) to
 - (3) on
 - (4) for

3. The new equipment for the sports teams _____ arrived.
 - (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) has
 - (4) have

4. Ken, along with his classmates, _____ to school every morning.
 - (1) walk
 - (2) walks
 - (3) walked
 - (4) walking

5. My father took my sister and _____ to the library yesterday.
 - (1) I
 - (2) my
 - (3) me
 - (4) mine

6. The players continued with the training _____ the heavy downpour.
- (1) until
 - (2) since
 - (3) despite
 - (4) although
7. "_____ up early to exercise keeps me healthy," my grandfather said.
- (1) Wake
 - (2) Woke
 - (3) Wakes
 - (4) Waking
8. When the cat knocked against the vase in the living room, Alice saw the vase _____ onto the floor.
- (1) drop
 - (2) drops
 - (3) dropped
 - (4) was dropping
9. _____ to her mother's regret, Sheila decided not to further her studies at the university.
- (1) Little
 - (2) None
 - (3) Much
 - (4) Many
10. If he _____ in more effort in his studies, he would not have failed the test.
- (1) put
 - (2) puts
 - (3) has put
 - (4) had put

Section B – Vocabulary

For each question from 11 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

11. The _____ waste produced by the chemical factory must be disposed of in a safe manner.
- (1) perilous
 - (2) hazardous
 - (3) precarious
 - (4) treacherous
12. Aunt Mary's childhood photos always evoke strong feelings of _____. She wished to relive those carefree days.
- (1) grief
 - (2) lethargy
 - (3) nostalgia
 - (4) sensitivity
13. Because of the recent epidemic, Singaporeans have been asked to _____ on travelling overseas until the situation improves.
- (1) hold in
 - (2) hold up
 - (3) hold off
 - (4) hold out
14. Doctors are doing all they can to _____ the pain experienced by the victims of the accident.
- (1) dilute
 - (2) assist
 - (3) sustain
 - (4) alleviate
15. Students from our school are given the _____ to serve the community in many ways and we should be proud of that.
- (1) benefit
 - (2) licence
 - (3) privilege
 - (4) permission

Section C – Vocabulary Cloze

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

(5 marks)

Every culture in Singapore has its own festival to usher in the new year.

For my family, it is the Chinese New Year and I am excited each time the occasion comes around. (16)

Like many Chinese families, my parents often stress the importance of family bonding during Chinese New Year. As such, for the past decade, our extended family have been gathering on Chinese New Year eve to have a reunion dinner at Lucky Gate, our favourite restaurant. This year, things went swimmingly until we arrived at the restaurant. When we got there, the manager contradicted our claims that we had made a reservation there and rudely told us to leave. (17) (18) (19)

We felt disappointed and upset by the incident but fortunately, a nearby restaurant was able to accommodate us. As we were eating, the owner of Lucky Gate called us to apologise for the error and offered us a free dinner. (20)

We declined the offer and my family never went back to Lucky Gate again.

Original

16. (1) event
(2) moment
(3) situation
(4) circumstance

17. (1) prioritise
(2) highlight
(3) overstate
(4) ascertain

18. (1) smoothly
(2) practically
(3) predictably
(4) effortlessly

19. (1) rejected
(2) reversed
(3) examined
(4) considered
20. (1) angry at
(2) dismayed by
(3) devastated by
(4) astonished at

Section D – Visual Text Comprehension

Study this flyer carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28.

The Singapura Experience (Extended)

1 Oct - 31 Dec 2020

Fort Centre

Overview

From Singapore to Singaporean: The Singapura Experience brings to life Singapore's incredible evolution from 1299 to the present day. It comprises an immersive experience within the Fort Centre, and a free and easy exploration through pavilions within the greenery of Fort Gate.

Extra Tickets for November and December!

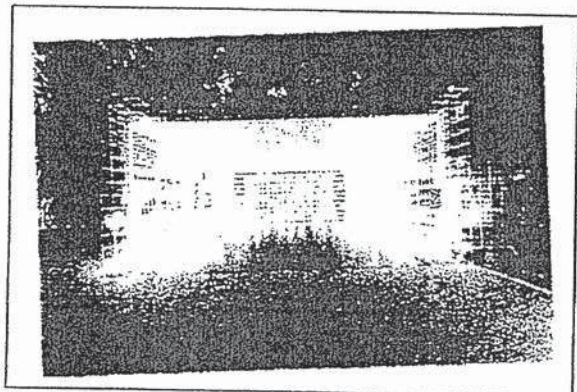
Last chance to book tickets to The Singapura Experience! We have added two more shows daily after 9 p.m. from 29 November to 29 December 2020. Our last day of operation is 31 December 2020.

- Follow our Facebook page for the latest announcements and updates.
- More information on extension details can be found at our FAQ page.

Time Journey (Act 1 to Act 6) at Fort Centre

Singapore's 700-year history: Experience firsthand the sights, sounds and drama of formative events throughout our evolution. This segment requires a ticket for entry. It is a timed experience that will last 60 minutes.

Show Advisory: Recommended only for children aged 5 and above. Please note that there are strobe lights, loud sounds and rotating images during the show. Visitors prone to motion sickness or dizziness should avoid the experience.



Visitor Information

❖ How to get there:

Shuttle Bus

1 Oct – 17 Nov 2020

- Shuttle buses will only be available on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays.

18 Nov – 31 Dec 2020

- There are free shuttle bus services available 7 days a week.
- Wheelchair-friendly shuttle bus services will be available at Plaza Central pick-up/drop-off point from 9.00 a.m. to 11.40 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. to 4.40 p.m. on weekends and public holidays.

❖ Admission Rules:

- Rating: Parental Guidance (PG)
- Visitors are encouraged to arrive 15 minutes before the ticket time to go through registration and view the Visitors' Gallery.

Late Entry Advisory: If you arrive after your ticket time, you will miss your allocated show for the Time Journey, and there is no guarantee that the next show can accommodate you or your accompanying visitors.

- Tickets are not for sale or exchange.
- Tickets are void if altered.
- For enquiries, please contact ticketing@exhibition.com.sg

❖ Visitor Etiquette

- No flash photography is permitted.
- Use of selfie-sticks and tripods is not permitted during the show.
- Do not touch any object on display, or rest on display panel showcases and gallery walls.
- Set mobile phones to silent or vibrate mode, and keep volume down during the show.

❖ Additional Information

- There is narration in English within the Time Journey. Audio guides offering narration in Mandarin, Malay and Tamil will be provided upon request (subject to availability).
- Food and beverages are not allowed within the Fort Centre.
- Smoking is prohibited anywhere within the air-conditioned Fort Centre.
- Event organisers may postpone, cancel, interrupt or stop the show due to unforeseen situations or any other causes beyond their reasonable control.

Adapted from <https://www.bicentennial.sg>

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

21. Why is an exclamation mark used in the subheading 'Extra Tickets for November and December' in the flyer?
- (1) to draw attention to the extra shows
 - (2) to emphasise the importance of booking the tickets early
 - (3) to announce the date and time of The Singapura Experience
 - (4) to make known the last day of The Singapura Experience
22. What is the main aim of The Singapura Experience?
- (1) to update Singaporeans about the past
 - (2) to encourage Singaporeans to visit Fort Centre
 - (3) for Singaporeans to experience the lights, sounds and rotating images of the past
 - (4) for Singaporeans to explore the events which took place in Singapore in the past
23. Mr Tan does not drive. He would like to take his elderly mother to The Singapura Experience. He should _____.
- (1) telephone the organiser to arrange for a wheelchair for his mother
 - (2) go to the FAQ page to get details about senior citizens going for the experience
 - (3) bring his mother's wheelchair and take her there on a weekend in December
 - (4) arrive at the Visitor's Gallery early and arrange for a wheelchair for his mother
24. According to the flyer, visitors are not allowed to _____.
- (1) lean against the gallery walls
 - (2) take photographs during the show
 - (3) smoke outside the air-conditioned area
 - (4) use their mobile phones at the Time Journey

25. Which of the following statements about The Singapura Experience (Extended) is correct?

- (1) Visitors have to produce tickets to enter both the Fort Centre and Fort Gate.
- (2) The Singapura Experience is made up of one indoor and one outdoor segment.
- (3) Special arrangement will be made for visitors who are late for the timed experience.
- (4) Children aged 5 and above are not allowed to experience the segment at Fort Gate.

26. What is one of the purposes of the section 'Visitor Information'?

- (1) to allow visitors to give feedback about the show at ticketing@exhibition.com.sg
- (2) to ensure that the visitors follow the rules of correct or polite behaviour
- (3) to arouse the interest of the visitors to go for The Singapura Experience
- (4) to check whether the visitors have understood the information presented in the flyer

27. Some information in this flyer is factual while others are opinions. Which of the following statements is a fact?

- (1) Visitors will be satisfied with The Singapura Experience.
- (2) Singaporeans went through an incredible change during its 700-year history.
- (3) Children have to be accompanied by parents in order to be admitted for Time Journey.
- (4) The free shuttle bus services provided make it more convenient for visitors to go to Fort Centre.

28. According to the flyer, if visitors have queries about the admission rules, they can _____.

- (1) refer to the FAQ page
- (2) follow the Facebook page
- (3) email the event organisers
- (4) visit the Visitor's Gallery on that day



NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL
2020 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION
PRIMARY 6

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

BOOKLET B

Name: _____ ()

Class: Pr. 6, _____

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4. Write all your answers in this booklet.

Section E – Grammar Cloze

There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

- | | | | | |
|-----------|-------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| (A) all | (D) between | (G) had | (K) it | (N) to |
| (B) among | (E) for | (H) have | (L) some | (P) when |
| (C) and | (F) from | (J) into | (M) the | (Q) which |

Hiccups are sharp, usually repeated, sounds made in the throat. They are very common _____ people and in most cases, harmless. Hiccups usually come (29) after eating or drinking too much or too quickly. The stomach, which is situated right below the diaphragm (a dome-shaped muscle at the bottom of your chest), swells and irritates it. When this happens, the diaphragm pulls down in a jerky way, which makes you suck air _____ your throat suddenly. When the air rushing in hits your voice box, your (30) vocal cords suddenly close _____ you will give a loud hiccup. Almost all cases (31) of the hiccups last only a few minutes. Some cases of the hiccups can last _____ days or even months, but this is very unusual and _____ (32) (33) may be a sign of another medical problem.

You _____ probably heard lots of suggestions on how to get rid of (34) hiccups. Some people hold their breaths and count _____ ten to get rid of their (35) hiccups. Other people drink from the "wrong" side of a glass of water to become hiccup-free. _____ parents even put sugar under the child's tongue to relieve him or (36)

her _____ the hiccups. The most famous treatment is having someone jump
(37)
out and scare you _____ you are not expecting it. However, hiccups generally
(38)
go away on their own, so these "treatments" are actually ineffective!

Adapted from <https://kidshealth.org>

Score:

Section F – Editing for Grammar and Spelling

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

Kielen started taking part in gymnastics competitions at the age of ten.

He was determined to become an Olympic champion one day. However, he slipped from

(39)

the high bar during training one day and suzteined a terrible head injury. He was so

(40)

badly injured that frequent blackouts happened whenever he blinking his eyes. The

doctor told him that he would have to be confined to his bed and not move

(41)

(42)

unnecessary. Kielen was devastated. He stayed home to recooperait and missed

school for about a year. Each time he passed by the gymnasium after his return to

(43)

school, it seemed to be backening him to go back for his training. Kielen had to

(44)

overcome the chairlenges of that awful injury and retrain his brain to get back his

coordination.

(45)

Kielen's parents stood beside him, giving him a lot of encouragement during

(46)

that period of time. He purseveered and was back in the gymnasium after fifteen

months. With his confidence shaken, it took him almost three years to get back to

where he had been before the accident.

Score:

(47)

Kielen never gave up and sukseeded in becoming the World Cup floor

(48)

champion in 2011, and his greatest moment of glorious was when he qualified for the

(49)

London 2012 Olympics. After be in terrible pain and experiencing setbacks for years,

(50)

Kielen had finally become a Olympic athlete. It was indeed a magnificent example of

the Olympic spirit!

Adapted from <https://www.lifehack.org>

Score:

Section G – Comprehension Cloze

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

The invention of the smartphone enables people to take photographs at their own leisure. _____ the smartphone, photography was usually not an everyday thing. It was a craft reserved for professionals. Now, people have the _____ to take more pictures than before, and more frequently too, as _____ as they own a smartphone.

After I have _____ my first smartphone, I have been taking pictures of small moments of happiness with my family and the little instances of beauty I _____ across when I travel to different parts of the world. Engaging _____ photography like this helps me to cultivate my creativity and makes me appreciate the world around me. It is amazing how we are _____ to document the moments of our lives like this.

Many of us often dwell on the more negative things that happen to us in our everyday lives. For _____, we can go on a great vacation and eat marvellous food, _____ on our flight back, we will complain about the hotel staff who was rude to us at the lobby on our last day. We should train ourselves to spend more time thinking about the good things in life _____ of being so negative. I find that the more I do this, the _____ interesting or pleasurable moments and images I capture. That is _____ the process of taking those pictures allows me to immerse in those moments, leading me to spend more time with them rather than focusing on the sad moments. And this _____ me happier!

People often associate photography with professionals with a certain amount of knowledge but the truth is, practice makes _____. If we do anything on a regular _____, we will improve. Anyone can become a great photographer with a bit of practice.

Adapted from <https://www.forbes.com>Score:

Section H – Synthesis & 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 criminal repented. It influenced the judge.

The judge _____

67. Mrs Tan asked her son, "Why did you leave my book here?"

Mrs Tan asked her son why _____

68. The workers resigned suddenly. The company could no longer operate.

With the sudden _____

69. Ron had not given a speech before. Ron was nervous.

Not _____

70. The chicken is undercooked. It is not recommended to eat it.

To eat such _____

Score:

Section I – Comprehension

Read this passage and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

Growing up on the dusty streets of Lagos, Nigeria, is not easy. With a population of almost 15 million people, Lagos is the largest city in the country, and the entire continent of Africa. When travellers come from around the world, they are captivated by its many glossy skyscrapers, but there is a far deeper and darker side to it.	1 5
My parents worked in the oil industry, so we were well-off and we lived in a tranquil estate which was fenced off and protected round the clock by armed security guards. In my estate, there were perfectly-paved tar roads, pavements lined with majestic palm trees, and state-of-the-art air-conditioned buildings designed by famous architects. However, each time we left the estate for school or work, we would see the real Lagos. It was one in which roads had potholes, narrow walkways where the sun shone mercilessly on the pedestrians, and poorly-built homes which baked like ovens on sunny days and acted like watering cans on rainy days.	10
While I could see how Lagos was like, my protective parents never allowed me out on the streets. Victor, our gardener, noticed that I had been disturbed by the contrast between my life and that of most other children in Lagos, and he sat me down one day after breakfast.	15
"Nelson, do you really want to experience what life is like in the real Lagos?" Victor asked, in his usual kind but serious tone.	
"Definitely. Can you help convince Papa and Mama? Please?" I pleaded.	20
Victor nodded as he felt that the experience would help me to learn empathy. That night, he proposed a solution that would satisfy both my curiosity and my parents' concern for my safety. Victor would let me live at his home that weekend and I could interact with the children in his neighbourhood. He would act as my bodyguard and would inform my parents every hour about how I was doing. My parents reluctantly agreed to this , though I did not share their sentiments. Instead, my heart was racing at the thought of that weekend in the real Lagos!	25
That Saturday morning, my teary-eyed parents bade me farewell as Victor put me onto his rickety motorcycle and we rode off to his neighbourhood. Along the way, he had to swerve repeatedly to avoid the many potholes on the road to get to his home, making me nauseous. Several times, my heart leapt as we had near misses with children playing outside their homes and chickens escaping from makeshift coops in the homes.	30
By the time I got off the motorcycle, my enthusiasm at experiencing the real Lagos had long turned into fear. I had never imagined the danger that Victor must undergo each time he headed home from work. His son, Jemba, welcomed me at the door and he showed me to his "room". It was not a room, but a corner of the house sealed off by a curtain. It was right next to caged chickens which Victor kept in order to provide their family with eggs, and rarely, meat. Jemba did not have a bed but slept on a mat made from straw.	35 40
"We will share the mat tonight! Which side do you want?" asked Jemba politely. "The side away from the chickens..." my voice trailed off.	

<p>Once I laid my things down, Jemba and I went out to play under the watchful eye of his father. We kicked a small rubber ball around, then chased each other in a game of "Catch", and we threw stones at cans we found on the street. Every hour or so, Victor would walk into the nearest home of a neighbour with a telephone. As the day went on, I began to lose my fear and enjoyed the company of Jemba and Victor. Many children on the street would join us in our games. I had never had so much fun before as everything was spontaneous. When the sun began to set, Victor hurried us home for dinner.</p>	45
<p>When we arrived at Victor's home, we sat down for a simple dinner of eggs and porridge. Victor's wife offered to cook a chicken for me, but I declined, knowing that in their home, eating chicken was reserved only for very special occasions. My visit certainly did not deserve that. We had a great conversation over dinner and chatted till it was close to midnight.</p>	50
<p>As I lay on the straw mat that night, I realised that, no doubt, on the streets of the real Lagos, there was danger. There was poverty and there was suffering. But there was also joy, spontaneity and generosity. And this is what makes the difficult lives the people in Lagos led much more bearable.</p>	55

71. Which word from lines 6-10 tells you that the writer's home was quiet and peaceful? [1m]

72. Why do many outsiders think that Lagos is a rich city? [1m]

73. Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. The first one has been done for you. [3m]

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer to
e.g. they (line 3)	travellers from around the world
a. it (line 5)	
b. this (line 26)	
c. that (line 54)	

Score:

74. Which **two** of the following words best describe the writer's feelings in lines 34-42? Put a tick ✓ in the box beside each of your answers. [2m]
DO NOT TICK MORE THAN TWO BOXES.

angry	
disgusted	
relieved	

afraid	
enthusiastic	
curious	

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

	The writer wanted to experience the streets in Lagos.
	The writer saw that the streets in Lagos were different from his home.
	The writer's parents relented after hearing Victor's proposal.

76. The writer wanted to experience the real street life in Lagos. Why did the characters in lines 21-27 feel differently about the request? [3m]

Character	How they felt	What made the character/s feel that way
The writer's parents	reluctant	
Victor	agreeable	
The writer	enthusiastic	

Score:

77. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	True / False	Reason
The writer's parents were upset when the writer left for Victor's home.		
Victor went to the homes of his neighbours with a telephone to chat with them.		
The writer avoided the street children when playing with Jemba.		

78. Was Jemba's room comfortable? Support your answer with two examples on how Jemba's room was described in the text. [2m]

79. Explain how the home which the writer lived in and those in the real Lagos are different. [2m]

80. Do you think that the writer enjoyed his experience staying in Victor's home? Support your answer with an example of what he did in the text. [2m]

*** End of Paper ***

Have you checked your work thoroughly?

Score:

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BOOKLET A

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

BOOKLET B

Q29. (B)

Q30. (J)

Q31. (C)

Q32. (E)

Q33. (K)

Q34. (H)

Q35. (N)

Q36. (L)

Q37. (F)

Q38. (P)

Q39. Sustained

Q40. Blinked

Q41. Unnecessarily

Q42. Recuperate

Q43. Beckoning

Q44. Challenges

Q45. With

Q46. Persevered

Q47. Succeeded

Q48. Glory

Q49. Being

Q50. an

Q51. Before

Q52. Opportunity

Q53. Long

Q54. Gotten

Q55. Come

Q56. In

Q57. Able

Q58. Example

Q59. But

Q60. Instead

Q61. More

Q62. Because

Q63. Makes

Q64. Perfect

Q65. Basis

- Q66. The judge was influenced by the criminal's repentance.
- Q67. Mrs Tan asked her son why he had left her book there
- Q68. With the sudden resignation of the workers, the company could no longer operate.
- Q69. Not having given a speech before ,Ron was nervous.
- Q70. To eat such an undercooked chicken is not recommended.
- Q71. Tranquil
- Q72. The outsiders only saw the brighter side of Lagos, with its many glossy sky scrapers, but not the deeper and darker side of Lagos.
- Q73. Line 5 : Lagos
Line 26 : Victor letting Nelson live at his home in real Lagos.
Line 54 : Victor's wife cooking a chicken for Nelson.
- Q74. Disgusted , Afraid
- Q75. (2 , 1 , 3)
- Q76. a). They were concerned of the writer's safety.
b). Victor thinks letting the writer experience life in real Lagos would help him learn empathy.
c). He was excited that he could spend a weekend in the real Lagos.
- Q77. a). True , They were teary – eyed when the writer left.
b). False , Victor want to the homes of his neighbours with a telephone to call the writer's parent and tell them how the writer was doing.
c). False , When playing with Jemba, many children on the street joined them in their games and the writer had a lot of fun.
- Q78. Jemba's room was not comfortable. Instead of bed, it had a mat made out of straw and the "room" was right next to the caged chickens which Victor kept.
- Q79. The home in which the writer lived in was tranquil and had a state-of-the-art air condition buildings designed by famous architects. The homes in real Lagos were dilapidated and poorly built.
- Q80. Yes, I think that the writer enjoyed his experience. The writer had a great conversation with Victor and his wife at Victor's home until it was close to midnight.

END

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NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL

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PRIMARY 6

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 1

Total Time for Paper 1: 1 h 10 min

Total Marks: 55 marks

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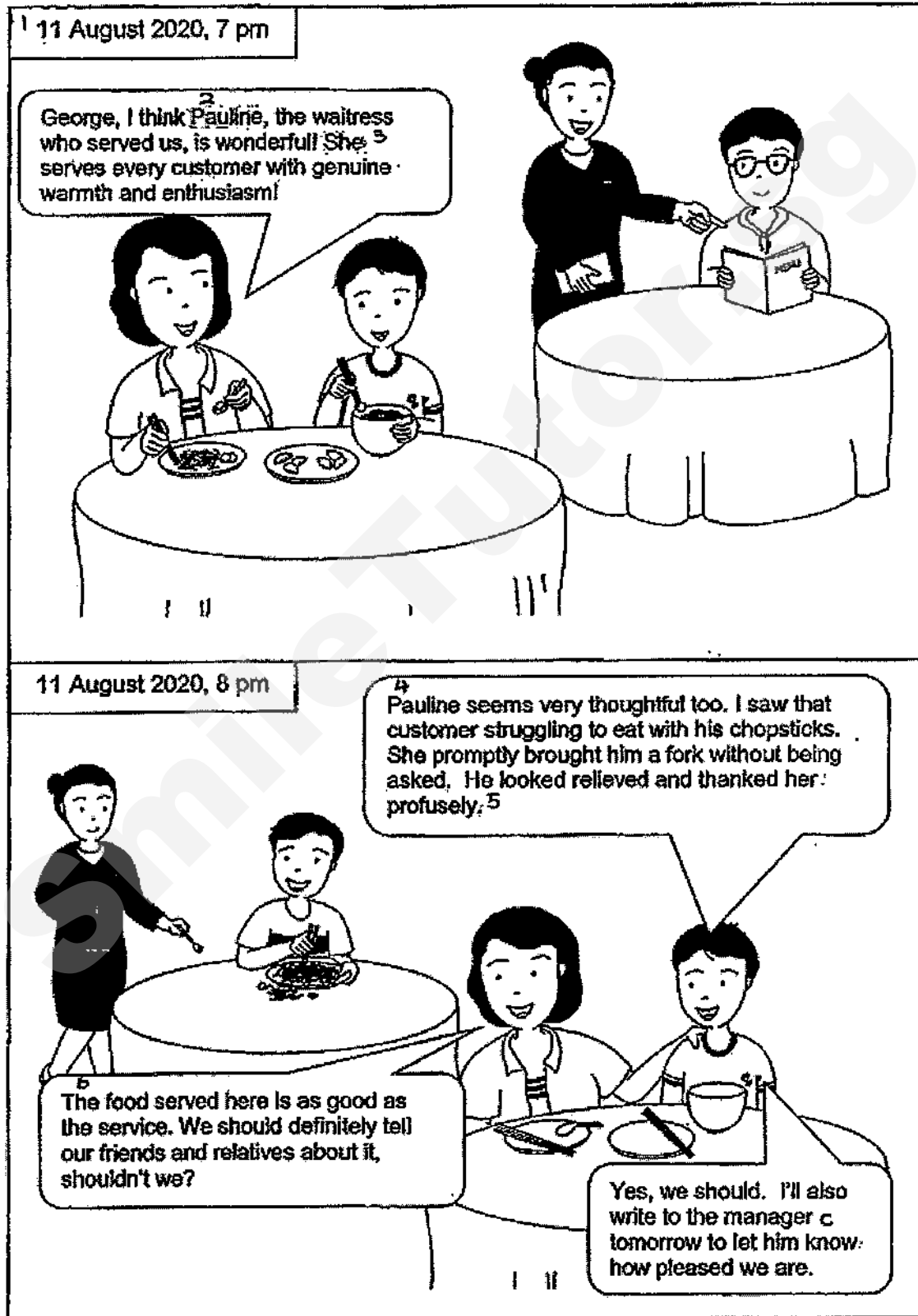
Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary 6 ()

Parent's signature: _____

Part 1: Situational Writing (15 marks)

1. The pictures below show a conversation between George and his mother. The conversation took place in Orchid Restaurant. Study the pictures carefully.



