

**HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
2012 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY 6
PAPER 2 BOOKLET A**

NAME : _____

CLASS : P6 _____

INDEX NO : _____

30 QUESTIONS

30 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 : _____ / 30

Booklet B : _____ / 65

TOTAL : _____ / 95

Booklet A

Section	Marks	
Comprehension (Graphic Stimulus)		5
Grammar		7
Punctuation		3
Vocabulary		5
Vocabulary Cloze		5
Comprehension MCQ		5
Total		30

Study the advertisement carefully and answer questions 1 to 5.

POSB Passion Run for Kids 2012

Run for a good cause.



Why run for kids?

Once again, we are happy to partner People's Association this year to organize the POSB Passion Run for Kids 2012 to support the children in the community so that they can have a happier childhood and a brighter future.

Who are the kids we're helping?

The POSB Passion Kids Fund aims to support the children in the community through different programmes. It is part of the People's Association Community Development Fund (PACDF) whose objective is to promote activities and programmes which will contribute towards social capital and community development.

	Early Bird (16 April to 30 June 2012)	Normal Period (1 July to 4 August 2012)	
		POSB/DBS Credit and Debit Card Holder and Passion Card Members	Non- Member
Adult – Competitive			
10km Men's Open	\$30	\$35	\$40
10km Women's Open			
Kids Competitive (*separate events)			
800m – * Boys/Girls (7 to 9 years old)	\$15	\$20	\$25
1.2km – *Boys/Girls (10 to 12 years old)			
3.5km Family Walk (Children and Adult)			
Children (below 13 years old)	\$15	\$20	\$25
Adult (13 years old and above)	\$25	\$30	\$35

If you wish to make a donation, you can email to: enquiries@runforkids.com.sg. For more information on POSB Passion Run for Kids 2012, please contact us at 9010 8116 (Mon - Fri, 10am to 5pm) or email us at: enquiries@runforkids.com.sg

Race Details

Date: 16 Sep 2012, Sunday

Time: 7.00am

Venue: Marina Promontory

Race Expo

Date: 1 & 2 Sep 2012

Time: 10am to 8pm

Venue: Velocity 238 Thomson Road Singapore 307683 (directly above Novena MRT station)

Runners Entitlement

Receive an exclusive race pack when you sign up for the Run:

- POSB Passion Run for Kids T-shirt worth S\$29.90
- POSB Passion Run for Kids shoe bag worth S\$19.90
- POSB Passion Run for Kids towel
- Race bib
- Medal (for competitive runners only)
- And other goodies from sponsors!



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

- 1 POSB Passion Run for Kids is a joint event between/amongst _____.
- (1) POSB and PASSion card holders
 - (2) POSB and People's Association
 - (3) POSB, People's Association and Skechers
 - (4) POSB, People's Association, PASSion cardholders and Skechers
- 2 There are _____ events in all.
- (1) 6
 - (2) 7
 - (3) 8
 - (4) 9
- 3 Aidi is a 12-year old pupil from Henry Park who will be taking part in the 3.5km Family Walk. She will not be receiving an exclusive race pack consisting of _____ amongst other things.
- (1) a race bib
 - (2) a finisher's medal
 - (3) a few goodies from Skechers
 - (4) a POSB PASSion Run for Kids shoe bag
- 4 Wayne should email enquiries@runforkids.com.sg for most matters except to _____.
- (1) apply for a POSB PASSion card
 - (2) clarify on the running route for various categories
 - (3) ask if his registration fee will be forfeited if he withdraws from the race
 - (4) donate a certain amount of money to support the children in the community
- 5 Chun Yong should not sign up on _____ if he does not own a DBS/POSB credit and debit card holder but wants to benefit from some discounts for the registration.
- (1) 1 July
 - (2) 1 June
 - (3) 16 May
 - (4) 16 April

For each question from 6 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (7 marks)

6 Pearly hardly starts on her homework at the last minute, _____?

- (1) is it
- (2) isn't it
- (3) does she
- (4) doesn't she

7 Alex, together with his friends, _____ up all night to watch the European Cup Finals between Spain and Italy this evening.

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

8 Neither Mdm Rosie nor her group of basketball players _____ to miss the National Day Celebration. However, they have an important competition to participate in.

- (1) want
- (2) wants
- (3) wanted
- (4) have wanted

9 We watched the plane _____ off with a heavy heart and hoped that Mum would return safely from her trip in a month's time.

- (1) take
- (2) took
- (3) takes
- (4) was taken

10 Local authorities _____ of their plans to demolish the cinema as they had decided to conserve the building as part of their urban planning and development plans.

- (1) backed up
- (2) backed out
- (3) backed down
- (4) backed away

11 _____ competitor in the Sundown Marathon has been given the runner's pack two weeks before the event.

- (1) All
- (2) Many
- (3) Every
- (4) Some

12 The beggar _____ the Lee family saw a moment ago used to live a few flats away from them.

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

For each question from 13 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (3 marks)

Dempsey worked hard to set up the first teaching hospital in Tanzania (13) a place to help people and train doctors. It was called the Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Centre. Jerene worked just as hard to start Moshi International School, where Greg attended with children from countries all over the world. "It was like a little United Nations (14) Greg said. "There were twenty-eight different nationalities, and we celebrated all the holidays (15) Hanukkah, Christmas, Diwali and the Feast of Id."