Your Task

Imagine you are George.

Write an email to the Manager of Orchid Restaurant to give him some feedback.

You are to refer to the pictures and information on page 2 for your email.

In your email, include the following key information:

- the date you were at the restaurant
- the name of the employee whom you wish to commend
- two things the employee did well
- how a customer responded to the employee's action
- why you would recommend the restaurant to others

You may reorder the points. Remember to write in complete sentences.

(Go on to the next page)

Part 2: Continuous Writing (40 marks)

- 2** Write a composition of at least 150 words about a plan.

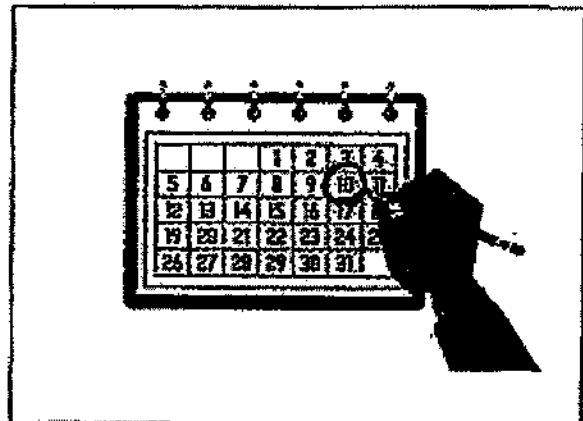
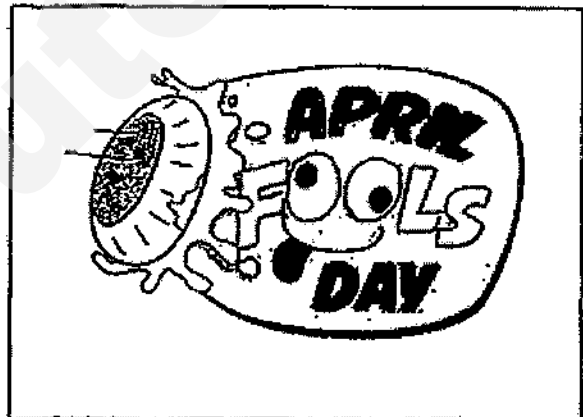
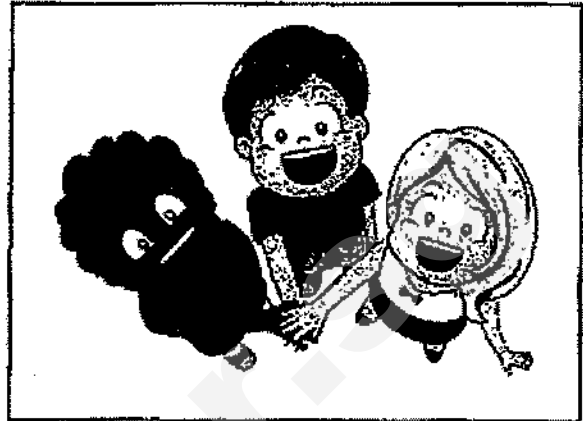
The pictures are provided to help you think about this topic.

Your composition should be based on one or more of these pictures.

Consider the following points when you plan your composition:

- What was the reason for the plan?
- How was the plan carried out?

You may use the points in any order and include other relevant points as well.





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**ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
(BOOKLET A)**

Additional Materials: Optical Answer Sheet (OAS)

Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1 h 50 min

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

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Class: Primary 6 ()

For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS). (10 marks)

1. Sara hardly goes out at night, _____ she?
(1) did
(2) does
(3) didn't
(4) doesn't
2. "The sports equipment _____ moved to the storeroom yesterday," the student informed the teacher.
(1) is
(2) are
(3) was
(4) were
3. If you _____ the safety rules, you would not have slipped and fallen.
(1) followed
(2) had followed
(3) have followed
(4) have been following
4. _____ the obstacles faced by the team, the members refused to give up and completed the project successfully.
(1) Due to
(2) Owing to
(3) As a result of
(4) Regardless of
5. The parrot _____ Daniel intends to buy has beautiful blue feathers.
(1) who
(2) which
(3) whom
(4) whose

6. Alex saw the lost toddler _____ sadly while concerned passers-by were trying to comfort her.
- (1) sob
 - (2) sobbing
 - (3) has sobbed
 - (4) had sobbed
7. Although Denzel was _____ hour late for the concert, the usher made _____ exception by allowing him into the theatre.
- (1) a ... a
 - (2) a ... an
 - (3) an ... a
 - (4) an ... an
8. "Either of you _____ the cookies without permission and the culprit should own up," Mother said angrily while staring at the twins.
- (1) is taking
 - (2) are taking
 - (3) has taken
 - (4) have taken
9. _____ chefs are able to cook Japanese food well unless they have undergone many years of training.
- (1) Few
 - (2) Most
 - (3) Many
 - (4) Some
10. All flights out of the airport will be postponed _____ the heavy snow continue to fall.
- (1) will
 - (2) shall
 - (3) would
 - (4) should

For each question from 11 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS). (5 marks)

11. The man's illness was _____ by him having an unhealthy diet for many years.
- (1) brought on
 - (2) brought out
 - (3) brought along
 - (4) brought forward
12. Winston's job _____ for the role of the manager at the company was successful and he was elated.
- (1) audition
 - (2) request
 - (3) application
 - (4) submission
13. The twins are so _____ that they insist on doing all the activities together.
- (1) indivisible
 - (2) inseparable
 - (3) indispensable
 - (4) undependable
14. The ballerina's performance was enchanting and she was given a standing _____ by the audience when it ended.
- (1) award
 - (2) honour
 - (3) ovation
 - (4) applause
15. The employer was fined for his _____ as he did not ensure that the safety procedures were followed.
- (1) ignorance
 - (2) negligence
 - (3) indifference
 - (4) nonchalance

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

Marie Curie was a brilliant researcher and professor. When she was young, she decided it would be prudent to leave her war-torn city to continue her studies in Paris where it was safer. Years later, her research on the use of radium helped to alleviate the pain and suffering of many patients and they were very grateful to her.

As someone who did not like to draw attention to herself, the unassuming Marie Curie was admired by scientists throughout the world and held in high esteem. The importance of her work was reflected in the numerous awards conferred on her. She was also the only woman to receive the Nobel Prize twice in her life.

Adapted from nobelprize.org

16. (1) sensible
(2) sensitive
(3) respectable
(4) responsible
17. (1) ease
(2) sustain
(3) increase
(4) maintain
18. (1) bold
(2) modest
(3) assertive
(4) confident
19. (1) praise
(2) regard
(3) concern
(4) mention
20. (1) approved
(2) rewarded
(3) bestowed
(4) reinforced

Study this flyer carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28.

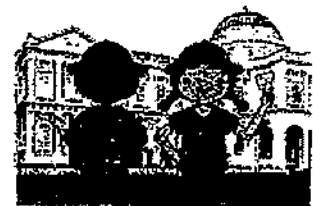
Explore Singapore's Rich Heritage

An exciting place of discoveries

The Singapore Museum, Singapore's oldest museum, is a land of discoveries. Join us on an exciting journey to explore Singapore's rich heritage. Immerse yourself in the Singapore Story, told through historical artefacts and exhibits on display. Learn about Singapore and the people from the past by taking a heritage trail through our interactive galleries.

History Gallery

Trace Singapore's history and milestones at different periods: pre-colonial years, colonial years, Japanese Occupation and post-independence years, by viewing an interactive timeline displayed on the museum walls.



Singapore's Changing Landscape Gallery

Enjoy an immersive experience at this digital exhibition. The rich diversity of Singapore's wildlife is captured by digital drawings that bring the plants and animals to life.



Win a dinner for four at *Heritage of Singapore*, the newly-opened restaurant at the museum

Heritage of Singapore serves a wide array of delectable local dishes. Take a photo with your favourite dish and upload it with creative caption on the restaurant's Facebook page: [Heritage@SM](#).

Three lucky winners will each receive a dinner voucher for four people!

Contacts

To donate artefacts, please email us at: curator@singaporemuseum.com

To organise group visits, please call our customer service hotline: 6333 4488

Life in Singapore Gallery

Experience a multi-sensory learning journey at the various exhibits. Be fascinated by historical figures and listen to audio recordings of how they had contributed to Singapore's economic development. Be thrilled by interesting artefacts that you can touch and play with, such as old toys, typewriters and porcelain. Be amazed by the distinctive scents of the past by taking in different smells at the sniff stations. Lastly, be delighted by the free samples of sweet treats at the end of your tour.

JOIN IN THE FUN!

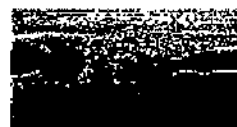
**Limited places. Register for these workshops early at www.singaporemuseum.com to avoid disappointment.*



Yummy Peranakan Baking (10 to 12 years old)

Join us for a delightful 2-hour session with local celebrity baker Rose Chan. Do not miss this opportunity for a hands-on experience in making traditional kuehs and savouring them!

*Sessions conducted at 12 noon and 2p.m. daily.
Maximum 15 participants. All children must be with an accompanying adult.
All ingredients and equipment are provided. \$10/pair.*



Toy Making Workshop (6 to 10 years old)

Get creative and make your very own toy using recyclables provided. 30-min demonstrations conducted at 1 p.m., 3 p.m., and 5 p.m. daily. Maximum 30 participants. Free admission.

Testimonial by eight-year-old Luke about the Singapore Museum:

I used to think museums are old and boring. My opinion changed after I visited the Singapore Museum. I felt like an adventurous explorer, discovering new and interesting things about the past.

My favourite gallery is Life in Singapore, where I saw historical figures and listened to their stories from audio recordings. I even got to smell spices like cardamom and saffron. My mom signed me up for the workshops which were so fun!

I really look forward to another outing to the museum again!

For each question from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

(8 marks)

21. Which of the following is the most likely reason that the heading, "Explore Singapore's Rich Heritage" is in bold?

- (1) to draw attention to the theme of the museum
- (2) to convey excitement about the museum's new exhibits
- (3) to emphasise that the museum is an educational place to visit
- (4) to highlight the different dishes that showcase Singapore's heritage

22. Which of the following statements about the History Gallery is correct? It _____.

- (1) highlights important events in Singapore's history
- (2) has a virtual display featuring wildlife in Singapore
- (3) allows visitors to hear stories about Singapore's past
- (4) features a workshop where participants get to see and make traditional cakes

23. Which of the following statements relating to the Singapore Museum's restaurant is not true?

- (1) The restaurant opened recently.
- (2) Each contest winner can dine for free together with three guests.
- (3) The restaurant serves a wide variety of tasty international cuisines.
- (4) Contest participants must post photos at the restaurant's Facebook page.

24. The word "multi-sensory" is used to describe the Life in Singapore Gallery because visitors can _____.

- (1) taste sweet treats of the past
- (2) touch the historical artefacts to learn how they work
- (3) experience the activities using their different senses
- (4) feel a range of emotions when doing the different activities

25. According to the flyer, what is similar about the two workshops?
- (1) There is no limit to the number of participants.
 - (2) There are only two workshop sessions per day.
 - (3) Participants will end up with handmade products.
 - (4) Only children are allowed to attend the workshops.
26. Wen Jing would like to take part in both workshops, but she has to leave the museum by 3.30p.m. What should Wen Jing do?
- (1) sign up early for the workshops
 - (2) pay for both workshops before she turns up
 - (3) attend the toy workshop before the baking workshop
 - (4) bring along the necessary materials for the workshops
27. A teacher who would like to take her class to the museum for a learning journey should _____.
- (1) call the customer service hotline at 6333 4488
 - (2) register at the website: www.singaporemuseum.com
 - (3) leave a comment on the Facebook page: Heritage@SM
 - (4) email the person-in-charge at: curator@singaporemuseum.com
28. What is the main purpose of including Luke's testimonial in the flyer?
- (1) to get readers interested in visiting the museum
 - (2) to encourage readers to be adventurous explorers
 - (3) to educate readers about Singapore's historical past
 - (4) to inform readers about the fun workshops at the museum

(Go on to Booklet B)



NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL

**2020
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**ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
(BOOKLET B)**

Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1 h 50 min

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Write your name, index number and class in the space provided below.
2. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.
5. Write all your answers in this booklet.

PAPER 2 – Language Use and Comprehension	B:	/67
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Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary 6 ()

Parent's signature: _____

Please sign and return the examination paper the next day. Any queries should be raised at the same time when returning paper.

There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

A) although	D) despite	G) like	K) one	N) to
B) also	E) each	H) many	L) there	P) when
C) are	F) is	J) not	M) them	Q) which

The Caring Hearts Organisation has been making a difference in the lives of children with disadvantaged backgrounds since 2011. The volunteers in the organisation play _____ roles, such as teacher, student care manager and counsellor. (29)

_____ their hectic schedules, the volunteers make it a point to spend time with the children every week. They _____ only help to plan the lessons, but also teach the children important skills _____ collaboration and teamwork. (30) (31) (32)

_____ is a structured programme for the children every day. At the start of the day, a session of fun games _____ conducted to help the children warm up to _____ another. Then, interactive learning materials are used _____ engage the children in hands-on activities. The day ends with a read-along session, a time _____ the children get to listen to a story they enjoy. (33) (34) (35) (36) (37)

_____ planning for the activities involves hard work on the part of the volunteers, they find their work extremely meaningful. They work very well together as a team to bring joy and love to the children every day. (38)

Score: _____

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

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I am passionate about reading. Although I have serverel hobbies such as

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watching movies and hiking, reading books is my faverite pastime. There are

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a few reasons why I love reading. The first reason is that books rejuvinate

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me. Reading a book always transported me to faraway lands where I can let my

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imagination soar. This brings me many joy.

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The second reason is that reading makes my mind sharp. It is a know

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fact that reading widely has many advantages. The knowledge I gain for reading

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enables me to know more about the world. I am also secret pleased by the fact

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that whenever I utter a clever kote from a book, everyone around me would be

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dumpfounded.

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While most people find reading to be an upheel task, reading is a source

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of enjoyment for me. I had made it a habit to read at least a chapter before my

bedtime daily. Reading may be a chore for others, but definitely not for me!

Adapted from: <https://www.essaysnchguide.com/my-hobby-essay-examples.html>

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Score:

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

There are many brands of bottled water which one can buy from the supermarket. Many Singaporeans often purchase bottled water to _____ their thirst, and this has become so common _____ people often forget that there is a much more affordable source of water that is available- tap water.

_____ to research, Singaporeans spent nearly \$180 million buying bottled water in 2018. They could have easily _____ most of that money simply by drinking tap water.

The Public Utilities Board in Singapore invests a lot of money in advanced technology to _____ that our water is thoroughly cleaned so that it is _____ for consumption. In fact, many studies have been carried _____ to test the cleanliness of Singapore's tap water. In one study, fifteen samples of tap water were _____ from homes, eateries, and even toilets located in different areas of Singapore. Many thought that these samples would not be clean, but contrary to popular _____, they contained only an insignificant amount of bacteria. This means that one is _____ to fill a bottle with clean, drinkable water at any tap in Singapore _____ any worry.

_____ reducing our spending, drinking tap water also benefits the environment. When we buy bottled water, we often _____ the plastic bottles after we have emptied them. This is extremely environmentally unfriendly. If we _____ to drinking tap water using reusable bottles, we will be able to _____ down on plastic waste by a lot.

Singaporeans have taken steps to reduce the use of plastic bags and straws from their daily life. Perhaps it is also time to give up bottled water and turn on the tap instead.

Score:

For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in **one** sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s). (10 marks)

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66. The culprit is being scolded by the discipline master.

The discipline master _____

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67. Both of the fans were not working.

Neither of _____

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68. Alice persevered and managed to overcome the challenges.

Through _____

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69. Luke complained that John had taken the game without his permission the previous week.

"_____, "
_____, " complained Luke.

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70. The teacher saw his untidy work and instructed him to write neatly.

Having _____

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Score:

Read this passage and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

Radin and his mother lived in a rundown hut. Next to it was a well where Radin's mother washed the clothes of people who lived in the bungalows. "Radin, run along. I know you want to lighten my load but you'll be late for school," Radin's mother would say. However, Radin would take a look at her blistered fingers, then continue to fill the pails with water from the well after sweeping the floor. After finishing the chores, Radin would then walk to school with his neighbours, Kassim and Mulan.

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One day, Mulan asked Radin to catch her a small fish that she could rear in a small aquarium. Radin ran back home for his fishing net and met Kassim at a nearby stream.

They stayed in the stream for a long time without any success as the fishing net was full of large holes. Frustrated, Radin threw away his fishing net and used a different technique to catch a fish.

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After a short while, Radin managed to scoop up a wriggling black fish with his hands. He dropped the fish into a small jar full of water and both of them looked at the fish in amazement.

"What a beautiful and rare fighting fish! Let's keep it," Radin said.

"What about your promise to Mulan?" asked Kassim.

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Radin hesitated and answered, "Let's worry about that later." Then, they went home.

That evening, Mulan went to Radin's house hurriedly, eager to know if he had caught a fish for her. Radin lied that he was too busy helping his mother. Mulan left, thinking, "I'll be patient. Radin will surely get me one when he's free."

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After Mulan left, Radin went behind the house and saw Kassim looking at the fighting fish which he had transferred into a glass jar.

"Are you really going to keep this fish? You're supposed to give it to Mulan," Kassim said, feeling uneasy.

"I can always catch Mulan another fish," Radin said to Kassim. "We can sell this rare fish for a lot of money." Deep in his heart, he knew that the money would definitely help to supplement his mother's meagre earnings.

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Radin's mother, who had been in the kitchen all the time where she could hear them, came storming out. Sensing trouble, Kassim left quickly.

"You bad boy!" she yelled. "Take this fish straight to Mulan's house and tell her the truth!"

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Radin was ashamed of himself. He picked up the jar and hurried away with tears in his eyes.

When he saw Mulan, he confessed that he had done something wrong. He explained what had happened and apologised.

Mulan exclaimed, "This beautiful fish will look perfect in my aquarium!" She grasped the jar. Then, Mulan grew quiet for a while and suggested, "I think you need this fish more than me. Why don't you keep this fish and catch me a few guppies tomorrow?"

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Radin's eyes grew wide in disbelief. "You're my true friend indeed. I'll catch you plenty of colourful guppies!" Radin gushed. Mulan laughed and handed the jar to Radin.

Adapted from: The Wayang At Eight Milestone – Gregory Nalpon

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write in this
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71. What did Radin's mother do for a living? [1m]

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72. Explain clearly why Radin helped his mother with the housework. [2m]

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73. Based on paragraphs one to four, which two words best describe Radin's personality? Put a tick ✓ in the box beside each of your answers. [2m]

filial	<input type="checkbox"/>	persistent	<input type="checkbox"/>	curious	<input type="checkbox"/>
disobedient	<input type="checkbox"/>	incapable	<input type="checkbox"/>	dishonest	<input type="checkbox"/>

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74. Explain clearly why Radin threw away his fishing net in frustration. [2m]

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75. Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. [3m]

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
different technique (line 10)	
that (line 16)	
something wrong (line 33)	

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

_____	Radin felt grateful to Mulan.
_____	Mulan asked Radin for a favour.
_____	Radin put the fish into a jar that was filled with water.

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77. Based on the story, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [2m]

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Statement	True/False	Reason
Radin lived near Kassim.		
Mulan doubted Radin when he told her that he was too busy to catch a fish for her.		

78. Why did Radin want to keep the rare fighting fish? [2m]

79. Based on information from lines 27 to 39, fill in the blanks in the table. [3m]

What happened	How the character felt	What happened as a result
Kassim saw Radin's mother storming out of the kitchen.	Kassim was _____.	Kassim left quickly.
Radin's mother _____ _____	Radin's mother was furious.	Radin's mother scolded Radin.
Mulan told Radin to keep the fish in the end.	Radin was shocked.	Radin promised to _____ _____

80. Why was Mulan a "true friend" (line 38) to Radin? [2m]

End of Paper

Score:

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BOOKLET A
Sections A to C: Grammar & Vocab

Grammar (10m)				
1.	2	8.	2	
2.	3	7.	4	
3.	2	8.	3	
4.	4	9.	1	
5.	2	10.	4	

Vocab (5m)				
11.	1			
12.	3			
13.	2			
14.	3			
15.	2			

Vocab Cloze (5m)				
16.	1			
17.	1			
18.	2			
19.	2			
20.	3			

Section D: Visual Text Comprehension

Visual Text (8m)				
21.	1	28.	1	
22.	1	27.	1	
23.	3	28.	1	
24.	3			
25.	3			

BOOKLET B
Editing & Visual Text

Grammar Cloze (10m)				
29.	H (many)			
30.	D (Despite)			
31.	J (not)			
32.	G (like)			
33.	L (there)			
34.	F (is)			
35.	K (one)			
36.	N (to)			
37.	P (when)			
38.	A (Although)			

Editing (12m)				
39.	several			
40.	favourite			
41.	adjustable			
42.	transports			
43.	much			
44.	known			
45.	from			
46.	secretly			
47.	quote			
48.	dumbfounded			
49.	uphill			
50.	have			

Score Passage (15 marks)

	Answer
51.	quench
52.	that
53.	According
54.	saved
55.	ensure
56.	sale
57.	out
58.	collected
59.	belief
60.	able
61.	without
62.	Basidas
63.	discard
64.	switch
65.	cut

SYNTHESIS & TRANSFORMATION (10 marks)

68.	The client is being scolded by the discipline master.
	The discipline master is scolding the client.
67.	Both of the fans were not working.
	Neither of the fans was working.
66.	Alice persevered and managed to overcome the challenges.
	Through her perseverance, Alice managed to overcome the challenges.
	Through Alice's perseverance, she managed to overcome the challenges.
69.	Luca complained that John had taken the game without his permission the previous week.
	"John took the game without my permission last week," Luca complained.
70.	The teacher saw his untidy work and instructed him to write neatly.
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COMPREHENSION (20 marks)

71.	What did Radin's mother do for a living? (1m)									
	She washed the clothes of other people									
72	Explain clearly why Radin helped his mother with the housework. (2m)									
	He had noticed her battered fingers and wanted to lighten her load.									
73.	Based on paragraph one to four, which two words best describe Radin? Put a tick in the box to indicate your answers. (2m)									
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80.	Why was Mulan a "true friend" (line 39) to Radin? (2m)													
	She knew that Radin needed the fish more than her and gave him the fish.													

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RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL
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2020

Your Score Out of 55 marks	
Parent's Signature	

Name: _____ () Class: P6 _____

17 August 2020 English Language Duration: 1 h 10 min


PAPER 1 (WRITING)

Instructions to Pupils

- 1. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.**
- 2. Answer all questions.**

Part 1: Situational Writing (15 marks)

1. The pictures below show two friends, Andy and Jane, discussing how their friend, Rathy, is the best choice to represent their class in the Inter-class Photography Competition.



David Tan

Greenlife Primary School
Inter-class Photography Competition

Organised by Greenlife Primary Photography Club


All participants will get to attend an exclusive photography workshop by David Tan, a famous photographer. David Tan will also be judging the contest!

Registration details:

Every class has to send in a representative supported by a teacher's nomination.

Deadline for submission of name: 15 October 2020

For more information, please approach Ms Siti, the teacher-in-charge of Greenlife Primary Photography Club.



Hey, Jane! I think Rathy should join this competition! She is a huge fan of David Tan!



You're right, Andy! Rathy takes amazing photographs! She is clearly the best choice! I'll include the nomination form as a document in my email to Mrs Lee!



Your Task

Imagine you are Jane.

Write an email to Rathy's form teacher, Mrs Lee, to ask her to nominate Rathy for the Inter-class Photography Competition.

You are to refer to the information on page 2 for your email.

In your email, include the following key information:

- the purpose of the email
- the organiser of the competition
- two reasons Rathy should join the competition
- the deadline for teacher to submit the name of class representative
- the document included in the email

You may reorder the points. Remember to write in complete sentences.

Part 2: Continuous Writing (40 marks)

2. Write a composition of at least 150 words about being thankful.

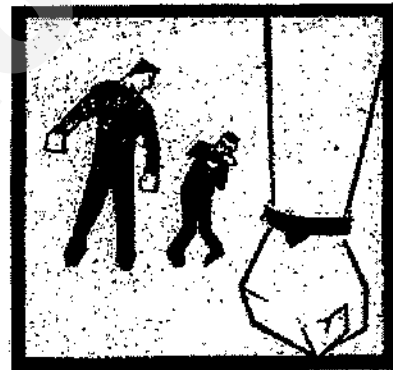
The pictures are provided to help you think about this topic.

Your composition should be based on one or more of these pictures.

Consider the following points when you plan your composition.

- What was the situation you have to be thankful for?
- Why were you thankful?
- What happened in the end?

You may use the points in any order and include other relevant points as well.





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17 August 2020 English Language Paper 2 Duration: 1 h 50 min

BOOKLET A

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5. Shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided for questions 1 to 28 only.

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Section A: Grammar (10 X 1 mark)

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

1. "Mary, you _____ better start revising your work as your examination is one month away!" hollered Mrs Tan when she saw Mary chatting excessively with her friends.

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

2. The shopping mall _____ closed recently for renovation.

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

3. Jenny does not speak English so I _____ to her in Korean when she was in class.

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

4. Jane does not want to miss the online class and neither _____ Mary, Siti and Devi.

(1) or
(2) do
(3) nor
(4) does

5. John was working on his assignment when he saw Mrs Tan _____ over a brick on the floor.

(1) trip
(2) trips
(3) tripped
(4) was tripping

6. Ashley's father believes in celebrating her success in school. In the recent grammar test, he praised her as she had made _____ mistakes as compared to before.

- (1) more
- (2) least
- (3) fewer
- (4) a little

7. After Jason had tied his shoelaces and _____ his bag, he ran to the bus-stop as fast as he could.

- (1) take
- (2) took
- (3) taken
- (4) taking

8. As I was unable to get more classes involved, my classmates had to clean the canteen by _____.

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

9. Joan refused to turn up for the Talent Time rehearsal _____ Mulan joined her. They had agreed to take part in the competition together.

- (1) if
- (2) unless
- (3) because
- (4) although

10. When we stayed home during the Circuit Breaker period, we learnt to be more tolerant _____ our family members.

- (1) of
- (2) to
- (3) with
- (4) about

Section B: Vocabulary (5 X 1 mark)

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

11. Hoping to stop the pandemic, the authorities had to implement _____ measures to prevent infection on a large scale.
- (1) blunt
 - (2) stark
 - (3) sharp
 - (4) harsh
12. Unable to get everybody's agreement, the plan to create an eco-garden in the community centre _____.
- (1) fell off
 - (2) fell down
 - (3) fell behind
 - (4) fell through
13. John le Carré, is a/an _____ name used by the famous author for his spy thrillers because he was still a spy when he wrote his first few books and could not reveal his identity.
- (1) fictitious
 - (2) romantic
 - (3) pretended
 - (4) counterfeit
14. Despite countless failures, Sara remained _____, always willing to take up new challenges.
- (1) loyal
 - (2) worthy
 - (3) reckless
 - (4) undaunted
15. Mother was annoyed when Lisa kept using her mobile phone _____ and interrupting dinner.
- (1) fervently
 - (2) longingly
 - (3) incessantly
 - (4) monotonously

Section C: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

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

The Sumerians first invented writing as a means of long distance communication which was made necessary by trade. With the rise of the cities in Mesopotamia, long-distance trade flourished (16) and with it, the need to be able to communicate across the expanses between cities or regions. (17) The earliest form of writing was pictographs which were symbols representing objects. The writing assisted (18) in remembering such things as how many parcels of grain went to which destination or how many sheep were required for events such as ceremonies in the temple. These pictographs were impressed (19) onto wet clay using a sharp marker, known as a stylus.

Writing soon evolved as people wanted to express concepts more complex (20) than financial transactions of lists of items. The Sumerians soon began using a more elaborate writing system using phonograms – symbols representing sounds – which allowed them to easily convey more precise meaning.

16. (1) thrived
(2) adjusted
(3) widened
(4) lengthened
17. (1) width
(2) distances
(3) wilderness
(4) remoteness
18. (1) aided
(2) stalled
(3) yielded
(4) benefited
19. (1) marked
(2) labelled
(3) stressed
(4) chiselled

20. (1) laboured
(2) thorough
(3) competent
(4) complicated

Efforts to Save Endangered Wildlife!

Despite mounting global efforts to save endangered wildlife, some species of wildlife still cannot escape the fate of being extinct. Worldwide, many educational programmes and measures are put in place to prevent populations of endangered wildlife from dwindling further.

Zoos



Wild animals are kept in captivity in zoos. Some have been saved from extinction through their breeding programmes. However, some animal activists object to this idea. They believe the animals are held in poor and cramped conditions.

Supporters of zoos argue that these animals are kept in habitats which closely resemble their natural environments. Modern zoos also conduct research and educate people about animals.

Wildlife Sanctuaries and National Parks

These places keep animals safe from being killed illegally. For example, wildlife sanctuaries in Africa allow African elephants to breed in safe environments. This results in an increase in their population. However, some locals object to sanctuaries being established because it may prevent them from using the land for traditional farming or hunting.



African Elephant

Sustainable Fishing



Due to the high demand for seafood, fishing practices all over the world are depleting fish and shellfish populations. To allow marine life to reproduce and increase their populations, we must learn to support habitats by not overfishing. Animal activists also believe strongly in the importance of sustainable fishing. Regulations and government policies are put in place to manage fishing activities. Hopefully, this will ensure that we leave enough fish in the oceans for future generations.

Education

Protection of wildlife is best supported when governments and the relevant authorities work together to educate people on wildlife conservation. They need to be discouraged from using products that contribute to the killing of endangered wildlife. Such products include elephant tusks and tiger skins.



Wildlife Conservation Fair

Come with your family to learn all about our wildlife conservation efforts!



Date: 15 December 2020

Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Venue: Expo City Hall 5

Free animal posters for the first 200 visitors!

Sale of Wildlife Books*

Purchase beautifully packaged photo books of animals in the wild at a special price of \$20 each.



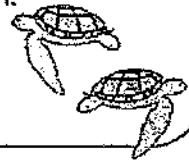
Public Education Zone

Our Wildlife Ambassadors stationed at this zone will share with visitors the global efforts of wildlife conservation.



Temporary Face Tattoo*

Unleash your wild side with a temporary animal tattoo at only \$2 each.



*All proceeds will go to the Wildlife Conservation Fund.

Stage Performances

Drop by the centre stage for musical performances by local artistes.



Sharing Session by Ms Thomson from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Ms Thomson from The Wildlife Foundation will provide tips on how you can do your part in conserving wildlife in Singapore.



More than 20 food and drink stalls

Get a free set of animal keychains when you purchase \$20 worth of food or drinks at participating stalls.



Call for Volunteers at The Wildlife Sanctuary

Suitable for ages 12 and above

We are looking for animal lovers to help take care of victims of the illegal animal trade. Volunteers will also help to provide care and maintenance of The Wildlife Sanctuary for up to a month.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer at The Wildlife Sanctuary, kindly contact us at volunteer@tws.org with the following information:

- Full name, age and occupation
- Areas of interest
- Reasons for volunteering



For each question from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1,2,3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.
(8 marks)

21. According to the section on 'Zoos', which of the following statements is not one of the purposes of most zoos?

- (1) to educate the public about wildlife
- (2) to conduct research on wild animals
- (3) to save endangered species from extinction
- (4) to make sure all wild animals breed in captivity

22. According to the flyer, the best way to save endangered animals is to _____.

- (1) keep all endangered animals in wildlife sanctuaries
- (2) educate people to reduce the killing of these animals
- (3) increase the number of animals kept in national parks
- (4) ensure animals have habitats like their natural environment

23. According to the section on "Wildlife sanctuaries and National Parks", some local farmers do not want to have wildlife sanctuaries because _____.

- (1) they want the land for farming
- (2) animals are kept in cramped conditions
- (3) unauthorised killing of animals may take place
- (4) it is not a safe environment for animal breeding

24. Which one of the following statements about sustainable fishing is true?

- (1) It is controlled by animal activists only.
- (2) It helps in the preservation of marine life.
- (3) It results in insufficient fish for future generations. ✗
- (4) It leads to a greater demand for fish and shellfish. ✗

25. What is the similarity between activities for "Sale of Wildlife Books" and "Temporary Face Tattoo"?

- (1) They give free posters of animals to visitors.
- (2) They ask visitors to donate to charities that they like.
- (3) They share ideas on how to safeguard wildlife globally.
- (4) They allow visitors to raise funds for the conservation of wildlife.

26. Mr Ong wants to get a free set of animal keychains. He has to _____.

- (1) buy a \$20 photo book
- (2) spend \$20 on food or drinks
- (3) be the first 200 visitors at the fair
- (4) volunteer at The Wildlife Sanctuary

27. What is the main purpose of the fair?

- (1) to attend training in caring for animals
- (2) to introduce musical performances by local artistes
- (3) to share what Ms Thomson is doing at The Wildlife Foundation
- (4) to educate the public on the conservation efforts made by activists

28. According to the flyer, what does The Wildlife Sanctuary look for in a volunteer?

- (1) be 12 years and below
- (2) have a great love for animals
- (3) have experience in handling animals
- (4) be able to commit for more than a month

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BOOKLET B

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SECTION E: Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38 in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) and	(D) for	(G) is	(K) though	(N) too
(B) are	(E) from	(H) of	(L) thus	(P) where
(C) before	(F) in	(J) on	(M) to	(Q) who

Many people suffer from lack of sleep. An overwhelming feeling _____ sleepiness
(29)
can occur during the mid-afternoon. However, it is common and taking naps _____ helpful
(30)
to your well-being as you improve alertness for several hours from waking. According to research,
there are many other benefits _____
(31)

Many would assume people who nap are lazy. However, nothing is further _____ the
(32)
truth. A group of researchers found that people who take naps are more productive _____
(33)
what they do as they have improved cognitive functioning, reaction times, short-term memory
_____ even mood.
(34)

Another research group found that motor learning, which is _____ brain pathways
(35)
change in response to learning a new skill, is significantly greater following a brief afternoon nap for
regular nappers when compared _____ non-nappers.
(36)

The amount of time you spend napping really depends _____ the time you have
(37)
available, how you want the nap to work _____ you and your plans for the coming night.
(38)
Generally speaking, the longer a nap is, the longer you will feel rejuvenated after waking.

Adapted from: "Guilty about that afternoon nap? Don't be. It's good for you" by The Conversation

Section F: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (12 × 1 mark)

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

- Koalas are interesting animals. Scientists have discovered that koalas get water by their
- (39)
- percutiq behavior of licking rain from tree trunks. That is new information. In the past,
- (40) (41)
- scientists believe that koalas got all of the liquid they needed from the consume of the leaves of eucalyptus trees.
- (42)
- The discovery came as a result of many years of "citizen science" - asking
- (43)
- ordinary people to report what they saw. Over a span of 12 years, every times
- (44)
- someone watched koalas in the rain, they saw the facinating behaviour. One
- (45)
- koala was even seen licked a tree for over half an hour.
- (46)
- In Australia's recent heatwaves, koalas have been seen vanturing away from their usual sources of water. If koalas normally depend on wet tree trunks for water, it
- (47)
- makes sense that they have to look for a wide verriety of sources of water during
- (48)
- long dry periods in order for them to servive and thrive. In one of the observations
- (49)
- made, they have even takes water from bikers. One reason the discovery was not made
- (50)
- earlier is abundently clear - people do not like to go out in rainy weather to watch koalas.

Adapted from Koalas Lick Wet Trees to get Water-Janine Duffy

Section G: Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Honey badgers are small members of the weasel family with big attitudes. Scientists have seen them take _____ animals much bigger than themselves. They are not just bold, they are _____ to be mean. The honey badgers are invasive and they will _____ a fight with anything from porcupines, to hyenas and even leopards.

First and foremost, the honey badger's name means "honey eater of The Cape". "The Cape" _____ to the Cape of Good Hope in South Africa where many of the honey badgers can be found. Honey badgers have also been found to reside in the Middle East, India and Western Asia. _____ one of their names is *ratel*, an Afrikaans word _____ might have been derived from the Dutch word for honeycomb, *raat*.

These voracious animals are named honey badgers because they like to _____ on honey and honeybee larvae. As omnivores, they also _____ insects, amphibians, reptiles, birds, and mammals, as well as roots, bulbs, berries, and fruits. _____ they hunt for their own food most of the time, they will happily steal from other carnivores or scavenge the kills of bigger animals when the opportunity arises.

Honey badgers can _____ to a variety of conditions, from warm rain forests to cool mountains. When they are not hibernating in winter, most honey badgers are active throughout the day. _____, near human settlements, they are usually nocturnal to avoid humans. They are usually unfriendly _____ who do not like to mix with others of their own kind.

Good at _____ rock crevices and hollowed trees into shelters, honey badgers will also make homes in the abandoned dens of other animals like porcupines and yellow mongooses

that have long since left their homes. Though honey badgers are commonly found, they are hunted in certain regions, especially when they come into conflict _____ farmers and
(64)
beekeepers. They are also eaten and harvested for the traditional medicine trade. The honey badger's reputation for bravery and tenacity makes these animals popular as traditional medicine because people believe eating them can _____ them brave and tenacious too.
(65)
Preventing the loss of honey badgers from those areas requires vigilance from local populations.

Adapted from <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/mammals/h/honey-badger/>

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

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

66. I opened my front gate. My pet dog ran out immediately.

67. Ali peeked into the unclaimed bag left on the table. He was a curious boy.

Out of _____

68. All the students do not know who has taken the laptop.

Nobody _____

69. Mr Tan had just hung out his washed clothes to dry. It started to rain.

No sooner _____

70. "Don't tell me what to do as I want to figure this out by myself," Chloe told her friend.

Chloe told her friend _____

Section I : Comprehension (Open-ended) 20 marks

Read this passage and answer questions 71 to 80.

I have had a successful career. Unlike most people, I am fortunate that my career was my hobby. I am often asked, "What got you interested in the weather?" My answer is always the same, "I had a sign from above."

It was a long time ago now – a summer's morning in 1959 – when I was an 11-year-old boy living in the outer suburbs of Melbourne. The area located over our family's back fence was a large stretch of apple and pear orchards and this formed an ideal playground for the neighbourhood boys. There were three of us in our little gang, all of similar age and small for our size. We spent many hours roaming free in the orchards and most importantly, without any interference from adults.

We had made friends with the local fruit farmer and struck a deal with him. In exchange for us patrolling the area and keeping the other children out, we could help ourselves to all the apples and pears we wanted. We were his unofficial security force and revelled in the authority this gave us. Thankfully, none of the bigger boys in the area challenged us as we would almost certainly have come off the worse for wear.

On one particular summer's morning, we were wandering along one of the long rows of pear trees when we saw something very strange. Draped over a tree was a large plastic parachute and this was tied to a cardboard box, about the size of two loaves of bread.

This interested us greatly. Watching a parachute display at a fair had sparked our interest earlier and our little gang had already spent many hours of spare time making our own, using weighted handkerchiefs and dropping them from a large tree in our backyard. We were enthralled with the way they fell and how far they travelled before hitting the ground.

So, on finding this object, an immediate inspection was called for and we discovered from a written message on the box that the mysterious objects were the remnants of a Bureau of Meteorology weather balloon that had, by pure chance, fallen close to our back fence after a long journey high in the sky across Melbourne.

A printed note on the balloon asked the finder to take it to the nearest post office from where it would be returned, free of charge, to the Bureau of Meteorology. I was amazed by this find and could not stop thinking or reading up about it – my father photographed the three of us holding it as a souvenir – and for a time, we were all the talk of the neighbourhood. The local newspaper even wrote an article about us and what we had found. The following week, I proudly went to the post office accompanied by my parents to do my duty, where a disinterested postal official took possession of it. It disappeared back into the sorting room where we assumed it belonged.

I never saw it again, but the events of that golden summer morning would last for the rest of my life. Right there and then, I decided to become a meteorologist and much of my early life became directed with this aim in mind. From then on, I knew what I wanted to be. After earning a degree in Science from the university, I joined the Bureau of Meteorology and spent

the next 31 years with the organisation. It was an amazing period of phenomenal progress with weather satellites, automatic weather stations and computers.

And it all started with "a sign from above".

Adapted from: "My Story" by Richard Whitaker, Singapore Reader's Digest, February 2020, pp 12 – 14

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71. Which sentence in paragraph 1 tells you that for the narrator, his career was enjoyable for him? (1m)

72. Based on lines 4-9, give two reasons why the area located over the narrator's back fence was an ideal playground for the narrator and his friends. (2m)

73. Describe what the **unexpected** benefit that came with the agreement the narrator and his friends had with the local fruit farmer was. (2m)

74. Fill in the following table by identifying the correct word(s) from the passage. (2m)

Question	Word (s) from the passage
a) Which two-word phrase in paragraph 2 tells us the narrator and his friends were all around 11 years old?	
b) Which word in paragraph 3 tells us that the boys took great pleasure in their job?	

75. Based on lines 7-14, explain clearly what the narrator meant when he said that he and his friends would have "come off worse for wear"? (2m)

76. Based on the story, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. (3m)

	True/False	Reason
The narrator was alone when he found the large object in the pear tree.		
The narrator and his friends had never seen a parachute before.		
The narrator kept a physical reminder of what they had found.		

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

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
this (line 17)	
us (line 30)	
my duty (line 31)	

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

_____ The post office official received the box from the narrator.

_____ The mysterious objects fell close to the narrator's back fence.

_____ The narrator and his friends examined what they had found.

79. Which **two** of the following words correctly describe the narrator's character in lines 34 - 40? Put a tick ✓ in the box beside each of your answers. (2m)
DO NOT TICK MORE THAN TWO BOXES.

Positive

☐

Forgetful

☐

Indifferent

☐

Determined

☐

Trusting

☐

Witty

☐

80. How did the narrator's and his friends' lives change after finding the remnants of the weather balloon? Support your answer with evidence from the passage. (2m)

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Booklet A

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

Booklet B

Q 29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
H	G	N	E	F	A	P	M	J	D
Q39)	peculiar	Q43)	time	Q47)	variety				
Q40)	believed	Q44)	fascinating	Q48)	survive				
Q41)	consumption	Q45)	licking	Q49)	taken				
Q42)	came	Q46)	venturing	Q50)	abundantly				

Q51)	on	Q56)	that	Q61)	However
Q52)	known	Q57)	feed	Q62)	animals
Q53)	pick	Q58)	eat	Q63)	turning
Q54)	refers	Q59)	Although	Q64)	with
Q55)	Another	Q60)	adapt	Q65)	make
Q66)	My pet dog ran out as soon as I opened my front gate.				
Q67)	Out of curiosity, Ali peeked into the unclaimed bag left on the table.				
Q68)	Nobody knows who has taken the laptop.				
Q69)	No sooner had Mr Tan hung out his washed clothes to dry than it started to rain.				

Q70)	Chloe told her friend not to tell her what to do as she wanted to figure that out by herself.
Q71)	unlike most people, I am fortunate that my career was my hobby.
Q72)	The narrator and his friends would be able to be at the large stretch of apple and orchards without any interference from adult and they were allowed to roam freely in the orchards.
Q73)	The narrator and his friends revelled in the power that came from being the unofficial security force of the orchard.
Q74)	a) similar age b) revelled
Q75)	The narrator meant that they would lose the challenge with the bigger boys.
Q76)	False --- The narrator was with his friends when he found the large object in the pear tree. False --- The narrator and his friends have seen a parachute while watching a parachute display at a fair. True --- The narrator's father photographed the narrator and his friends holding the remnants of the balloon as a souvenir.
Q77)	(line 17) --- the large plastic parachute (line 30) --- the narrator and his friends (line 31) --- taking the balloon to the nearest post office.
Q78)	3 , 1 , 2
Q79)	Positive Determined
Q80)	The narrator and his friends' became the talk of the neighbourhood. The local newspaper even wrote an article about the narrator and his friends' and what they had found.

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2020 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION
ENGLISH LANGUAGE – PAPER 1
SITUATIONAL / CONTINUOUS WRITING
PRIMARY 6

Name : _____ (15) Marks : _____ / 55
Class : Pr 6 / _____ Date : 19 August 2020
Duration : 1 h 10 min Parent's Signature : _____

Instructions to candidates:

There are TWO parts to this paper: Part 1 and Part 2. Answer both questions.

Part 1: Situational Writing (15 marks)

Study the following pictures carefully.

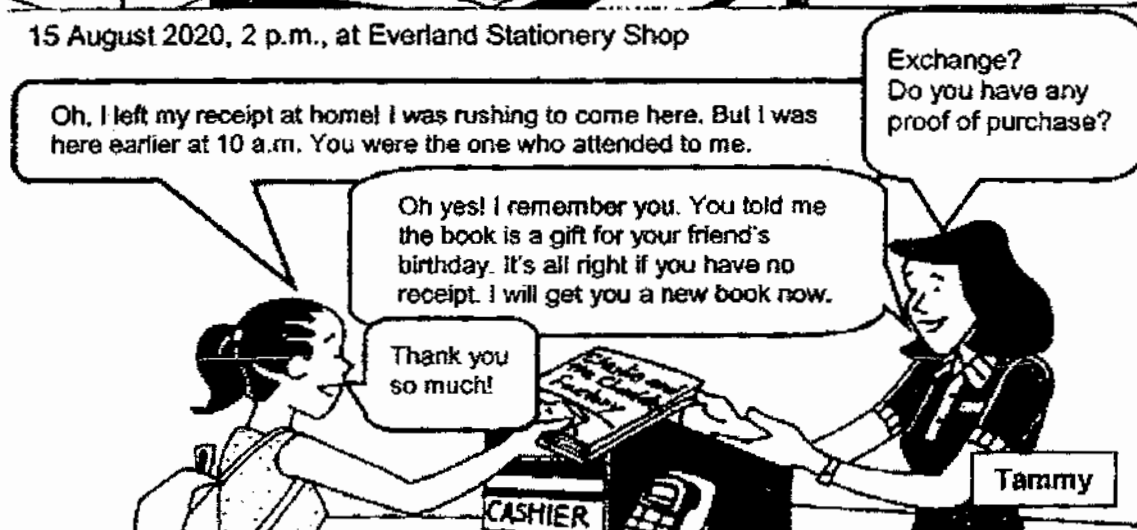
15 August 2020, 10 a.m., at Everland Stationery Shop



15 August 2020, 12 p.m., at home



15 August 2020, 2 p.m., at Everland Stationery Shop



Your Task

Imagine that you are Linda, the girl at the bookshop.

Write a letter to the Manager of Everland Stationery Shop, Mr Ong, to inform him about the good attitude of his sales assistant, Tammy.

You are to refer to the pictures and information on page 1 for your letter.

In your letter, include the following information:

- the date you bought the storybook
- what you realised after you unwrapped the storybook
- when and why you went back to the shop
- what you forgot to bring with you to the shop
- how the sales assistant helped you in this situation

You may reorder the points. Remember to write in complete sentences.

Part 2: Continuous Writing (40 marks)

Write a composition of at least 150 words about a mistake.

The pictures are provided to help you think about the topic.

Your composition should be based on one or more of these pictures.

Consider the following points when you plan your composition.

- What was the mistake?
- Why was it considered a mistake?

You may use the points in any order and include other relevant points as well.





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ENGLISH LANGUAGE – PAPER 2
LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION
PRIMARY 6

Name : _____ ()

Class : Primary 6 / _____

Date : 19 August 2020

BOOKLET A

28 Questions

28 Marks

Duration of Paper: 1 h 50 min

Note:

- 1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.**
- 2. Read carefully the instructions given at the beginning of each part of the booklet.**
- 3. Do not waste time. If a question is difficult for you, go on to the next one.**
- 4. Check your answers thoroughly and make sure you attempt every question.**
- 5. In this booklet, you should have the following:**
 - a. Page 1 to Page 8**
 - b. Questions 1 to 28**

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

1 Could I please exchange this blue notebook _____ the yellow one?

- (1) to
- (2) for
- (3) with
- (4) than

2 In the past, fifty dollars _____ too much money to pay for a box of chocolates.

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

3 _____ much I disliked staying at home during the holidays, I had to cancel all my travel plans this year.

- (1) However
- (2) Moreover
- (3) Wherever
- (4) Whichever

4 "You should take him _____ for some new clothes. Look at the rags he is wearing!" Grandmother exclaimed.

- (1) shop
- (2) shops
- (3) shopped
- (4) shopping

5 John and Ahmad _____ in the same neighbourhood for the past five years, and occasionally bump into each other on their way to school.

- (1) lived
- (2) have lived
- (3) had been living
- (4) have been living

6 Mrs Muthu seldom has breakfast this early, _____?

- (1) has she
- (2) hasn't she
- (3) does she
- (4) doesn't she

7 I am so used to _____ my shoes before entering anyone's house that it felt awkward to wear my shoes into my cousin's house that day.

- (1) remove
- (2) removes
- (3) removed
- (4) removing

8 Now, Kimberly's desire to top the class in the coming examinations _____ her to work even harder than before.

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

9 When interviewed about the scandal, Mr Koh declined _____ comment about the matter.

- (1) in
- (2) to
- (3) with
- (4) from

10 If you had paid attention in class yesterday, you _____ the teacher inform everyone of the Mathematics test that is to be held today.

- (1) will hear
- (2) would hear
- (3) will have heard
- (4) would have heard

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

11 Although Miss Lim tried to _____ when she saw the two boys arguing, she was unable to stop the quarrel from escalating to a fight.

- (1) interject
- (2) interrupt
- (3) intercept
- (4) intervene

12 As a result of a fatal accident on the main junction, there was _____ of traffic to the side roads.

- (1) division
- (2) diversion
- (3) deviation
- (4) derailment

13 After months of continuous rainfall, the _____ flood waters gave the villagers hope that they could soon return to their homes to retrieve their valuables.

- (1) waning
- (2) subsiding
- (3) alleviating
- (4) diminishing

14 Not wanting to give up, the police officer pursued the wanted criminal _____ until he finally caught him at the end of the street.

- (1) profusely
- (2) incessantly
- (3) relentlessly
- (4) continuously

15 Jennifer was upset as she had been _____ in front of her friends by her mother. She felt very embarrassed.

- (1) put up
- (2) put off
- (3) put out
- (4) put down

For each question from 16 to 20, 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)

Do you enjoy eating chilli? It is estimated that one in four people eats chillis every day. They
(16)

are required in diets around the world.
(17)

Chillis were first farmed in South America. In the late 1400s, Portugese and Spanish traders
(18)
introduced them to Africa and Asia. The people living in these countries enjoyed chilli in their food.
(19)

Soon after, they viewed the import as their own. Due to their ease of cross-pollination, there are
(20)
now thousands of varieties around the world.

Adapted from Reader's Digest 'Some Like It Hot and Some Like It Hotter' by Robert Kienner

- 16 (1) projected
(2) expected
(3) predicted
(4) assessed

- 17 (1) integral
(2) relevant
(3) pertinent
(4) significant

- 18 (1) tilled
(2) planted
(3) ploughed
(4) cultivated

- 19 (1) natives
(2) citizens
(3) residents
(4) occupants

- 20 (1) Shortly
(2) Quickly
(3) Promptly
(4) Immediately

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Call for Volunteers at The Wildlife Sanctuary

Suitable for ages 12 and above

We are looking for animal lovers to help take care of victims of the illegal pet trade. Volunteers will also help to provide daily care and maintenance of The Wildlife Sanctuary.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer at The Wildlife Sanctuary, kindly contact us at volunteer@tws.org with the following information:

- Full name, age and occupation
- Period of availability and areas of interest

Training will be given to volunteers with no experience in caring for animals. For enquiries, please visit our website at www.tws.com.sg, or call us at 9123 4567. You can also leave us a message on Facebook and we will get back to you as soon as we can.



Sponsored by: Singapore Animal Foundation

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Saving Endangered Wildlife

Despite mounting global efforts to save endangered wildlife, some species of wildlife still cannot escape the fate of vanishing from the Earth. Various educational programmes and measures have been put in place worldwide to prevent populations of endangered wildlife from decreasing further. Trying to curb the dwindling numbers is a never-ending challenge.

Zoos



Wild animals are kept in captivity in zoos. Some have been saved from extinction by their breeding programmes. However, some animal activists object to this idea. They believe the animals are held in poor and cramped conditions.

Wildlife Sanctuaries and National Parks

These places keep animals safe from being killed illegally. For example, African wildlife sanctuaries allow African Elephants to breed in safe environments. This results in an increase in their population. However, locals sometimes object to sanctuaries being established because it may deprive them of the usage of land. They can no longer use the land for traditional farming or hunting.



African Elephant

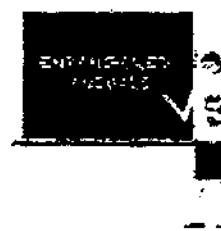
Sustainable Fishing



Due to the high demand for seafood, fishing practices all over the world are depleting fish and shellfish populations. To allow marine life to reproduce and increase their population, we must learn to preserve habitats by not overfishing. Regulations and government policies are put in place to manage fishing activities. Hopefully, this will ensure that we leave enough fish in the oceans for future generations.

Education

Although there are many ways we can try to save wildlife, one of the most effective ways is to educate the public. It is important for governments and the relevant authorities to educate people on wildlife conservation. They need to be discouraged from using products that contribute to the killing of endangered wildlife.



21 What is the main purpose of the advertisement?

- (1) to raise funds for the Wildlife Conservation Fund
- (2) to introduce musical performances by local artistes
- (3) to raise public awareness on wildlife conservation efforts
- (4) to share what Ms Thomson is doing at The Wildlife Sanctuary

22 Mr Ong wants to get a free set of animal keychains. He has to _____.

- (1) buy a \$20 photo book
- (2) spend \$20 on food or drinks
- (3) be the first 200 visitors at the fair
- (4) visit more than 20 food and drink stalls

23 Why are the words 'first 200 visitors' in bold?

- (1) to highlight to readers that there will be free gifts
- (2) to entice readers to be the first 200 to visit the fair
- (3) to inform readers that only 200 visitors will be allowed entry
- (4) to emphasise to readers that the 200 posters are very valuable

24 Who is the organiser of the Wildlife Conservation Fair?

- (1) The Singapore Zoo
- (2) The Wildlife Sanctuary
- (3) Animal Conservation Group
- (4) Singapore Animal Foundation

25 If one wishes to sign up as a volunteer at The Wildlife Sanctuary, one should _____.

- (1) call 9123 4567
- (2) leave a message on Facebook
- (3) visit the website www.tws.com.sg
- (4) send an email to volunteer@tws.org

26 Which of the following statements is true?

- (1) Money collected from the sale of food and drinks will go to The Wildlife Conservation Fund.
- (2) You must be experienced in caring for animals to volunteer at The Wildlife Sanctuary.
- (3) People are encouraged to go fishing often so that the population of the marine life will increase.
- (4) Many farmers oppose the development of animal sanctuaries because they want to use the land for farming.

27 Which of the following words from the section 'Saving Endangered Wildlife' is used to describe the extent of the conservation efforts?

- (1) mounting
- (2) dwindling
- (3) worldwide
- (4) endangered

28 According to the flyer, the best way to save endangered animals is to

- (1) keep all endangered animals in wildlife sanctuaries
- (2) educate people to reduce the killing of these animals
- (3) increase the number of animals kept in national parks
- (4) ensure animals have habitats similar to their natural environment



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LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION
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BOOKLET B

52 Questions

67 Marks

In this booklet, you should have the following:

- a. Page 9 to Page 16
- b. Questions 29 to 80

BOOKLET	OBTAINED	POSSIBLE
BOOKLET A		28
BOOKLET B		67
TOTAL		95

Parent's Signature : _____

There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) as	(D) for	(G) over	(K) that	(N) was
(B) by	(E) his	(H) since	(L) their	(P) while
(C) during	(F) of	(J) than	(M) then	(Q) who

Long queues were spotted at bubble tea shops across the island. Singaporeans tried to get their last fix of the sugary beverage before the stores temporarily shut their doors on 21 April 2020. This move was announced _____ the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI). (29)

The announcement, to shut all standalone food and beverage outlets selling mostly drinks and snacks, _____ part of a further tightening on businesses deemed essential _____ Singapore's circuit breaker. (30) (31)

About 8 p.m., at a LiHo shop in Yishun, _____ 40 people were spotted waiting for their drinks. A delivery rider who was there at that time said he had waited for more _____ 25 minutes for two orders _____ bubble tea that were to be delivered to customers. He had been getting orders for bubble tea _____ 5 p.m. that evening. (32) (33) (34) (35)

_____ delivery business has been good, Mr Alif is worried the move to shut bubble tea stores would affect _____ income, especially since most orders were for bubble tea or other beverages. (36) (37)

All other establishments _____ sell meals, including hot or cooked snacks, may remain open. Customers can only choose between take-away or delivery options for their food purchases. (38)

Adapted from <https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/health/hush-for-bubble-tea-as-non-key-businesses-asked-to-shut>

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

In the early hours of the morning, I awoke drenched in sweat and shivering.

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I knew that continuing with our journey was an impposibility. I had suffered from

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malaria before, but never experienced an attack like this. I was in extreem pain.

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For days I was barely conshious and could not move an inch. It was important to

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keep myself hydrated. Hence, water was a necessary. Roy forced as much water

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as he could down my throat, between my obstinately clench teeth.

(44)

On the fourth day, it seemed as if the omminus black clouds which had been

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horvering over me had cleared, and my fever died away. During the next couple

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of days, I managed to get back from my feet. A few days later, my strong returned

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and another week had passed before I suggested we carry on. Walk to the

nearest clearing started off as an exceptionally tedious process. However, I knew

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(50)

that there was no time to luse. Roy and I had to press ahead – it was their only

hope of getting out of the place alive. We had to get to the next clearing and seek

help there.

On a grassy strip along the highway, a blur of brown fur moves quickly, a small head popping up every so often to check for danger. It is a family of seven otters, on their _____ to their den at the Singapore Botanic Gardens. People nearby appear (51) oblivious to their presence, as they are _____ to seeing these mammals around (52) the area.

This is a far cry _____ fifty years ago, when Singapore's rivers were choked (53) _____ rotting animal carcasses, garbage _____ sewage. Smooth- (54) coated otters, native to the area, had disappeared and were in danger of becoming (55) _____ here. In 1977, the Singapore government _____ the Clean (56) River Campaign, and in 1998, otters began to return to the tropical island on (57) _____ own. (58)

Now, at least ninety otters live within the island. Their population is growing _____ bigger, thanks to rich food sources and lack _____ predators. (59) (60) These creatures have also adapted well _____ urban spaces. (61)

However, the increase in the otter population has _____ some conflicts with (62) people. When hungry, these mammals may _____ on carp in the homes of (63) residents.

Despite these run-ins, Singaporeans _____ generally fond of these cheeky (64) creatures. We were asked to vote for a mascot that would _____ Singapore in its (65) 2016 National Day celebrations. Our votes were unanimous – for the otter.

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 Although Terence is handicapped, he does not depend on others.

Terence is not _____

67 Sumei can write good stories as she likes reading.

_____ because of her

68 "Must you imitate everything I do?" Paul asked his little sister.

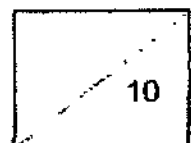
Paul asked his little sister _____

69 Ravi was frustrated. He stomped into his room and slammed the door.

Out of _____

70 Mr Jimmy slipped and fell as he did not notice the puddle of water on the floor.

Not _____



"Jinhang! How many times have I told you not to use the computer for so long? Do you want thicker lenses for your glasses?" Mother's voice shot out from the kitchen.

I got out of my seat and walked into the kitchen. Mother was making dumplings. I sat down beside her and picked up some dough. Seeing this, Mother smiled at me, "Yes, that's a good girl."

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I started wrapping, finishing each dumpling off with a clumsy pinch. After I had made ten dumplings, I looked at my handiwork, dissatisfied. Picking up my tray of dumplings, I walked towards the wastepaper basket. Mother stopped me, saying, "They don't look like much, but they will be tasty nevertheless." I sat back down, then tried to continue making more dumplings, but I found myself unconsciously looking at the ugly ones I had made earlier.

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"Do you remember when you were younger? You were always sick," Mother started. "At school, the older kids kicked you, and snatched things from you, but you never fought back." I winced at the memory.

Growing up, I was a timid child. Once I had taken my favourite toy lion to kindergarten. Everyone swarmed around me, admiring it. I loved the attention. That afternoon, my classmate grabbed the lion, claiming it as hers. When I finally summoned the courage to tell Mother about this, I expected her to comfort me. Instead, she gave me one of the worst telling-offs of my life.

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As if reading my thoughts, Mother continued, "Do you know why I reprimanded you? You did nothing wrong. Father and I knew you were vulnerable, and needed you to learn to defend yourself." Then it hit me. All these years, I thought I had been scolded because I was useless and unable to protect my belongings, but all Mother wanted was to teach me to stand up for myself.

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"Now look carefully at this big ball of dough," Mother said, pointing to the bowl. "That used to be me. Then I decided to sacrifice part of me for you." She plucked off a small piece of dough and flattened it with a rolling pin.

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"Now examine this wrapper." She held up the thin sheet of dough. "This was you when you were born. At that time, even a squeeze could scar you for life." Mother loaded a tablespoon of filling into the centre of the wrapper. "Then we started adding in filling: carrots, vegetables and mushrooms. We taught you values and equipped you with all the life skills you needed."

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"As a last move, we sealed our gift from God – with love." Mother pinched the dumpling close. I smiled, knowing that I now had to be independent.

Adapted from Readers Digest 'Making Dumplings' by Wen Jinhang

- 71 Which two-word phrase in the first paragraph suggests that the writer did not have good eyesight? (1m)

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- 72 List two actions which showed that the writer's mother approved of the writer helping out with the dumplings in the kitchen. (2m)

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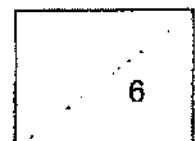
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2.

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- 73 Based on the story, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. (3m)

Statement	True/False	Reason
a) Mother agreed that the dumplings the writer made did not look beautiful.		
b) The writer was able to focus on making more dumplings after she had completed wrapping her tray of ugly dumplings.		
c) The writer was bullied in school because she was always sick.		



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

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer to
my handiwork (line 7)	
this (line 18)	
our gift from God (line 33)	

- 75 Which two of the following words best describe how the writer felt in lines 15 – 19? Put a tick in the box beside each of your answers. (2m)
DO NOT TICK MORE THAN TWO BOXES.

excited

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amused

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embarrassed

☐

shocked

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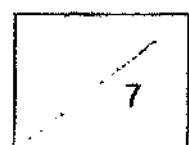
awkward

☐

frustrated

☐

- 76 What was the misunderstanding the writer had when her mother gave her 'one of the worst telling-offs' (line 19) after sharing that she had been bullied? (2m)



- 77 Based on information from lines 25 to 32, fill in the blanks in the following table. (3m)

Part of dumpling	What it represented
	the writer's mother
the thin dough wrapper	
filling: carrots, vegetables, mushrooms	

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

_____ The writer brought a toy lion to school.

_____ The writer made dumplings in the kitchen.

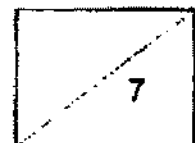
_____ The writer's mother scolded her harshly.

- 79 Fill in the box with a suitable word. (1m)

From the passage, we learnt that the writer's mother was trying to teach her how to be

- 80 At the end of the story, the writer's mother 'pinched the dumpling close' (lines 33-34). What did the pinching of the dumpling signify to the writer? (2m)

END OF PAPER



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Booklet A

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

Booklet B

Q 29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
B	N	C	G	J	F	H	P	E	K
Q39)	impossibility	Q43)	clenched	Q47)	strength				
Q40)	extreme	Q44)	ominous	Q48)	walking				
Q41)	conscious	Q45)	hovering	Q49)	lose				
Q42)	necessity	Q46)	on	Q50)	our				

Q51)	way	Q56)	extinct	Q61)	to
Q52)	used	Q57)	started	Q62)	caused
Q53)	from	Q58)	their	Q63)	feed
Q54)	with	Q59)	much	Q64)	are
Q55)	and	Q60)	of	Q65)	represent
Q66)	Terence is not dependent on others although he is handicapped.				
Q67)	Sumei can write good stories because of her liking for reading.				
Q68)	Paul asked his little sister if she had to imitate everything he did.				
Q69)	Out of frustration, Ravi stomped into his room and slammed the door.				

Q70)	Not noticing the puddle of water on the floor, Mr Jimmy slipped and fell.
Q71)	your glasses
Q72)	1)Mother smiled at the writer. 2)Mother said that the writer was a good girl.
Q73)	a)True --- she said that the dumplings did not look much. b)False --- She tried to focus on making more dumplings but found herself looking at her tray of ugly dumplings unconsciously. c)False --- The older kids kicked her and snatched things from her as she was very timid and never fought back.
Q74)	(line 7) --- the writer's dumplings (line18) --- the writer's classmate grabbing the toy lion and claiming it as hers. (line 33) --- the writer
Q75)	excited shocked
Q76)	She thought that she had been given a telling-off after sharing that she had been bullied as she had been useless and was unable to protect her belongs but her mother actually wanted to teach the writer to stand up for herself.
Q77)	the big ball of dough in the bowl the writer when she was born the values and life skills that the writer was equipped with
Q78)	1 , 3 ,2
Q79)	brave
Q80)	It signified that the writer had to be independent and use the values and life skills she was equipped with.



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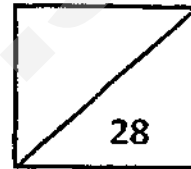
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BOOKLET A

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

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For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(10 marks)

1. Every couple _____ given a T-shirt at the carnival last weekend.
(1) is
(2) are
(3) was
(4) were
2. The teacher has explained the topic a few times _____ the students should have no problem understanding it.
(1) or
(2) so
(3) yet
(4) because
3. "Passers-by offered to help the injured lady, _____?" the policeman asked a witness.
(1) did she
(2) did they
(3) didn't she
(4) didn't they
4. All the students but one _____ in the consent forms to their form teacher.
(1) hand
(2) hands
(3) has handed
(4) have handed
5. The boy would not have missed the bus if he _____ early the previous night.
(1) slept
(2) had slept
(3) would sleep
(4) was sleeping

6. "Please give me a hand with _____ carton of drinks here," the old man said.
- (1) this
 - (2) that
 - (3) these
 - (4) those
7. Matthew helped his mother _____ an errand before he went to school.
- (1) run
 - (2) ran
 - (3) runs
 - (4) running
8. The salesman said, "_____ you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me."
- (1) will
 - (2) shall
 - (3) might
 - (4) should
9. She knew very little about the buddy _____ she had been assigned to spend time with.
- (1) who
 - (2) which
 - (3) whom
 - (4) whose
10. When we were playing in the garden, the bees flew out of their hive and swarmed _____ us.
- (1) into
 - (2) with
 - (3) round
 - (4) across

For each question from 11 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(5 mark)

11. "Let's _____ a plan before we proceed any further with this project," the group leader suggested.
- (1) fish out
 - (2) draw up
 - (3) think over
 - (4) put across
12. The crowds were _____ by the splendid fireworks display and cheered enthusiastically.
- (1) captivated
 - (2) stimulated
 - (3) bewildered
 - (4) preoccupied
13. The hike up the mountain was long and arduous so the _____ climbers had to take a short break.
- (1) active
 - (2) weary
 - (3) drowsy
 - (4) energetic
14. Before the examination, the teachers had to _____ that the furniture in the hall had been arranged according to the recommendations.
- (1) assist
 - (2) accept
 - (3) advocate
 - (4) ascertain
15. Alice always _____ whenever her mother asks her to help out with the household chores. She would take her own sweet time to complete them.
- (1) resists
 - (2) hesitates
 - (3) delegates
 - (4) procrastinates

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

A bomb was dropped in a village. Peter, a volunteer rescuer with the defence force, arrived at the scene of the blast with his team. The stunned villagers thought it was an earthquake. Peter watched carefully at the sky until the last fighter plane flew past him.

Immediately, Peter and his team pulled two families out of the scattered pieces of remains. One of the mothers cried out desperately that her two-week-old baby was missing.

The team started digging through the concrete slabs as cautiously as possible to avoid injuring the baby. They finally spotted the child. Using whatever tools at their disposal, they lifted a concrete slab before pulling the baby out. The moment became known as the "miracle baby" rescue, after the scene had gone viral.

Adapted from Buzzfeed, 'The Miracle Baby'.

16. (1) crash
(2) outburst
(3) eruption
(4) explosion
17. (1) had an eye for
(2) kept an eye on
(3) turned a blind eye to
(4) saw a bird's eye view of
18. (1) debris
(2) refuse
(3) scraps
(4) garbage

19. (1) excitedly
(2) dejectedly
(3) helplessly
(4) animatedly

20. (1) available
(2) attainable
(3) affordable
(4) achievable

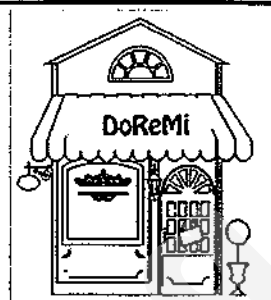
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Study this advertisement and then answer questions 21 to 28.

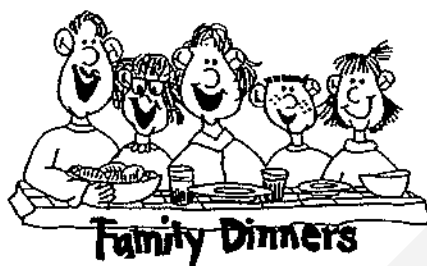


DoReMi Pizza

Re-opening of our outlet at Muffins Mall
on
5 September 2020



Calling all pizza lovers! After two months of renovation, we are back with a fresh new look and new flavours!



Family Dinners

Dinnertime Specials on 5 September 2020

For every purchase of a pizza when you dine in with your family of at least 5 members, you

- qualify to participate in the Muffins Mall Grand Draw
- stand a chance to win 5 deluxe-sized pizzas.

No minimum purchase is required.
Prizes are sponsored by Muffins Mall.

For more information on the Muffins Mall Grand Draw, visit www.muffinsmall.com.sg or call Miss Tammy Lim at 6123 1234 during office hours.

EAT with a HEART



As part of our re-opening celebration, DoReMi Pizza is working together with

The Giving Plant, a non-profit organisation, that feeds the needy through its food distribution programme. It was established in 1990 by a couple who decided to channel surplus food from eateries to those in need.

For all dine-in customers only!

- DoReMi Pizza will sponsor one pizza to The Giving Plant for every pizza sold.
- Customers may also make a one-time pledge of \$10 to the organisation.

So HURRY! Come and dine at DoReMi Pizza NOW!!!

Come and taste the pizzas cooked in a new wood-fired oven, which is the first of its kind in Singapore. Enjoy the live



music by a local band when you dine in. Live band available only on Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays. Song dedications can be made on special occasions only. Special appearances by overseas celebrities for autograph signing once a month. Look out for details online.

— Mr Mario, Supervisor.



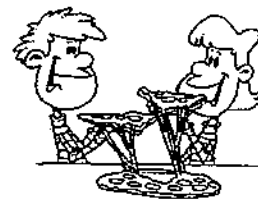


Open daily except Mondays
Operating hours: 10am – 10pm
(Last order is at 9.30pm)

The HAPPIEST DEALS

For limited period only – 5 Sep 2020 till 30 Sep 2020

To mark the re-opening of our outlet at Muffins Mall, we are giving
the best pizza deals in town.



EARLY BIRD SPECIAL!



The first 10 customers to patronise our restaurant between 12 noon and 2pm during the promotion period will receive a complimentary cup of coffee or a glass of orange juice.

BEAT THE QUEUE!

Your order is just a click away! Order, pay online and self-collect at our newly-opened outlet. What is more? Get a FREE bottle of Cococolo when you spend \$59 and above.

Terms and conditions

- Valid for takeaways only
- Limited to 1 free bottle of Cococolo per customer



Here to serve all year long!
For delivery and takeaway,
please call our HOTLINE at 9122 9122.

TASTY TWOSOMES

Complete your meal with any two of the following sides for \$10.

- Onion rings
- Spicy wings
- 4-piece chicken nuggets



DOUBLE YOUR HAPPINESS if you buy THE DoReMi MEAL* !

New Additions to Our Menu

- Laksa
- Cheesy Chicken
- Italian Sausage



Upsize any of the new flavours from Regular to Deluxe for \$12 instead of \$30.
Get a free dessert with every order from the new flavours.

* Includes a drink and a side dish.



ABOUT US

We can host birthday parties and corporate events for groups of 20 people in our 2 large function rooms. Reservations can only be made through our special events booking hotline at 6123 4567. You can drop by for a site visit before your event. For other enquiries, you may email us at enquiries@doremipizza.com or you may visit our website www.doremipizza.com.sg for other promotions and updates.

For each question from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

21. The main aim of the advertisement is to _____.
- (1) excite pizza lovers with cash vouchers
 - (2) raise funds for the children in Sunshine Home
 - (3) invite families to have dinner together at the restaurant.
 - (4) announce that DoReMi Pizza will be resuming its operations
22. To find out more about the Muffins Mall Grand Draw, one should _____.
- (1) email Mr Mario
 - (2) call Miss Tammy Lim
 - (3) patronise DoReMi Pizza restaurant
 - (4) spend more than \$59 at Muffins Mall
23. Why is 'EAT with a HEART' an appropriate sub-heading for that section?
- (1) DoReMi Pizza works closely with The Giving Plant.
 - (2) DoReMi Pizza is celebrating its re-opening by sponsoring pizzas.
 - (3) More pizzas can be channelled to the needy when DoReMi Pizza sells more pizzas.
 - (4) Customers who order pizzas for delivery can make a pledge of \$10 to The Giving Plant.
24. According to Mr Mario, DoReMi Pizza _____.
- (1) invites local celebrities for autograph signing.
 - (2) uses a new wood-fired oven to bake their pizzas
 - (3) provides music from a local live band only on weekdays
 - (4) has a local live band that provides song dedications for all dine-in customers
25. Anyone who wants to hold a birthday party at DoReMi Pizza can make a reservation by _____.
- (1) making a site visit
 - (2) calling the hotline at 6123 4567
 - (3) emailing enquiries@doremipizza.com
 - (4) visiting the website www.doremipizza.com.sg

26. Nick and his parents will be having dinner at DoReMi Pizza on 5 September 2020. If they order a Cheesy Chicken pizza, they are entitled to _____.
- (1) a free dessert
 - (2) a bottle of Cococolo
 - (3) five deluxe-sized pizzas
 - (4) participate at Muffins Mall Grand Draw
27. Before the end of September, anyone who orders a DoReMi Meal _____.
- (1) gets any deluxe pizza for only \$12
 - (2) enjoys a discounted price for only 3 types of pizzas
 - (3) receives a free dessert with any order of side dishes
 - (4) gets a complimentary coffee during its opening hours
28. Which of the following is true of 'The Happiest Deals'?
- (1) Chicken nuggets are sold at 10pm daily.
 - (2) The promotions are valid for only a limited period.
 - (3) Cococolo is given out for every delivery purchase from 10am to 10pm
 - (4) Tasty Twosomes meals comprise chicken nuggets, spicy wings and onion rings.

(Go on to Booklet B)



**ROSYTH SCHOOL
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2020
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2
PRIMARY 6**

Name: _____

Class: Pr 6-

Register No. _____

Date: 24 August 2020

Parent's Signature: _____

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

BOOKLET B

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 questions.**
4. **Write all your answers in this booklet.**

	Maximum	Marks Obtained
Booklet A	28	
Booklet B	67	
Total	95	

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

* This booklet consists of 9 pages altogether (including this cover page).
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There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.
(10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) although	(D) for	(G) is	(K) their	(N) what
(B) also	(E) had	(H) on	(L) to	(P) which
(C) from	(F) has	(J) the	(M) was	(Q) with

Today, everyone is connected to one another by the Internet. In the past, communication among people _____ restricted by long distances. This barrier _____ now been lifted with the help of social networking.

Online social networks such as Facebook and Instagram connect people easily in the present world. How then do such networks influence _____ lives of students today?

_____ so many networking sites on the internet, students are tempted to abandon _____ homework so that they can chat with friends online. Social networks provide them with the opportunity to make new friends and comment _____ the lives of different people. They can _____ create other online identities that the real world does not allow. Such acts lead _____ a waste of time that could have been used for studying or learning of new skills.

It is therefore necessary to impose certain regulations over the use of such social networking sites _____ students to safeguard their wellbeing and personal security. They need to decide _____ really matters in their lives. This is because participating actively in social networking can affect students' grades as it can distract them from their studies.

Adapted from technicianonline.com, Sep 13, 2015

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

The Rain Vortex in Jewel Changi Airport is the world's tallest indoor waterfall.

(39)

At 40 metres in height, this strakture is located in the centre of the airport. It is

(40)

sirounded by a four-storey terraced forest. A controlled flow of water falls from edge

(41)

(42)

of the opening in the megneficient roof. From there, it streams down seven floors till

basement 2, creating a "cascading bead curtain".

(43)

In the day, the beauty of the waterfall will messmarise visitors as the sunlight

(44)

(45)

shines on them. When the sky outside darkens, the kontinewous pour of the Rain

(46)

Vortex creates a magic display. At night, this 'bead curtain' becomes a screen on which

(47)

a light-and-sound show is projected. Specialty music and mist effects are added to

(48)

(49)

enhancement the performance, which aims to be a unice experience for guests.

(50)

Due to the sheer size of the attraction, visitors can relax in one of the many

viewing points and enjoy the captivating show. The Rain Vortex is indeed worth a visit.

Adapted from <https://www.jewelchangiairport.com/en/attractions/rain-vortex.html>

There are many different kinds of mole rats. The best known is probably the naked mole rat _____ hairless and wrinkled body make it look like a tiny walrus. It is also known as 'sand puppy' and it is native _____ many parts of East Africa.

Naked mole rats are rodents but they live in communities like those of many insects. Several dozen rats live _____ colonies led by one dominant rat—the queen. Like some insect species, the queen is larger than the rest and it is the only _____ to breed and bear young.

Worker mole rats _____ burrows for the whole colony to stay in, using _____ protruding teeth and snouts. Most of the time, they eat the roots and bulbs of plants. _____, they occasionally emerge to search for seeds or other plants. The naked mole rats do not drink as they obtain all the _____ they need through their food. If a predator tries to enter a tunnel, "soldier" mole rats pile up to block the _____ and protect the colony. Snakes are their greatest predators. Thus, these mole rats will put up a fight _____ allowing any snakes into the burrow to eat the queen.

Naked mole rats have many adaptations that _____ them to thrive in a harsh underground environment which has a _____ oxygen level. They can hold their breaths _____ up to 18 minutes in zero-oxygen conditions. Almost completely blind, the naked mole rats _____ on their acute sense of smell and hearing. Their legs are thin and short but they are highly skilful at moving in narrow underground tunnels. They can move backward as fast as they can move _____.

Another amazing fact about the naked mole rats is that while the average mice live for around four years, they may live for more than thirty years.

Adapted from <https://nationalzoo.si.edu/animals/naked-mole-rat>

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. Sam is the class monitor, he strives to be the role model for the class.

Being _____

67. Don't touch the wall as it is freshly painted," Jack reminded his sister.

Jack reminded his sister _____

68. The school attendants are cleaning the school compound more frequently.

The school compound _____

69. Susan persevered and she succeeded in her business.

_____ because of

70. John went to the arcade. His mother did not know.

_____ without

It was minutes after midnight and Toffie's howling made me jump out of my bed. I felt my hair stand. A ghost? Are the boys fooling around? That was more likely. I reached the door in three strides and flung it open.

The familiar stench and the boys' cries that greeted me were more frightening than any ghost. **Something was burning!** Leaping down the stairs, with my loyal dog at my heels, I pushed open the door and rang the emergency bell. Seconds later, I was half-way up the stairs leading to the dormitories. A stream of boys collided into me, so I had to grab the iron rail to prevent myself from falling back. I managed to grab Bob, a senior, and bellowed, "Is everyone out of the Junior Dormitory?"

Just then, Ricky, the duty prefect, appeared and shouted above the din, "Take it easy! Don't push!"

I fought my way up. I grabbed Ricky by the shoulders and yelled, "Counted the juniors? Are they all out?"

Ricky replied, "Eighteen, Sir! But I didn't see the two Smith brothers!"

"Go down, line them up and send someone over to the office to call the fire brigade!" I instructed.

With a determined nod, Ricky was gone, leaving me alone on the stairs. The smoke was thickening and the glow beyond it spreading. What troubled me now was the safety of the Smith brothers who had arrived only a week ago. **Then a sickening thought occurred to me.** "They probably don't even know the building well enough!"

Covering my face with a handkerchief, I dashed towards the Junior Dormitory. I was stunned. Seeing the Junior Dormitory ablaze, I could not go on. However, I was terribly unwilling to leave. I stood there, not knowing what to do. Then in the light of the flames, I saw Bob again, who came towards me and gasped, "They're out on the rooftop, Sir!"

When I was at the parade square, I could see two small figures, peering down and right below them, some senior boys were carrying a large canvas sheet. With no time to lose I grabbed Bob by the arm, saying, "The rope in the gym ... the one with the hook ... we'll have to get it!"

We elbowed boys out of our way and returned with the rope shortly. I shouted, "I could make it from the window. Keep that team holding the sheet in position!" Then I ran to the window. I lifted one foot, then I scrambled up the pipe, with the rope around my neck. Once I was on the rooftop, I secured the hook under a window ledge before persuading the Smith brothers to grab the rope. I told the older Smith, Tom, "This is strong enough to support a horse. If you slip, there's a canvas sheet to catch you. Don't hesitate!"

Tom's voice seemed steady enough as he said, "I'll do it, Sir. But my brother..."

The younger Smith, Jimmy, an eight year-old, was terrified.

Above the roar of the flames, I could hear Tom coaxing his younger sibling. Between us, we managed to slip the loop over Jimmy's shoulders and tighten it around his waist. However, the boy clung to the pipe with both hands and refused to move. While I was still deciding what to do, I saw Tom's right hand move, just once and very forcefully. Then, he lifted his brother and lowered him down.

After what seemed like ages, Tom and I reached the ground safely. He was grinning and rubbing the knuckles of his right hand.

I asked, "Where's Jimmy?"

He replied, almost apologetically, "He's still unconscious, Sir. I had to do it."

He looked up, grinned again and held up his bruised knuckles for inspection.

Adapted from <http://www.englishdaily626.com/comprehension.php?101>

71. Pick out the four-word phrase from the first paragraph which tells us that the author was scared. [1m]

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72. How did the author know that 'something was burning' (line 5)? [2m]

73. What did the author do to alert the boys about the fire? [1m]

74. Which two of the following words best describe Ricky's character in lines 10 -14? Put a tick in the correct boxes. [2m]

calm	
anxious	
dependable	

excited	
arrogant	
nervous	

75. "Then a sickening thought occurred to me." (line 19-20) What did the author think would happen to the Smith brothers? Give two reasons why he thought so. [3m]

Reason 1:
Reason 2:

What would happen to the Smith brothers?
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76. The author was faced with a dilemma twice during his attempt to get the Smith brothers out — of the building. Identify the moments when he was unsure of what to do. [2m]

1st instance of dilemma happened when _____

2nd instance of dilemma happened when _____

77. Based on the story, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	True / False	Reason
a) The dog was left in the room when the author went to alert the boys about the fire.		
b) The author was almost pushed down the stairs by the boys.		
c) The author used the stairs to get to the roof.		

78. Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. [2m]

Word from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
That (line 2)	
This (line 33)	

79. Pick out words from lines 36 – 31 which show how Tom handles his brother during the rescue attempt. Each word is found in a separate sentence. [2m]

Before slipping in the loop

After slipping the loop

80. "... his bruised knuckles for inspection." (line 46) Explain clearly how Tom's knuckles became bruised. [2m]

End of Booklet B

SCHOOL : ROSYTH PRIMARY SCHOOL
LEVEL : PRIMARY 6
SUBJECT : ENGLISH
TERM : 2020 PRELIM

Booklet A

Q 1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
3	2	4	4	2	1	1	4	3	3
Q 11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
2	1	3	4	4	4	2	1	3	1
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28		
4	2	3	2	2	4	1	2		

Booklet B

Q 29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
M	F	J	Q	K	H	B	L	D	N
Q39)	structure	Q43)	mesmerise	Q47)	Special				
Q40)	surrounded	Q44)	it	Q48)	enhance				
Q41)	magnificent	Q45)	continuous	Q49)	unique				
Q42)	to	Q46)	magical	Q50)	at				

Q51)	whose	Q56)	their	Q61)	help
Q52)	to	Q57)	However	Q62)	low
Q53)	In	Q58)	water	Q63)	for
Q54)	one	Q59)	entrance	Q64)	depend
Q55)	make	Q60)	before	Q65)	forward
Q66)	Being the class monitor, Sam strives to be the role model for the class.				
Q67)	Jack reminded his sister not to touch the wall as it was freshly painted.				
Q68)	The school compound is being cleaned more frequently by the school attendants.				

Q69)	Susan succeeded in her business because of her perseverance.
Q70)	John went to the arcade without his mother knowing .
Q71)	Felt my hair stand
Q72)	He smelled familiar stench of something burning and heard the boy's cries.
Q73)	He rang the emergency bell.
Q74)	calm dependable
Q75)	Reason 1) The Smith brothers arrived only a week ago and probably did not know the Junior Dormitory well enough to escape. Reason 2)The fire was getting bigger. →They would be burned in the fire.
Q76)	1 st →he saw that the Junior Dormitory was ablaze. 2 nd →Jimmy clung to the pipe with both hands and refused to move.
Q77)	a)False →The dog followed the author out of the room when he went to alert the boys about the fire. b)True →The boys collided into the author and the author had to grab the iron rail to prevent himself from falling back. c)False→ The author got to the roof by climbing the pipe.
Q78)	(line 2) →the boys fooling around (line 3)→the rope the author was persuading the smith brothers to grab.
Q79)	coaxing forcefully
Q80)	Tom punched his brother forcefully to knock him unconscious so he could bring his brother down from the rooftop using the rope.

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**SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2020
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY SIX**

Name: _____ ()

Date: 17 August 2020

Class: Primary 6 SY / C / G / SE / P

Parent's Signature: _____

	Marks Obtained	Highest Possible Marks
Part 1		15
Part 2		40
Sub-total		55

**PAPER 1
(WRITING)**

Total Time : 1 hour 10 minutes

Total Marks : 55 marks

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- 1 Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
- 2 Answer all questions.

Part 1: Situational Writing (15 Marks)

The pictures below show an incident that happened after school. Study the pictures carefully.



Your Task

Imagine you are Tina.

Write an email to the Discipline Master of your school, Mrs Pang, to inform her about the incident.

You are to refer to the pictures and information on page 1 for your email.

In your email, include the following key information:

- the date of the incident
- where the incident took place
- what Mabel reminded Vincent to do and why she did that
- how Vincent responded to Mabel's reminder
- what you saw Vincent doing

You may reorder the points. Remember to write in complete sentences.

Part 2: Continuous Writing (40 marks)

Question 2

Write a composition of at least 150 words about a wrong decision.

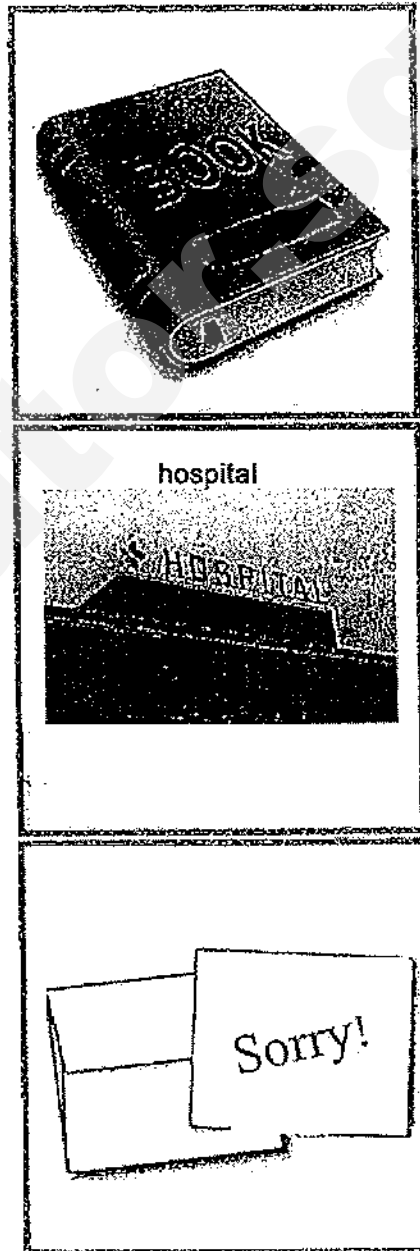
The pictures are provided to help you think about this topic.

Your composition should be based on one or more of these pictures.

Consider the following points when you plan your composition.

- What was the wrong decision?
- How were the characters in the story affected?

You may use the points in any order and include other relevant points as well.



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**SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL
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PRIMARY SIX**

Name : _____ ()

Date: 17 August 2020

Class : Primary 6 SY/C/G/SE/P

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2

BOOKLET A

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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- 2 Follow all instructions carefully.
- 3 Answer all questions.
- 4 Shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

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

- 1 Mr Lim listened to Aimei _____ her problems with him and gave her some advice.
- (1) share
 - (2) shares
 - (3) shared
 - (4) was sharing
- 2 Zhiming always wears headphones on the train while watching Korean dramas on his mobile phone _____ he disturb anyone.
- (1) lest
 - (2) until
 - (3) unless
 - (4) although
- 3 "If anyone _____ where my child is, please contact me immediately," pleaded the desperate mother who had lost her child.
- (1) know
 - (2) knew
 - (3) knows
 - (4) had known
- 4 "_____ you are a busy executive or a homemaker, you are welcome to join us in this cooking course!" promoted the chef.
- (1) If
 - (2) Before
 - (3) Whether
 - (4) Because
- 5 It does not require _____ effort to greet others.
- (1) few
 - (2) much
 - (3) some
 - (4) several

- 6 "They were the ones who gave us the chocolates, _____?" the children asked their mother while pointing at the couple.
- (1) didn't they
 - (2) hadn't they
 - (3) weren't they
 - (4) wouldn't they
- 7 The newsletter contains some photographs from the vibrant and joyful celebrations enjoyed by residents _____ all ages and races.
- (1) of
 - (2) for
 - (3) above
 - (4) beyond
- 8 Mr and Mrs Tan instructed their children to pack up their bags quickly as they _____ the party in five minutes' time.
- (1) left
 - (2) have left
 - (3) would be leaving
 - (4) had been leaving
- 9 Her voice was shaking _____ all her efforts to control it.
- (1) against
 - (2) despite
 - (3) besides
 - (4) including
- 10 Sharing details on how the children are coping during peer interactions _____ to lessen parents' anxieties.
- (1) help
 - (2) helps
 - (3) is helping
 - (4) are helping

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

- 11 The upgrades carried out by Hilltop Town Council have _____ the neighbourhood and contributed to a better quality of life for the residents.
- (1) deprived
 - (2) regulated
 - (3) enlivened
 - (4) deteriorated
- 12 Senior citizens who are _____ can apply for financial assistance to pay for their wheelchairs.
- (1) zestful
 - (2) dynamic
 - (3) immobile
 - (4) energetic
- 13 Her soothing voice offered me some _____ amid my sadness and I felt better.
- (1) relief
 - (2) agony
 - (3) misery
 - (4) aggravation
- 14 The children were upset when the planned purchase of the house _____. They liked the house as it came with a big garden.
- (1) fell out
 - (2) fell over
 - (3) fell behind
 - (4) fell through
- 15 The animal enthusiast _____ fought for a ban on the killing of sharks for their fins.
- (1) Inactively
 - (2) zealously
 - (3) lethargically
 - (4) half-heartedly

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

How did Telok Ayer Street get its name? This curved road with quaint shophouses
(16)
on both sides used to face the sea, hence its name Telok Ayer, which means "bay water"
in Malay.

Telok Ayer Street used to be the first landing point for immigrants to Singapore.
(17)
These people moved here to find work. Telok Ayer was one of the primary streets.
(18)
designated by Raffles for the Chinese community. The buildings at Telok Ayer Street are
very significant to the cultural history of Singapore.
(19)

Tourists are welcome to take a trip down memory lane to uncover the history of
(20)
Telok Ayer. They will be enchanted by its rich history.

Adapted from Passion magazine (Jan-Mar 2020 Issue)

- 16 (1) busy
(2) narrow
(3) charming
(4) unattractive

- 17 (1) visitors
(2) settlers
(3) tourists
(4) sightseers

18 (1) main
(2) basic
(3) minor
(4) primitive

19 (1) trivial
(2) specific
(3) relevant
(4) important

20 (1) unveil
(2) unload
(3) unwind
(4) unleash

Study this article from a magazine, Fun Times, and then answer questions 21 to 28.

Explore the little-known farms in Singapore!

Written by Angela Chong

Farms? Do we have space for them? Surprisingly, even though less than one percent of Singapore's land area is dedicated to farming activities, there is an array of farms here. Whether you are looking for a family-friendly place to go on the weekends or a place to get away from the hustle and bustle, read on to find out more about some options that are truly a breath of fresh air.

1



Healthful Organic Farm



What are organic vegetables? How are they different? Find out at Healthful Organic Farm! The farm owners can give you a free guided tour to learn about organic methods of growing vegetables, watch vegetables being harvested, try your hand at harvesting, and finally, taste the fruits of your labour. Make fresh salad with the vegetables you have picked, and have it with other healthy snacks prepared by the farm's very own chef, with its very own fresh produce.



Tours are by appointment only. Visit www.healthful.sg to book a tour online at least three days in advance!

2



Tony's Goat Farm



Did you know you could drink goat's milk? If you have already tried imported goat's milk, you'll find that locally produced goat's milk which is fresh from the farm tastes so much better! Visit Tony's Goat Farm, Singapore's one and only goat farm, to give the best-tasting goat's milk a try! You will not be disappointed! You may choose to take a guided tour to pet the goats, watch them being milked, and have a go at milking them.

Freshly bottled goat's milk and handmade goat's milk soap are sold on the farm.

Opening hours: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. daily

Admission fee: \$5

Guided tours cost \$2 per person. Each tour caters for up to 6 people.



3



Miko's Retreat



Perhaps you need a short break. Perhaps you have children who love animals. Farm stays at Miko's Retreat would be ideal weekend getaways!

The farm stays offer guests opportunities to interact with free-roaming animals and learn how a farm works. As buffet-style meals will be served daily, staff must be informed of special dietary needs. Guests have to stay for a minimum of 2 nights. To find out more or make a reservation, call 6410 4100. (Reservations must be made two days in advance.)



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

21. Which of the following is a likely reason why readers might not know about the farms in Singapore?
- (1) Singapore only has a few farms.
 - (2) Only a tiny part of Singapore is taken up by the farms.
 - (3) The writer of the article wants to take readers by surprise.
 - (4) The farms in Singapore had never been featured in magazines.
22. Look at the section "Explore the little-known farms in Singapore". What does "options" in the last line of the paragraph refer to?
- (1) farms
 - (2) articles
 - (3) activities
 - (4) vacations
23. Gordon has booked a tour at Healthful Organic Farm. According to the article, he will get to _____.
- (1) prepare a dish
 - (2) plant vegetables
 - (3) sample fruits and vegetables
 - (4) create his own recipes for healthy snacks
24. The writer of the article seems certain that anyone who visits Tony's Goat Farm _____.
- (1) will want to milk the goats there
 - (2) would have already been to other goat farms
 - (3) would have already tried imported goat's milk
 - (4) will enjoy the milk produced by the goats there
25. What is the similarity between Healthful Organic Farm and Tony's Goat Farm?
- (1) They teach visitors how to run farms.
 - (2) They give visitors free items to take home.
 - (3) They have products available for visitors to buy.
 - (4) They provide visitors with hands-on experiences.

26. Mr Soh wants to do a farm stay at Miko's Retreat. Which of the following is Mr Soh not required to do?
- (1) call 6410 4100
 - (2) help take care of the animals
 - (3) plan to stay for 2 nights or more
 - (4) let the staff know about his food allergies
27. Hannah showed her parents the article. They promised to take her on a family outing the next day. They can go to _____.
- (1) Miko's Retreat only
 - (2) Tony's Goat Farm only
 - (3) Healthful Organic Farm and Miko's Retreat
 - (4) Healthful Organic Farm and Tony's Goat Farm
28. What is the main purpose of the article?
- (1) to promote the guided tours offered by the farms in Singapore
 - (2) to inform readers of ways they can relax and enjoy themselves
 - (3) to suggest that readers should check out the farms in Singapore
 - (4) to make known that bookings must be made for the guided tours

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**SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL
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ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY SIX**

Name: _____ ()

Date: 17 August 2020

Class: Primar 6 SY / C / G / SE / P

Parent's Signature: _____

	Marks Obtained	Highest Possible Marks
Booklet A		28
Booklet B		67
Sub-total		95

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2

BOOKLET B

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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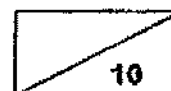
(A) are	(D) at	(G) has	(K) some	(N) throughout
(B) around	(E) before	(H) is	(L) their	(P) thus
(C) as	(F) by	(J) of	(M) this	(Q) to

Have you ever spotted a shiny grey or silver insect scurrying across your book before? These insects (29) called silverfish. They are thought to be one (30) the oldest insects in the world. Many think that they were around 100 million years (31) dinosaurs roamed the earth. Who would have thought that they would be older than dinosaurs?

Silverfish are nocturnal creatures. (32) explains why they are usually spotted at night. Contrary (33) the assumption that silverfish are harmful, they are not known to bite humans and there is no scientific evidence to suggest that silverfish are poisonous. However, they can trigger allergic reactions in some people. Unlike most insects, they shed their skin (34) their entire adult lives. This process is called 'moulting'. Moulting causes them to leave behind scales, which resemble the husk of a bug. Unfortunately, some people are sensitive to the dust created (35) the scales.

Although silverfish are not harmful to humans, they can damage your belongings. (36) diet is rich in starches and protein. Thus, they eat anything that they can find. They will eat cereal, books, wallpaper and cardboard.

Harmless (37) they may be silverfish are very difficult to eradicate. Their flat bodies and fast speed make them adept hiders. Here are (38) steps that you can take to make your house less attractive to the silverfish. Firstly, place food such as cereal in airtight containers. Next, use humidifiers in damp areas of your house. Lastly, seal all openings such as seams between walls and ceilings.



Adapted from <https://www.terminix.com/blog/bug-facts/are-silverfish-harmful/>

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

Dear Grandmother,

(39)

I hope you are fine. The sweaters that you knit arrived today! Thank you for the

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uneeque sweaters!

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(42)

Let me give you some updates regard our family. Currently, Mother have a new

online business called Cupcakez. She used to make cupcakes for our neighbours.

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Apearrantly, one of our neighbours posted a picture of Mother's cupcakes on a social media

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platform. Soon, she started getting more orders through the customers' recommend.

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Father is currently very busy because he is working on his latest innovasion. Despite

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his busy work skedule, he sends me to school daily so that he can spend time with me.

I have been very busy preparing for the mid-year examinations. Mother has been

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give me extra work to help me improve in my weaker subjects such as mathematics and

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science. Inishialy, I dreaded the idea. However, now I see my grades improving. Mother is

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ekstatik about my improvement. She said that I have been completing my tasks diligent.

I have to go now as it is time for dinner. I hope to hear from you soon.

Love,

Celia

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Have you ever wondered how you can declutter or organise your room or home? In recent years, the KonMari method has taken the world _____ (51) _____ storm.

The KonMari method is a system of simplifying and organising your home by throwing away physical items that do not bring joy to your life. The method was created by organising consultant Marie Kondo. Kondo has _____ (52) _____ a best-selling book titled 'The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up'. In her book, Kondo _____ (53) _____ you to clear your belongings by category rather than by room.

When using this method, you are actively choosing items that spark joy, and discarding what does not. The intention _____ (54) _____ the KonMari method is to end up with a clutter-free home that is better able to bring more joy and prosperity to your life. _____ (55) _____ you are tidying your things, she encourages you to visualise the life you want to live, to be less stressed. Any item that would not help you in your journey is not deserving of the _____ (56) _____ in your house.

KonMari teaches you to ask a simple _____ (57) _____ when you go about tidying up your house. For each item in your home, you should ask if it sparks joy. If not, get rid of it. Items that spark true joy would not always be practical. For instance, Kondo had an old T-shirt she had _____ (58) _____ from a shop many years ago. The shirt was old _____ (59) _____ she decided to keep it as it brought back good _____ (60) _____ from a time long gone. Many of her friends _____ (61) _____ at her decision as they could not believe that she would keep the worn, old shirt. Pertaining to these less-than-practical items, Kondo writes, "If you can say without a doubt that the item sparks joy, then _____ (62) _____ what other people think."

_____ (63) _____ are items that could bring you joy in the future, but not in the immediate future. For example, a sleeping bag that you used at a camp years ago might not spark joy as you do not need it for now. However, you may attend more _____ (64) _____ in the future. Thus, keeping _____ (65) _____ is a great idea. The KonMari method is a fantastic tool in decluttering as it can be applied to all parts of your life.

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 The people called yesterday. They wanted to buy the house.

_____ who

67 Ravi is the most enthusiastic soldier in the whole platoon.

No soldier is more _____

68 The huge order of buns was suddenly cancelled. It caught us by surprise.

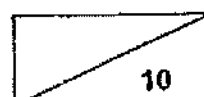
The sudden _____

69 "Will you be going to the concert tonight?" Siti asked Alice.

Siti asked Alice _____

70 The boy was lazy. This resulted in him failing his examinations.

The boy's _____



Mrs Soh was reading the newspaper when an advertisement caught her attention. The company, Robots on Wheels, had the perfect solution for her childcare woes. It was offering a free trial for a robot nanny that was able to take care of any child for up to eight hours a day.

"Let's give it a try!" Mrs Soh exclaimed to her husband as she pointed to the advertisement. Their only daughter, Hannah, was enrolling into Primary 1 and they had no one to take care of her once she returned from school. Mrs Soh was desperate. She needed someone to cook and monitor Hannah when she returned home from school. Both Mr and Mrs Soh worked long hours and they needed someone trustworthy to look after Hannah.

"Are you sure you would like a robot to look after Hannah? What happens if it catches fire when it gets overheated? I am sure a human will be a better caregiver than a robot," replied Mr Soh adamantly. Mr Soh looked at Hannah from the corner of his eye and she did not seem very enthusiastic about the idea too. "Maybe we should sign her up for the after-school care that is run by Mr Ong. There, she will be able to mingle with her peers. She will not be so lonely," Mr Soh added. Hannah's eyes lit up after hearing what her father had said.

"With a robot, I am able to monitor Hannah the way I want her to be monitored!" retorted Mrs Soh. Without much discussion, Mrs Soh took her mobile phone out and dialled the number on the advertisement. After talking to the sales representative, Mrs Soh gleefully announced that the robot nanny trial would start the next day. The whole deal sounded too good to be true.

The next morning, the technician delivered the robot. It was white and matronly-looking. Hannah stared at it with her mouth agape. It stood at a towering height of 1.8 m and it was the size of a refrigerator. It looked intimidating. The technician taught Mrs Soh how to charge the robot and programme it before leaving the house.

Mrs Soh instructed Hannah to press the start button. The robot lit up. Then, it boomed in a chirpy voice, "Welcome home. Master Edwin. I am pleased that you are home."

"Who is Master Edwin?" Hannah roared in amusement. Mr Soh shook his head at the robot disapprovingly.

Mrs Soh pressed the shutdown button and tried to programme it again. Quickly, she rebooted the robot and commanded it to cook macaroni soup. Without hesitation, it made its way to the kitchen. When it reached the entrance of the kitchen, it could not open the door and started going round and in circles as though it was dancing. Hannah laughed at the hilarious sight. Mr Soh analysed the situation, considered the competency of the new hire, and said, "I do not think it will be able to get through the door or cook a meal for Hannah when she comes home from school. I suggest you call the sales representative and ask him to remove the robot from our house." Mr Soh stared at the robot in horror as thick, black smoke escaped from the robot.

"I can't," Mrs Soh replied sheepishly as she pressed its shutdown button again. "I have to keep it for a month as I signed a one-month contract with the company or else I would have to pay a hefty penalty." While Mrs Soh was reaching for the contract in the depths of her bag, a newspaper cutting of the robot advertisement fell out. Before throwing the advertisement into the bin, she landed her foot on it, stomping it angrily. After that, she fished out the contract and started reading it again.

Mr Soh smiled haughtily at his wife and said, "I told you so. Humans are better." He then swiftly made a call.

"I finally understand," Mrs Soh replied as she pushed the robot into the storeroom and locked it up.

71 Why did the advertisement catch Mrs Soh's attention?

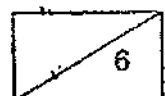
[2m]

72 Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. The first one has been done for you. [2m]

Word(s) from the passage	What the word (s) refer (s) to
It (line 2)	The company, Robots on Wheels.
the idea (line 12)	
what (line 14)	

73 Based on lines 4-18, fill in the following table to show the differing ideas Mr and Mrs Soh had on Hannah's childcare arrangements. [2m]

Characters	Choice of Childcare Arrangements	One reason why they thought that their idea was better
Mr Soh	After-school care	
Mrs Soh	Robot	



- 74 Based on lines 15-26, state whether each statement in the table is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

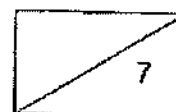
	True / False	Reason
Mrs Soh did not consult Mr Soh in detail before she made the phone call.		
Hannah was shocked when she first saw the robot.		
Mr Soh was impressed with the robot when it first arrived.		

- 75 List two physical characteristics of the robot that shocked Hannah. [2m]

i. _____

ii. _____

- 76 Do you think Hannah was the first child that the robot had cared for? Give a reason for your answer. [2m]



- 77 Hannah laughed twice in the passage. Fill in the blanks in the following table to explain why she laughed in each instance. [2m]

Events	Why Hannah laughed
Hannah's first laughter	
Hannah's second laughter	

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

_____ Mrs Soh got hold of the contract.

_____ Mrs Soh stepped on the advertisement.

_____ Mrs Soh tossed the advertisement into the bin.

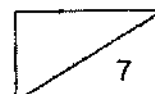
- 79 (i) Who did Mr Soh call in lines 40-41? [2m]

He was going to call _____

- (ii) Why was he calling the person mentioned in (i)?

- 80 What do you think Mrs Soh finally understood (line 42)? Support your answer with an example of how Mrs Soh showed this understanding. [2m]

End of Paper



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Booklet A

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

Booklet B

Q 29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
A	J	E	M	Q	N	F	L	C	K
Q39)	knitted		Q43)	Apparently		Q47)	giving		
Q40)	unique		Q44)	recommendation		Q48)	Initially		
Q41)	regarding		Q45)	innovation		Q49)	ecstatic		
Q42)	has		Q46)	schedule		Q50)	diligently		

Q51)		Q56)		Q61)	
Q52)		Q57)		Q62)	
Q53)		Q58)		Q63)	
Q54)		Q59)		Q64)	
Q55)		Q60)		Q65)	
Q66)					
Q67)					
Q68)					
Q69)					
Q70)					

Comprehension Cloze

51	by	59	yet / but
52	written / published / released	60	memories
53	encourages / advises / teaches	61	scuffed / laughed / cringed
54	of / behind	62	ignore / disregard
55	While / When / As / Whenever	63	There
56	space	64	camps
57	question	65	It
58	bought / purchased		

Synthesis & Transformation

66. The people who called yesterday wanted to buy the house.
67. No soldier is more enthusiastic than Ravi in the whole platoon.
68. The sudden cancellation of the huge order of buns caught us by surprise.
69. Siti asked Alice if she would be going to the concert that night.
70. The boy's laziness resulted in him failing his examinations.

Open-ended Comprehension

71. The company was offering a free trial for a robot nanny that was able to take care of any child for up to eight hours a day.
- 72a. (the idea of Mrs Soh getting/ hiring/ having/ using/ telling) a robot to care for Hannah
b. Hannah being able to mingle with her peers / Hannah not being so lonely
- 73a. Hannah could mingle with her peers and not be so lonely.
b. She could monitor Hannah the way she wanted Hannah to be monitored.
- 74a. True. Mrs Soh took her mobile phone and dialled the number on the advertisement without much discussion.
b. True. She stared at it with her mouth agape.
c. False. He shook his head at it disapprovingly.
75. It was 1.8m tall. / It had a towering height.
It was the size of a refrigerator.
76. No, it was not. It addressed Hannah as Master Edwin.
- 77a. The robot addressed her as Master Edwin.
b. The robot started going round and round in circles
78. 3, 1, 2
- 79i. Mr Ong / the person at the after-school care
ii. He wanted to sign Hannah up for the after-school care.
80. Mrs Soh finally understood that a human is a better caregiver than a robot. She wheeled the robot into the storeroom and locked it up.

Situational Writing – Formal Email

Dear Mrs Pang,

I am Tina Gwee. I am writing to inform you about an incident that happened after school on 22 May 2020 at the basketball court.

I heard a girl, Mabel, remind a boy, Vincent, to take a plastic bottle with him and throw it into the recycling bin. Mabel thought Vincent was leaving and had forgotten about the plastic bottle. In response to Mabel's reminder, Vincent said that he would not take the bottle with him. They started to argue. I approached them and informed Mabel that there was no need to argue with him as I had seen him drink from the bottle as well.

I hope the details in this email will be useful as you look into the matter. Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely,
Tina Gwee

Situational Writing – Formal Email

NOTE:

- ensure the correct salutation & sign off
 - Dear Mrs Pang
 - Yours sincerely,
 - Tina (+ surname)
- remember the commas and the necessary capitalisation
- flush off to the left side
- paragraphs with indentation
- 3 paragraphs – one each for (i) suitable opening phrase or introduction (state purpose for writing) (ii) content or main text (answers for all the questions) (iii) suitable closing phrase/statement
- appropriate language to convey clear awareness of purpose, audience and context
 - the email must be formal in its tone
 - state the purpose clearly e.g. "I am writing to inform."
 - read the details in the visual carefully to correctly identify the key information required e.g. #5 "Vincent said he would not take the bottle with him."
 - write in complete sentences
 - ✓ no contractions or shortened words/sentences
 - ✓ exclamation marks are not to be used
 - ✓ be careful with the choice of words e.g. "persuade" vs "convince"
 - thank the addressee at the end of the letter

Continuous Writing – A Wrong Decision

NOTE:

- write an effective introduction – recall PowerPoint slides
- (i) introduce the character/s (ii) establish the setting (iii) state the problem (iv) use a catchy technique i.e. dialogue; sound; thought; exciting actions; flashback elaborate wherever relevant
- use the SW + IH to show, Not Tell
- make your description more vivid with the use of suitable adjective, adverbs, proverbs, metaphors
- and with an appropriate conclusion
- (i) proverbs (ii) a moral or a follow-up action undertaken by the (main) characters to ensure there will not be a repeat of the incident (iii) thought when using dialogue, remember to
- (i) start a new paragraph for each person
- (ii) punctuate correctly – refer to the handouts "8 Essential Rules for Punctuating Dialogue"
- (iii) use it sparingly i.e. the entire composition must NOT be a conversation between the characters
- (iv) include all "saying" words
- Remember to
- mention the topic explicitly i.e. a wrong decision – there must be only ONE decision
 - ✦ if you decide to use more than 1 picture, you MUST ensure that the story is based on the topic
 - ✦ with more planning, all the pictures provided can be combined to tell ONE story
- lick the picture used so that you will (i) stay focused on the topic (ii) remember to base your story on it – a severe penalty is imposed for compositions that reflect the topic but are not based on any of the pictures provided
- make clear reference to the picture that you have decided to base your story on – (i) be mindful of the details depicted in the picture (ii) use those details to make your story come alive as the details in the picture may be the impetus for any possible conflict/s in your story
- use ~~STORY PLANNING~~ [SWP] to brainstorm the different possible storylines and Story Mountain Planner [SWP] to plan your story in greater detail
- consider if your ideas are (i) relevant (ii) developed (iii) interesting in order to obtain a better score for the Content component
- use all the prompts – these will provide the "skeleton" for your story
- include other relevant points – these will add the "meat" to your story;
- develop the story – (i) dilemma/conflict when making the decision initially (ii) the consequences of the wrong decision

Areas For Improvement (Aftis)

Introduction

- ✓ do not waste time; mention the problem directly
- ✓ recall the different ways to write an effective introduction

rising actions & content/details

- ✓ inject more suspense into your story i.e. describe how the character is really caught doing the wrong thing in the first instance
- ✓ describe the inner conflict/emotions/thoughts experienced by the character/s as he/she decides what to do in the situation
- ✓ do not solve the conflict/problem immediately/predictably e.g. disquieted after caught cheating
- ✓ explore different ways of developing the story e.g. story written from the perspective of someone who was impacted by the wrong decision
- ✓ details must be relevant i.e. those that move the story forward

ending

- ✓ write an appropriate conclusion to reiterate the topic or complete the story
- ✓ avoid abrupt conclusions e.g. finish retelling the incident before you are jolted back to the present (flashback)
- ✓ explore different ways of writing a concluding paragraph e.g. That wrong decision has caused much trouble and anguish to my parents. They have yet to forgive me. How could I ask them for forgiveness – I have not forgiven myself.
- ✓ avoid lengthy conclusion – remember, the longest part of the composition must be the body

linkages, details & accuracy of events/developments

- ✓ gaps in story – the main events must be clear in the story
- ✓ details must be realistic e.g. the investigator was on her/his mobile phone throughout the paper (??); all the answers are in the book (??)
- ✓ the bulk of the composition must be about the wrong decision – to elaborate and paint a vivid picture in the reader's mind, slow down and describe the scene frame-by-frame, incorporating the characters' thoughts, feelings & conflicts

language – spelling, grammar & punctuation, sentence structures

- ✓ remember your fullstops & capitalization and write them clearly
- ✓ "Mum" or "Dad" to be used only within speech marks – use "mother" and "father"
- ✓ no commas before "and" & "but"
- ✓ begin your sentences with "However" instead of "but"
- ✓me and Mavis.... →Mavis and I....

vocabulary & expressions

- ✓ no informal words e.g. ditched, flunked, posse
- ✓ choose the most appropriate word e.g. "asked" vs "questioned"
- ✓ no shortened words e.g. MC → emcee; mike → microphone
- ✓ no contractions e.g. didn't → did not
- ✓ no slang, even in dialogue

writing style

- ✓ when using flashback (!) take care not to confuse the reader (!!) ensure a flow between the introduction and the conclusion
- ✓ retain from using names and characteristics of friends and teachers in your composition – test your intent be misconstrued
- ✓ avoid using real brands – test you be brought to court for slander and/or infringement of copyright

possible storyline:

✓ Picture 1 (Missie)

- ✦ had a yard sale
- ✦ unwitting sold "old" books which were actually precious books belonging to great-grandmother
- ✦ initially proud that you have helped clear the clutter in the house and thought it would be a surprise for your weedy mother
- ✦ your mother came home and horrified that the books were sold
- ✦ irritated and regretted selling them before checking with your mother
- ✦ mother gave you the cold shoulder and you regretted the wrong decision
- ✦ the buyer came back after a few days to return the books upon realizing their value
- ✦ buyer declined your offer to return the money
- ✦ you gave an audible sigh of relief as you closed the door, eager to update your mother

Picture 2 (Olivia)

- ✦ after some deliberation, decided to team a few ticks to be part of the "cool" gang
- ✦ took time to learn ticks and managed to persuade members of the "cool" gang to accept you as a member
- ✦ performed stunts on the bicycle
- ✦ successful in the beginning but ended up seriously hurt but none of them showed concern or care
- ✦ as you recuperated in the hospital, you regretted going to that length to impress the members of the "cool" gang

Picture 3 (Emma)

- ✦ secured a job interview after many months of job-hunting
- ✦ as you prepared yourself for it, received news that a beloved family member is seriously ill
- ✦ after much deliberation, decided to attend the interview and visit her later
- ✦ sent her a note to apologise for not being able to visit her soon
- ✦ received news that she has passed on
- ✦ looking back, regretted postponing not seeing her in her final days as family is more important than anything else



2020 PRIMARY 6 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

Name: _____ (

Date: 18 August 2020

Class: Primary 6 ()

Time: 8.00 – 9.10 a.m.

Duration: 1 hour 10 minutes

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 1

SITUATIONAL WRITING (15 Marks)

CONTINUOUS WRITING (40 Marks)

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

1. Write your name, class and register number.
2. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Write your answers on the answer sheet and foolscap provided.

Part 1: Situational Writing (15 marks)

1 The pictures below show a conversation Mr Li had with Jennie and Lisa from Pine Primary School. Study the conversation carefully.

The comic strip consists of three panels, each showing three characters: Mr Li (a man in a checkered shirt), Jennie (a girl with short dark hair), and Lisa (a girl with short dark hair). In each panel, they are shown from the chest up, facing each other in conversation.

Panel 1:

- Mr Li: Hello Lisa and Jennie. How's the planning for the Library Week coming along? I understand you had a meeting with the club members yesterday.
- Jennie: It went well, Mr Li. Jennie and I are hoping to invite Mr Tim for the author's time.
- Lisa: Yes. I could write to invite him. The members suggested to schedule the talk for 2pm. Would that be alright?

Panel 2:

- Mr Li: Great! I'm sure our members will look forward to the talk. Could you request that he shares with us where he gets his inspiration from? Also, ask Mr Tim to share three strong opening lines because he's very good at that.
- Jennie: Sure, I'll do all that.
- Lisa: I wonder if Mr Tim has the time to talk about his best-seller 'The Morning Star'.

Panel 3:

- Mr Li: I doubt so, Lisa. We've to end the talk by 3pm. I'll book the Function Room for the event. By the way, let Mr Tim know why we're organising this talk for our members and to confirm if he's able to give the talk by 1 September.
- Jennie: Sure, Mr Li. It has to do with the Library Week, right?
- Lisa: Thanks, Mr Li. I'm sure all our members will enjoy the session on 12 October.

Part 1: Situational Writing (15 marks)

Your Task

Imagine you are Jennie Chan, the president of Pine Primary School Library Club. You had been tasked to help organise a talk for the library club members.

Write an email to Mr Tim to invite him to give a talk to the club members.

You should refer to the information on page 2.

In your email, include the following information:

- why you are writing to Mr Tim
- the purpose for organising the talk
- when and where the talk will be held
- what Mr Tim needs to share during the talk
- when the author needs to reply you

You may reorder the points. You must write in complete sentences.

Part 2: Continuous Writing (40 marks)

- 2 Write a composition of at least 150 words about the best day in one's life.

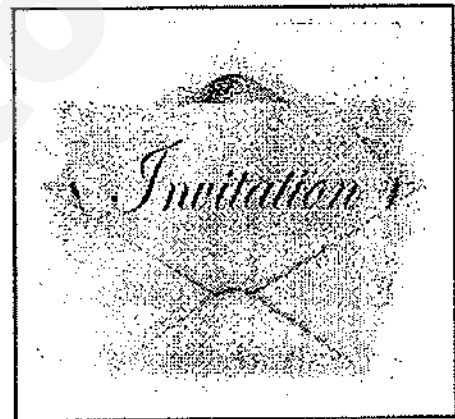
The pictures are provided to help you think about this topic.

Your composition should be based on one or more of these pictures.

Consider the following points when you plan your composition:

- What was the best day?
- What happened?

You may use the points in any order and include other relevant points as well.



End of Paper



2020 PRIMARY 6 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

Name: _____ ()

Date: 18 August 2020

Class: Primary 6 ()

Time: 10.30 a.m. – 12.20 p.m.

Duration: 1 hour 50 minutes

Parent's signature: _____

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2 (BOOKLET A)

Booklet A	/ 28
Booklet B	/ 67
Total	/ 95

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

1. Write your name, class and register number.
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 on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

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

1. "_____ you save enough money, you cannot buy that play station," Mother told Bob.
- (1) Until
 - (2) When
 - (3) Despite
 - (4) Although
2. We should devote more time _____ volunteering at the charity organisation.
- (1) to
 - (2) on
 - (3) for
 - (4) with
3. I _____ awake the first night of the camp as my buddy was snoring very loudly.
- (1) lie
 - (2) lay
 - (3) lied
 - (4) laid
4. Jia Jia completed the assignment all by herself, _____?
- (1) did she
 - (2) had she
 - (3) didn't she
 - (4) hadn't she
5. "You can borrow the books from our class library now since Wendy _____ them already," said Wan Ling.
- (1) return
 - (2) returns
 - (3) has returned
 - (4) had returned

6. More than one teacher _____ going to accompany the class for the upcoming learning journey.

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

7. No one remembers the famous cartoonist, Walt Disney, _____ he was a newspaper artist.

- (1) who
- (2) when
- (3) whom
- (4) where

8. "The science experiment that went wrong was _____," Ben and Megan said disappointedly.

- (1) us
- (2) we
- (3) ours
- (4) ourselves

9. The _____ she solves the problem, the _____ it is for everyone.

- (1) sooner...best
- (2) sooner...better
- (3) soonest...best
- (4) soonest...better

10. Mrs Wong has taken _____ swimming to keep healthy.

- (1) in
- (2) up
- (3) over
- (4) back

For each question from 11 to 16, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

11. Due to the floods, the power supply was affected and our electricity only came on _____.
- (1) easily
 - (2) shockingly
 - (3) intermittently
 - (4) consequently
12. Since we wanted to adopt a pet, we went to numerous animal _____ looking for the right one.
- (1) shelters
 - (2) dwellings
 - (3) residences
 - (4) accommodations
13. I managed to solve my problem by coming up with an unusual yet _____ solution.
- (1) indefinite
 - (2) infamous
 - (3) ingenious
 - (4) inanimate
14. Once the travel restrictions have been lifted, I will pack my bags and _____ on a long and well-deserved vacation.
- (1) set in
 - (2) set up
 - (3) set off
 - (4) set about
15. The information on this poster is _____ as only the positive aspects of the product have been highlighted.
- (1) intuitive
 - (2) unstable
 - (3) misleading
 - (4) disorganised

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

His heart was pounding in his chest as he ran. Ali had been trekking in the forest when he lost his way. Now, Ali was trying to find his way out of the forest which seemed to resemble a complicated maze. As if hearing his thoughts, the clouds moved
(16)
and the light from the moon became Ali's ally. He could finally make out the path ahead
(17)
but could not fathom how he had got himself into such a situation. Leaving the forest
(18)
seemed to be an impossible task and soon Ali found himself immersed in a sense of dread. At that moment, Ali wanted to throw in the towel but willed himself to keep
(19)
looking for a way out. After much walking, he finally chanced upon a familiar path.
(20)
Elated, Ali quickly made his way out before light was lost again.

16. (1) perilous
(2) complex
(3) problematic
(4) troublesome
17. (1) friend
(2) family
(3) companion
(4) acquaintance
18. (1) reveal
(2) unravel
(3) imagine
(4) understand
19. (1) give up
(2) stop struggling
(3) take a breather
(4) scream hysterically
20. (1) reached
(2) attained
(3) observed
(4) discovered

The Students' Press – June Issue 2020

Giving Outdoor Adventures a Shot

Written by Alison Li



The last time I slept outdoors in a tent was during a Primary 1 camp and I recall sleeping on the wet ground as rain pelted down noisily on the thin canvas sheet. The wind carried with it the smell of dingy toilets. Once I was back home, I gratefully slipped between my soft sheets and slept for 20 hours straight!

I have since avoided sleeping in anything that needs to be pitched though the nature lover in me continues to seek the great outdoors. So when my parents asked me if I wanted to give *Glamping* a try during our last holiday, I thought, "Should I give those tents another chance? But if 'comfy beds' were provided, why not?"



Lo and behold, the moment my parents and I checked into our 'room' by the water's edge, I fell in love with it. The glittering setting sun, the gentle breeze rocking the tent, the dinner under the stars and nodding off to the waves crashing on the shore while staying snug in bed were the most memorable moments of the trip.

Now I understand why my parents had encouraged me to give the tents another chance. Thanks to them, I got to experience the new trend of enjoying the fun of the outdoors without having to sacrifice modern comforts such as those found in hotels. The adventure factor of traditional camping with hotel-style accommodation was indeed a whole new experience for me. When it was time to leave, I felt both calm and energised.

It's difficult not to be happy on an outdoor adventure!

Written by Julius Ong

Why? I could immerse myself in Mother Nature and appreciate the flora and fauna around me. I could relish in the splendid scenery and the experience of living outdoors. I could feel the tranquility all around, the sweet sound of birdsongs and the soothing rustle of leaves in the breeze. *I could...*

... camp and at the same time enjoy hotel amenities;

... spend less as compared to booking a hotel room;

... enjoy fresh air in a natural landscape;

... move around freely as the tents were comfortable and spacious;

... relax in the sounds of nature;

... break free from spending too much time on electronic devices and have more time with my family.

Don't just read. Write!

The first erasable ballpoint pen was patented on 27 June 1978. If you could erase one big problem from the world today, what problem would you choose?

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For each question from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1,2,3,4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

21. In the first paragraph on page 6, the writer ended the last sentence with an exclamation mark to show that she was very _____.
- (1) pleased
 - (2) satisfied
 - (3) surprised
 - (4) frustrated
22. Which of the following words best describes how Alison Li felt about the idea of *glamping* initially?
- (1) brave
 - (2) moody
 - (3) thrilled
 - (4) uncertain
23. Which of the following statements about the newsletter is false?
- (1) Every student's story will be published eventually.
 - (2) Alison Li found her first camping experience unpleasant.
 - (3) Students get to read articles about a different topic in the July issue.
 - (4) Alison Li's love for the outdoors was not dampened by the school camp.
24. Alison Li's impression of camping changed when she _____.
- (1) became a nature lover
 - (2) arrived at the *glamping* site
 - (3) was persuaded by her parents to try *glamping*
 - (4) was told that comfortable beds were provided

25. What is the main aim of the newsletter?

- (1) To cultivate readers' love for camping
- (2) To remind students to appreciate Mother Nature
- (3) To encourage students to write and share their stories
- (4) To tell readers the difference between camping and glamping

26. Which one of the following is not mentioned by Julius Ong in his article?

- (1) The tent was cosy and not congested.
- (2) He took delight in looking at the plants and animals.
- (3) The camping facilities were similar to those available at a hotel.
- (4) Listening to the birds singing was the most memorable experience.

27. To receive complimentary copies of the newsletter, students should _____.

- (1) visit The Students' Press website
- (2) write stories based on the given topic
- (3) call Rodney to find out how they can get the newsletter
- (4) provide a photograph for their stories like how Alison Li did

28. Mohan, who wants good value for his money, will be interested in *glamping* as a holiday activity because it _____.

- (1) is not as expensive as staying in a hotel
- (2) allows him to experience an outdoor adventure
- (3) discourages him from using his electronic devices
- (4) gives him an opportunity to bask in nature's glorious scenery

(Go on to Booklet B)



2020 PRIMARY 6 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

Name: _____ ()

Date: 18 August 2020

Class: Primary 6 ()

Time: 10.30 a.m. – 12.20 p.m.

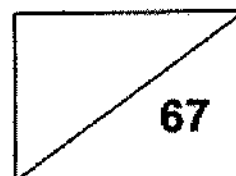
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ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2 (BOOKLET B)

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

1. Write your name, class and register number.
2. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.
5. Write all your answers in this booklet.



There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) a	(D) did	(G) from	(K) out	(N) to
(B) after	(E) does	(H) if	(L) the	(P) will
(C) behind	(F) for	(J) into	(M) till	(Q) won't

A shop owner placed a sign that read: "Puppies for Sale, \$30 to \$50". (29)

little boy saw the sign and approached the owner. He pulled out some change (30) his pocket and said, "I have only \$2. But can I please look at your

puppies?" The shop owner smiled and whistled. Out of the kennel came a Labrador, followed by five tiny balls of fur. One puppy was falling (31) considerably. At

once, the little boy singled (32) the puppy and asked, "What's wrong with that little dog?"

The shop owner explained that it (33) not have a hip socket. It would forever limp. The little boy's eyes sparkled. "That's the puppy I want to buy!"

Startled, the owner said, "No, if you really want it, I (34) just give him to you."

Upset, the boy looked straight (35) the owner's eyes and said, "No, I'll pay the full price (36) him. He's worth as much as all the other dogs. I'll give you fifty cents a month (37) I've paid for it."

"You know, he's not going to be able to play with you like the other puppies," the owner reminded gently. (38) his surprise, the boy rolled up his pants to reveal a crippled leg supported by a metal brace.

He replied, "This little puppy will need someone who understands it."

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

Gunung api, volcan and kazan. What do these words have in common?

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(40)

They all meaning 'volcano' in Indonesian, Spanish and Japanese respectivlly. Where

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does the word 'volcano' come from? The Romans in ancient times worrshipped Vulcan,

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the God of Fire, whom they belief lived inside the earth beneath the island, Hiera.

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Knew as Vulcano today, the word is used when refer to active volcanoes. Volcanoes

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are really mountains that building taller and taller with time as they erupt. Most of

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these magnifecient creations can be found in Indonesia where there seeming to be

volcanoes everywhere, in all directions. When Mount Merapi erupted in January 1994,

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the devastion killed hundreds of people. The biggest volcano in the world is proibly

Mauna Loa, in Hawaii. This fascinating natural wonder rises from the seafloor to

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13 000 feet above sea level. Volcanoes grow old when lava or ash acummulates on the

volcano, adding layers and height. The oldest volcano is about 350 000 years old!

The hawker culture in Singapore is the practice of eating and interacting at hawker centres while enjoying food prepared by hawkers. This is an important part of our way of _____ (51). The origins of hawker culture can be traced _____ (52) to the mid-1800s when the first street hawkers would ply the streets selling an _____ (53) of mouth-watering food that they would _____ (54) not on a plate but on a betel nut palm leaf. Back then, the street hawkers took up the trade to _____ (55) a living. It was a popular occupation as it _____ (56) minimal culinary skills. Up till the 1970s, street food stalls could be seen in _____ (57) such as Chinatown and Orchard Road. They were popular gathering spaces, offering affordable local delights _____ (58) as laksa and satay to customers from all _____ (59) of life.

Today, the hawker culture is still alive. There are more than 110 hawker centres across the _____ (60). They continue to hold a special _____ (61) in our hearts – those childhood memories, meals with families and friends and delicious local food. The hawker centres are a unique aspect of Singapore culture. They are also places for social interaction and community bonding, _____ (62) to the diverse needs of individuals. The vibrant hawker culture in Singapore that we enjoy is the _____ (63) of the support of many – the community groups, government and Singaporeans who patronise them. The food available is a representation of our multi-racial _____ (64), comprising the Chinese, Malay and Indian as well as other minority groups.

Sadly, as elderly hawkers retire, there are fewer young people willing to _____ (65) on with Singapore's hawker food tradition. Hawker work is hot and tiring. Still, the government is doing all it can to preserve Singapore's hawker heritage.

Adapted from Roots.sg

For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the words(s) provided. Your answers 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. Daddy and Diana could not wait to meet their favourite actor, Shaun Wee.

Daddy and Diana looked forward _____

67. "This mango cake is the best I've ever eaten!" my brother told me.

My brother told me that _____

68. Mdm Wong found it hard to manage a heavy load of household chores.

Mdm Wong did not _____

69. Suling has to guide us or ~~we~~ cannot hand in the project before the deadline.

Without Suling's _____

70. The chefs are now preparing the food for tonight's banquet.

_____ by the chefs.

I finally spotted it at the base of an enormous tree. There was no sound inside. I began to imitate the high-pitched squeak of a mother wolf calling for her young. I waited. Nothing happened. Wolf pups are known to be shy and cautious. I tried again. Then, a few moments later, four tiny pups appeared. Gingerly, I placed them into my bag and headed back down the slope.

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It was a splendid morning. I had been hiking in the forest in Alaska. As I emerged from the woods, I froze in my tracks. In front of me was a huge Alaskan wolf – its leg caught in a trap. Seeing the tiny paw prints in the snow, I knew she had just given birth. Confused and frightened by my presence, the wolf backed away, straining at the trap. Could she have been trapped for some time? Had she fed her pups? But, I knew better than to free her leg. What if she turned aggressive? What if she attacked me? Thus, I decided to look for her babies instead and began to follow the trails that might lead me to her den.

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When the mother wolf spotted me, she sat up. I released her pups, and they raced to her. "What's next?" I wondered. The mother wolf was clearly suffering as she whimpered in pain. Yet each time, I moved in her direction, a menacing growl rumbled in her throat. She needed food. I had to find her something to eat. Picking up my bag, I hiked towards the closest river and spotted the carcass of a deer on the snowbank. I took one of its legs and left the rest in nature's refrigerator. Carrying the meat back to the wolf, I whispered in a soothing tone, "Here's your dinner. But only if you stop growling at me." Next, I tossed it in her direction. She sniffed at it and then gobbled it up.

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That night, I made a makeshift shelter under a tree not far away from the wolf family and was soon fast asleep. The unexpected happened the next morning. I was awakened by four fluffy, fearless bundles sniffing at my face. Over the next few days, I attempted to get close to her. I talked gently to her, threw her more meat and played with her young. Little by little, I kept edging closer to her, but the big animal never took her suspicious dark eyes off me. Then, on the fifth day, when I delivered her the meat, her pups came bounding towards me. At least, I had their trust, I thought. Just as I was beginning to lose hope, I saw the wolf wagging her tail slightly. Instinctively, I sat close to her. But, my heart was in my mouth. One snap of her huge jaw and it could spell doom for me. I wrapped my blanket around myself and slept fitfully that night.

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I awoke at dawn, stirred by the sound of the pups. Gently, I leaned over and petted them. Assessing the situation, I placed my hand on the wolf's injured leg. She flinched but made no threatening move. "This can't be happening," I thought excitedly. I could see that the trap's steel jaws had imprisoned two of her toes. Applying pressure, the trap sprang open and the wolf was free! Almost immediately, she began licking my fingers. I was astonished! This went against everything I had heard about wolves – dangerous, ferocious, intimidating. That day, I found out that these animals, in fact, are actually very social, family-oriented and trustworthy.

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Adapted from Readers' Digest

71. In paragraph 1, why did the narrator mimic the sounds of a mother wolf? [1m]

72. How do you know that the pups were shy and cautious? [2m]

73. Look at the table below. What do the word(s) in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. [3m]

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer to
it (line 1)	
the trails (line 12)	
nature's refrigerator (line 19)	

74. Which two of the following words do not describe how the narrator felt in paragraph 2? Put a tick ✓ in the box beside each of your answers. [2m]

afraid

☐

impatient

☐

concerned

☐

lucky

☐

determined

☐

stunned

☐

75. What did the narrator mean by 'But, I knew better than to free its leg.' (lines 10 and 11)? [2m]

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

- _____ The narrator brought the pups to their mother.
_____ The narrator went hiking in the forest.
_____ The narrator realised that the wolf leg's was injured.

77. The narrator wondered what was next in line 15. What did the narrator do next for the mother wolf? [2m]

78. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	True/ False	Reason
The wolf growled at the narrator because she wanted him to release the trap.		
The narrator managed to hunt down a deer for the adult wolf.		
The narrator did not expect the wolf to allow him to touch its injured leg.		

79. What two things did the pups do in paragraph four showed that they were unafraid of the narrator? [2m]

(1) _____

(2) _____

80. What was the narrator's first impression of wolves and how had it changed? [2m]

End of Paper

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Booklet A

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

Booklet B

Q 29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
A	G	C	K	D	P	J	F	M	N
Q39)	mean	Q43)	known	Q47)	seen				
Q40)	respectively	Q44)	referring	Q48)	devastation				
Q41)	worshipped	Q45)	build	Q49)	probably				
Q42)	believed	Q46)	magnificent	Q50)	accumulates				

Q51)	life	Q56)	required	Q61)	place
Q52)	back	Q57)	places	Q62)	catering
Q53)	array	Q58)	such	Q63)	result
Q54)	put / serve	Q59)	walks	Q64)	society
Q55)	make	Q60)	island	Q65)	carry
Q66)	Daddy and Diana looked forward to meeting their favourite actor, Shaun Wee.				
Q67)	My brother told me that mango cake was the best he had ever eaten.				
Q68)	Mdm Wong did not find it easy to manage a heavy load of household chores.				

Q69)	Without Suling's guidance, we cannot hand in the project before the deadline.
Q70)	The food for tonight's banquet is being prepared now.
Q71)	The narrator wanted the wolf pups to come out from the den at the base of an enormous tree.
Q72)	The narrator had to imitate the mother wolf's high-pitch squeak two times in order to trick the pups to come out of their den.
Q73)	(line 1) --- the den of the mother wolf (line 12)--- the wolf's paw prints (line 19)--- the snowbank
Q74)	impatient lucky
Q75)	The narrator did not want to free the wolf's leg from the trap as he was scared she would bite him.
Q76)	3 , 1, 2
Q77)	The narrator took one of the legs of the deer carcass at the snowbank gave it to the wolf to eat.
Q78)	False --- The wolf was suspicious of the narrator. False --- The narrator found a deer carcass at the snowbank and brought its meat to the wolf to eat. True --- When the narrator touched the wolf's injured leg and it made no threatening move to him, he could not believe it and felt excited
Q79)	1)the pups were sniffing away at the narrator face. 2)the pups played with the narrator.
Q80)	The narrator first thought that wolves were dangerous ferocious and intimidating. After that, the narrator found out that wolves are actually very sociable, family-oriented and trust worthy.



Temasek Primary School
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2020
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2
(BOOKLET A)

Name: _____ () Class: 6 _____

Date: 20 August 2020

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

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
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3. Answer all questions.
4. Shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.
5. This booklet consists of 9 printed pages.

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Section A – Grammar

For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

- 1 James _____ submitted the assignment earlier if he had not fallen sick.
- (1) will have
 - (2) must have
 - (3) would have
 - (4) should have
- 2 The number of cases of personal mobility devices causing injury to pedestrians _____ currently on the rise.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
- 3 Neither Carol nor her sisters _____ about the surprise party their parents had planned for them.
- (1) know
 - (2) knew
 - (3) knows
 - (4) knowing
- 4 Considering the amount of practice the netball team had put in, its victory came _____ no surprise.
- (1) to
 - (2) as
 - (3) with
 - (4) across
- 5 "You'll be on time for the performance, _____?" I asked Janet anxiously.
- (1) will you
 - (2) are you
 - (3) don't you
 - (4) won't you

- 6 Having _____ multiple reports of online scams, the police decided to take swift measures to prevent such crimes in the future.
- (1) receive
 - (2) receives
 - (3) received
 - (4) receiving
- 7 "We expect nothing _____ than the best service," Mr and Mrs Tan told the restaurant manager.
- (1) less
 - (2) more
 - (3) fewer
 - (4) greater
- 8 Ifan, together with his friends _____ going on a camping trip to Pulau Ubin this weekend.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
- 9 "_____ for Timothy, the rest of you may make your way down to the school field," said Mr Tan sternly.
- (1) Apart
 - (2) Except
 - (3) Unless
 - (4) However
- 10 The football coach helped the team _____ their confidence after they had suffered a string of losses in the recent tournament.
- (1) regain
 - (2) regains
 - (3) regained
 - (4) regaining

Section B – Vocabulary

For each question from 11 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

11 Joanne's mother is her role model and she _____ to her.

- (1) looks up
- (2) looks down
- (3) looks forward
- (4) looks through

12 The choir's _____ singing is music to my ears.

- (1) raucous
- (2) amicable
- (3) melodious
- (4) discordant

13 The smuggling _____ was uncovered by the police when they received a tip-off from a member of the public.

- (1) band
- (2) group
- (3) cluster
- (4) syndicate

14 Damian is a dutiful father who has never _____ his responsibilities towards his family.

- (1) evaded
- (2) shirked
- (3) dodged
- (4) shunned

15 Scientists were _____ by how the virus had spread throughout an apartment building even though the residents had not been in contact with one another.

- (1) dazed
- (2) fooled
- (3) baffled
- (4) bemused

Section C – Vocabulary Cloze

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

Running for 350 km, the High Speed Rail (HSR) line will host an express service from Kuala Lumpur to Singapore. The proposed line aims to reduce travel time between Singapore and Kuala Lumpur to around 90 minutes by train, from the current 11 hours on existing train services. The project was first unveiled in February 2013 by Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong and Mr Najib at a leaders' retreat. The two countries signed a legally binding bilateral agreement on the project in 2016, paving the way for its implementation. Construction on the project – which was estimated to cost around S\$16.8 billion – was due to start this year, with the line expected to begin operations in 2026. Apart from slashing travel time between Singapore and Kuala Lumpur, it has been said that the rail link will contribute S\$6.7 billion in gross domestic product to Malaysia and Singapore. It will also create 111,000 jobs by 2060.

Adapted from *Channel News Asia*, 28 May 2018

- 16 (1) planned
(2) arranged
(3) approved
(4) contemplated
- 17 (1) revealed
(2) exposed
(3) released
(4) displayed
- 18 (1) execution
(2) conclusion
(3) performance
(4) accomplishment
- 19 (1) inferred
(2) presumed
(3) anticipated
(4) determined
- 20 (1) remit
(2) devote
(3) provide
(4) allocate

Section D – Visual Text Comprehension

Study this article from a magazine, *Earth Lover*, and then answer questions 21 to 28.

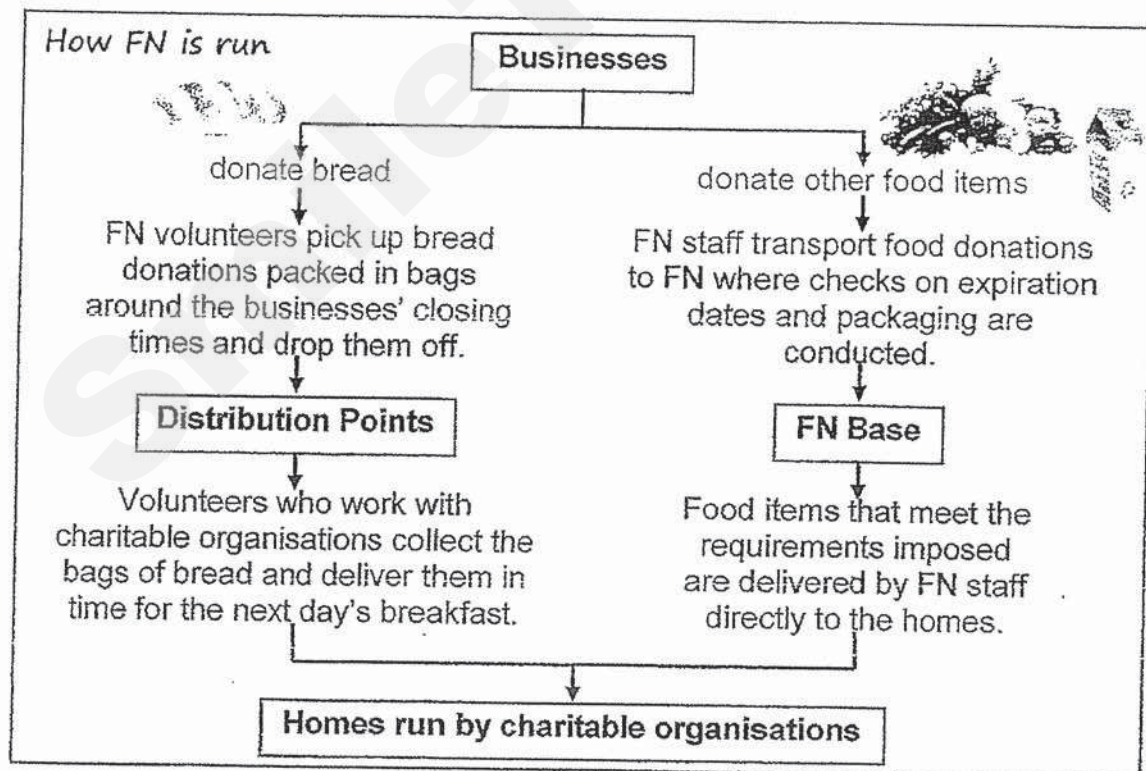
Let's lead a 3Rs lifestyle!

The 3Rs – reduce, reuse and recycle – play a crucial role in protecting the environment. By helping to cut down on the amount of waste we need to dispose of, they conserve natural resources, landfill space and energy. Minimising waste is everyone's responsibility.

Killing Two Birds with One Stone

Food is among the five largest sources of waste in Singapore and it currently accounts for close to a quarter of the total waste disposed of. That is equivalent to the weight of more than 54,000 double-decker buses! There is a pressing need to minimise food wastage, and it starts with avoiding food wastage and excess food production. Subsequently, redistribution of excess food should be carried out whenever possible.

Food Network (FN) was set up with that objective in mind. It has been saving as much as 50,000 kg of bread and other food items from the bins monthly! More than 100 businesses, mostly bakeries and supermarkets, donate excess food such as bread, milk, fruits and vegetables that is safe to consume. The donations are picked up daily and handed over to charitable organisations that work with the needy.



Minimising Waste at Home

Avoidable food waste, which refers to food that could have been consumed but was not, makes up a significant part of the total waste disposed of by each household in Singapore daily.

For instance, leftovers from a meal, blemished fruits and vegetables, and food that has turned bad or that has been kept past its expiration date are often dumped carelessly. Such waste can be prevented if some good habits, like preparing lists before shopping for groceries, adopting good food storage and preparation practices, and making use of leftovers to cook, are formed.

Minimising Waste at School

A lot of stationery is used at school. Some good habits to form are: ensuring that both sides of a piece of paper are used, using refillable pens and markers, and posting notices in classrooms instead of making multiple copies for distribution.

Donations of uniform and textbooks that are no longer needed but are still in good condition should also be encouraged.

As you can see, there are many practical ways you can protect the environment without having to make dramatic lifestyle changes. Now, it doesn't seem that difficult to make reducing, reusing and recycling a way of life, does it?



Annual Year-End Donation Drive



- ✓ Instead of leaving festive goodies to turn bad, donate them! They must be unopened, in good condition and have at least two weeks of shelf life left.
- ✓ If there are textbooks you will not be using anymore, donate them! They must be in good condition and notes or scribbles should preferably be erased.

Collection dates : 1 to 30 December 2020
 Collection point : Community Service Centre
 144 Egmont Road, Singapore 700100
 Opening hours : 8.30 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. daily

For each question from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(8 marks)

- 21 In "The 3Rs – reduce, reuse and recycle – play a crucial role in protecting the environment", dashes are used to _____.
- (1) explain why the 3Rs are important
 - (2) show that the information affects the 3Rs
 - (3) indicate that the information applies to the 3Rs
 - (4) present the effects of the 3Rs on the environment
- 22 Why is "Killing Two Birds with One Stone" an appropriate sub-heading for that section?
- (1) Food Network picks up donations and distributes them.
 - (2) Food Network reduces food wastage and helps the needy.
 - (3) Food Network prevents excess food production and wastage.
 - (4) Food Network saves businesses and charitable organisations.
- 23 According to the article, there is a pressing need to minimise food wastage because _____.
- (1) food is the largest source of waste in Singapore
 - (2) annual food wastage in Singapore weighs about 54,000 kg
 - (3) people living in Singapore have started avoiding food wastage
 - (4) almost a quarter of the total waste dumped in Singapore is food
- 24 Where is the inspection of food items carried out?
- (1) business outlets
 - (2) distribution points
 - (3) Food Network base
 - (4) homes run by charitable organisations
- 25 Look at the section "Minimising Waste at Home". What does "such waste" refer to?
- (1) recyclable waste
 - (2) avoidable food waste
 - (3) total waste disposed of in Singapore
 - (4) total waste disposed of by each household in Singapore

- 26 Which of the following is **not** a step towards minimising waste at school?
- (1) using refillable markers
 - (2) handing out notices to individual students
 - (3) putting up information sheets on noticeboards
 - (4) using every available space on a piece of paper
- 27 Susie cleared out her cupboard and found some textbooks she wanted to donate. What should she do before heading to the collection point?
- (1) remove the doodles on some pages
 - (2) wrap the textbooks carefully in plastic
 - (3) tear the pages containing written notes out
 - (4) check whether the textbooks can be used the following year
- 28 What is the **main** purpose of the article?
- (1) to explain why the 3Rs must be practised
 - (2) to explain how practising the 3Rs benefits the needy
 - (3) to convince readers that it is not hard to practise the 3Rs
 - (4) to inform readers that the 3Rs are being practised everywhere

End of Booklet A

(Go on to Booklet B)



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(BOOKLET B)

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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.
4. Write your answers in this booklet.
5. This booklet consists of 9 printed pages.

Paper	Max Mark	Score
Booklet A	28	
Booklet B	67	
Total Mark	95	

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Section E – Grammar Cloze

There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) a	(D) as	(G) however	(K) only ✓	(N) to ✓
(B) although	(E) by	(H) it	(L) or	(P) under
(C) around	(F) from	(J) of	(M) them	(Q) while

Echidnas are also sometimes known as spiny anteaters. Do you know that besides the duck-billed platypus, echidnas are the (29) _____ other living mammals that lay eggs? Echidnas live in Australia and New Guinea and they evolved (30) _____ 50 million years ago. Their ancestors were aquatic creatures, but today, echidnas have adapted (31) _____ life on land.

The short-beaked echidna's diet consists largely of ants and termites (32) _____ the long-beaked species typically eat worms and insect larvae. The tongues of long-beaked echidnas have sharp, tiny spines that help (33) _____ capture their prey. They have no teeth, and they break down their food (34) _____ grinding it between the bottom of their mouth and their tongue.

Echidnas cannot tolerate extreme temperatures and they use caves and rock crevices as shelter (35) _____ harsh weather conditions. They are usually found in forests and woodlands, hiding (36) _____ vegetation, roots or piles of debris. Echidnas are timid animals. They either bury themselves (37) _____ curl into a ball when they feel threatened. (38) _____ they have a way to protect themselves, echidnas still face many dangers from predators like feral cats and foxes. The echidna is also regarded as a delicacy by aboriginal Australians.

Adapted from <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Echidna>

Section F – Editing for Spelling and Grammar

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

By March 2020, all schools in Singapore would have to adhere to a new hygiene checklist as part of the SG Clean scheme. To get the SG Clean certification, schools have

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to ensure that hand washing and toilet flushing fasilyties are functioning well, toilets are

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cleaned and disinfect twice a day, and a pest managing programme is in place.

When Environment and Water Resources Minister Masagos Zulkifli visited Ridge

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Secondary School, he made some observing of the hygiene practices there. He noticed

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students tharahly wiping their tables and chairs in the classrooms as well as those in

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the canteen. Mr Masagos komented, "As I moved around the school, I saw that the

students knew what they were doing. They not only knew how to do it but also the

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reason when they were doing it." He added that it is a good way to inkulfkate values in our

children as a first line of defence in the fight against viruses. SG Clean is a national

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effort to raise the standard of cleahing across Singapore. It is of paramount important

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that we continue to upkeep the strinjernt level of standards in order to safeguard public

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health. Since March 2020, over 5000 premeesses have received the SG Clean

endorsement. Thus, as a community, we must continue to maintain these high standards.

Adapted from <https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/education>

Section G – Comprehension Cloze

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Malls and retailers breathed a sigh of relief on Friday, 19 June as shoppers streamed in for most of the day, marking the start of phase two of Singapore's reopening. (51) _____ safety measures in place, including limits on the (52) _____ of customers and applying the SafeEntry check-in system, most malls and stores said the queues were manageable. Customers also (53) _____ the precautionary steps in stride. A spokesman for shopping mall Nex said, "It's definitely heartening to see the (54) _____ of our regular shoppers to Nex. Despite the steady stream of shoppers (55) _____ early in the morning, there was no massive bottleneck or (56) _____ waiting time in queues to enter or (57) _____ the mall."

At Courts megastore in Tampines, a handful of people waited in line even before it (58) _____ at 10 a.m. By 11 a.m., about 30 people were queuing to enter the store. Mr Matthew Hoang, chief executive officer of Courts, said, "We observed many customers coming in with a clear (59) _____ to buy and they were focused on the specific items that they wanted to buy. This is encouraging as it indicates Singaporeans are heeding the call to (60) _____ responsibly by not spending a significant (61) _____ of time browsing," he added.

At fashion chain H&M, floor markings for queue management and signs to (62) _____ people to keep at least 1 metre apart helped to (63) _____ that shoppers followed safe distancing rules. Its stores also (64) _____ public announcements to reinforce the safe distancing message. Each customer was allowed to try on a maximum of four garments, (65) _____ from the usual limit of seven. Alternate fitting rooms were open for use and the rooms were sanitised after each use.

Adapted from *The Straits Times*, 19 June 2020

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Section H – Synthesis / 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 Mrs Lim was wise in the way she managed the dispute between the two boys.

Mrs Lim showed _____

- 67 James ate his food too quickly during recess. He had a stomachache.

Having _____

- 68 The rude boy stared at his teacher defiantly.

_____ in

- 69 "Did you remember to water the plants yesterday?" Mother asked me.

Mother asked me _____

- 70 Sonia did not want to participate in the dance performance. Her friends tried very hard to persuade her.

No matter _____

Section I – Open-Ended Comprehension

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

"Hey!" a voice called from behind me. "Are you a girl or a duck?" I ignored the remark even though I knew it was directed at me. I ran to class, causing my slight limp to become even more apparent. I just wanted to get away from the group of mean girls who knew that it was my first day at school, and from the looks of it, were determined to ruin it.

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By the time lunch hour arrived, I was **feeling better about the situation**. Betsy and her group had been quiet during class. Surely they had calmed down and would not be repeating their behaviour. Or so I thought. The minute I walked into the corridor, I felt a hand at my back. It was Betsy. "New girl, you walk like a duck," she smirked. "Quack, quack."

10

"Quack, quack, quack," Betsy and her mean friends sang as they went off to take their seats for lunch. Then they broke into fits of laughter. I went to the far end of the cafeteria and ate my lunch alone and in silence.

As the weeks went on, I gained the skill of avoiding Betsy and her group of 'quackers'. I did not linger in the corridor before and after class, and I went home directly at dismissal time. Still, I hated that I did not walk like everyone else. I hated not being able to run as fast or as straight as the other students and I did not like getting picked last for sports activities. Mostly, though, I really hated it when people like Betsy made unkind remarks about how I walked. Yet I learned to live with it until one day, the game changed.

15

"Class," our teacher addressed us one morning. "you've been in the same seats for a full semester. Now it's time to change seats and make new friends." Everyone let out a collective moan yet our teacher would not be dissuaded. When my name was called, I took my seat. Then Betsy's name was called. She sat directly behind me. It was pure horror!

20

For Betsy, her new seating arrangement was like hitting the bully jackpot. She was as close to **the target** as she could get and she did not waste any time getting to work. The torment started within minutes. Betsy leaned into my back. "Quack, quack." When I ignored her, she kicked my seat. When **that** did not work, she poked me. This went on until one morning, I simply refused to go to school.

25

My mother sat me down after I told her the details of my harsh treatment. "Look, she said, "there will always be mean people in this world. That will never change. But you can change the way you handle them. It's simple. Just give Betsy a compliment from time to time and be so nice to her that it takes the fun out of teasing you." I was doubtful but I was so desperate that I was willing to give it a try.

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The next morning, I turned towards Betsy. Her hair was a mess and she was wearing the same pink shirt she wore every Tuesday. How could I possibly compliment her? "Betsy," I squeaked, "I really like your shirt. Pink is my favourite colour." Taken aback, she muttered a thanks for the compliment. Maybe my mother was on to something because Betsy only quacked once and poked me twice that morning. My new approach seemed to be working and I kept at it.

35

Then one day, I really had the chance to shine. Our Mathematics teacher sat at her desk, quizzing us with questions at lightning speed and expecting fast replies. When my turn came, I answered quickly and correctly. Then it was Betsy's turn. When she heard the question, she was stumped. Feeling sorry for her, I wrote down the answer on a piece of paper and slipped it over the side of my desk where the teacher could not see. Startled, Betsy looked down. "256!" she answered triumphantly, before giving me a broad smile. I had saved the day.

45

On the days that followed, Betsy underwent a tremendous change. She was kind and polite to everyone and her teasing stopped altogether. I figured out why she had been so cruel. She was so unhappy at home that she took out her frustrations at school – on me. However, when I was kind to her, **the teasing lost its appeal**. I was glad that I had listened to my mother and turned on the kindness. It was just what Betsy and I needed.

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Adapted from *The Kindness Cure* by Monica A. Andermann

- 71 From the first paragraph, state two reasons why the mean girls picked on the writer. [2m]

- 72 In line 6, the writer was "feeling better about the situation". What made her feel that way? [2m]

- 73 How can you tell that the writer tried very hard to avoid Betsy and the 'quackers'? [2m]

- 74 Based on lines 11-20, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [2m]

	True/False	Reason
a) The writer had lunch with her classmates on her first day at school.		
b) The writer was not bothered by the unkind remarks made about her.		

- 75 Pick out a five-word phrase from paragraph 5 that tells us that the writer and her classmates were not in favour of their teacher's idea. [1m]

- 76 Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. [3m]

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
a) It (line 24)	
b) the target (line 27)	
c) that (line 29)	

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

_____ The writer's Mathematics teacher quizzed the class.

_____ The writer refused to go to school.

_____ The writer and her classmates had to change seats.

78 Based on lines 31-48, fill in the following table. [4m]

What the writer's mother advised her to do	What the writer did	What Betsy's immediate response to the writer's kindness was
a) Give Betsy a compliment from time to time	b)	c)
d)	e) Gave Betsy the answer for the Mathematics question	f)

79 Pick out **two** words from lines 42-48 which signal how Betsy's mood had changed after she knew the answer for the Mathematics question. Each word is found in a separate sentence. [2m]

Before Betsy knew the answer

After Betsy knew the answer

80 "...the teasing lost its appeal" (line 52). How is this different from how Betsy treated the writer at the start of the story? [1m]

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SECTION A

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

SECTION B

Q29) K

Q30) C

Q31) N

Q32) Q

Q33) M

Q34) E

Q35) F

Q36) P

Q37) L

Q38) B

Q39) facilities

Q40) disinfected

Q41) management

Q42) observations

Q43) thoroughly

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Q44) commented

Q45) why

Q46) inculcate

Q47) cleanliness

Q48) importance

Q49) stringent

Q50) premises

Q51) With

Q52) number

Q53) took

Q54) return

Q55) coming

Q56) long

Q57) leave

Q58) opened

Q59) intention/intent

Q60) behave/act

Q61) amount

Q62) remind

Q63) ensure

Q64) made

Q65) down

Q66) Mrs Lim showed wisdom in the way she managed the dispute between the two boys.

Q67) Having eaten his food too quickly during recess, Jones had a stomachache.

Q68) The rude boy stared at his teacher in defiance.

Q69) Mother asked me if I had remembered to water the plants the previous day.

Q70) No matter how hard her friends tried to persuade her, Sonia did not want to participate in the dance performance.

Q71) It was the writer's first day at school and she had a slight limp.

Q72) Betsy and her group had been quiet during class and the writer thought they had calmed down and would not be repeating their behaviour.

Q73) The writer did not linger in the corridor before and after class, and she went home indirectly at dismissal time.

Q74)

a) False	The writer went to the far end of the cafeteria and ate her lunch alone and in silence
b) False	The writer hated it when people like Betsy made unlike remarks about how she walked.

Q75) let out a collective moan.

Q76)

a) Betsy sitting directly behind the writer
b) The writer
c) Betsy kicking the writer's seat

Q77) 3, 2, 1

Q78)

b) Complimented Betsy on her shirt.	c) Betsy was taken aback and muttered a thanks for the compliment.
d) Be very nice to Betsy	f) Betsy gave the writer a broad smile

Q79) stumped, triumphantly

Q80) At the start of the story. Betsy was unkind to the writer but at the end of the story. She was kind to her.

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