Adapted from Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Reelin

- 13 (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(4) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
- 14 (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [, "] comma and close inverted commas
(4) [. "] full stop and close inverted commas
- 15 (1) [:] colon
(2) [;] comma
(3) [.] full stop
(4) [?] question mark

For each question from 16 to 20, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

- 16 An _____ individual, Iker Casillas, who was easy and pleasant to speak to, showed us around the Camp Nou Stadium when we chanced upon him during our tour.
- (1) affable
 - (2) affluent
 - (3) artificial
 - (4) arduous
- 17 I occasionally threw _____ glances at the pupils to check if they are involved in the task I had set them.
- (1) hidden
 - (2) private
 - (3) underhand
 - (4) surreptitious
- 18 Mr Ahmad has a/an _____ desire for adventure despite the fact that he will turn sixty in a few months' time.
- (1) avid
 - (2) greedy
 - (3) pressing
 - (4) insatiable
- 19 As a young boy, I had always been _____ of collecting soccer cards.
- (1) fond
 - (2) drawn
 - (3) attracted
 - (4) interested
- 20 After the explosion at Jurong Island, many injured workers _____ out of buildings, hoping to be treated as soon as possible.
- (1) ambled
 - (2) dashed
 - (3) staggered
 - (4) pirouetted

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

The Philippines government knows that smoking is deadly. However, it also knows that more than 60 000 farmers rely on tobacco crops for a living. The solution? "We are trying to find other uses for tobacco," says Perlita Baula of the
(21)

National Tobacco Administration.

Traditional healers in the Philippines use tobacco leaves to treat wounds and insect bites, so researchers want to assess the plant's potential as a topical painkiller
(22)

and antibacterial medicine. The plant also has a high protein content, which can be removed and added to food supplements. The most promising by-products are
(23)

paper and particle board.

"We are doing this to add on to the farmers' income," notes Baula. "I don't
(24)

think we will ever eliminate smoking through this programme."
(25)

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|----|-----|-------------|
| 21 | (1) | better |
| | (2) | substitute |
| | (3) | alternative |
| | (4) | replacement |
| 22 | (1) | judge |
| | (2) | gauge |
| | (3) | evaluate |
| | (4) | calculate |
| 23 | (1) | distilled |
| | (2) | selected |
| | (3) | extracted |
| | (4) | withdrawn |
| 24 | (1) | extend |
| | (2) | support |
| | (3) | enhance |
| | (4) | supplement |
| 25 | (1) | reject |
| | (2) | reduce |
| | (3) | eradicate |
| | (4) | exterminate |

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30. (5 marks)

Ron held us at gunpoint for several hours. When we finally escaped, the baby and I had been badly beaten. The police formed a manhunt to search the nearby woods. I watched as my once tender and loving husband was shackled like a wild beast and shoved roughly into a patrol car to spend the next months huddled in a dark corner of a tiny prison cell.

Our neighbours treated us as if we had leprosy. Parents would not allow their children to play with mine. At the primary school where I worked, my ability to teach was suddenly under scrutiny. Life became a long, dark tunnel.

I begged for a hearing with a prominent judge. I testified as to Ron's state of mind before he went to war and how he gradually degenerated to his present condition. However, the judge's verdict was nearly void of hope.

Some years after Ron's incarceration, two sickly baby ravens arrived at my door. I took them in after much deliberation as I seemed to be their only chance of survival. Months on, the smaller raven failed to live but 'Charlie' survived. Little did I know what changes the tiny orphan was about to bring to my life.

It was Charlie who began removing barriers the neighbours had erected against us. Children could not resist him and loved digging worms for him.

Next to eating worms, Charlie's favourite thing to do was to snuggle. Our dog, Zeke, loved orphans; he had already successfully raised a litter of abandoned kittens and twelve ducklings, encircling them with his paws when he napped.

Since Zeke had no orphans at the time, he filled Charlie's need for snuggling, and Charlie filled Zeke's need to be needed. It was comical to watch the chick endure the bath Zeke insisted on delivering before he would snuggle. Charlie would close his eyes and sit as still as he could in spite of being raised off the ground at every swipe of Zeke's tongue.

Charlie slowly nestled into my heart – like good seed in fertile soil. It was Charlie to whom I unburdened as I realised that Ron would never come.

home. Night after night, when the children were in bed, I shared my sorrow with Charlie as he nestled in my arms.

I wept for my own rejection, for my children's own poverty of both funds and father; I wept for the loss of my husband. However, somehow, after a good cry with Charlie, life did not look so forbidding.

After Charlie learnt to talk, he would use my voice to call Zeke to the back porch. Zeke would come around the corner of the house only to discover his bowl empty, again. Charlie would fly to the top of a tree and laugh his loud belly laugh.

When Charlie was about a year old, I accepted a teaching position out of town. Charlie adapted well. There, the local children attributed magical powers to him: He was free to go wherever he wanted, yet he chose to live with humans! He definitely held many of us under his spell – including a veterinarian we took him to when we found Charlie's leg dangling at an odd angle in the lawn one day. The vet refused payment when he managed to cure Charlie as he felt that Charlie was the most remarkable animal he had ever treated.

Adapted from 'Charlie's Home!' Reader's Digest March 2002

For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

26 The narrator's children were not allowed to mix with the neighbour's children because _____.

- (1) the narrator and her children had leprosy
- (2) the narrator could not teach well in school
- (3) of the recent incident involving her husband
- (4) there have been cases of wild beasts around their neighbourhood

27 Which one of the following sentences below is TRUE?

- (1) The police formed a manhunt to search for an escaped prisoner.
- (2) The narrator blamed the effect of war for her husband's condition.
- (3) The school where the narrator taught in was supportive of her during her plight.
- (4) The narrator succeeded in getting the help of a prominent judge to clear all charges against her husband.

28 The narrator found Charlie a big help as he _____.

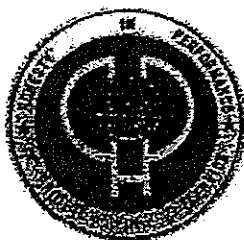
- (1) helped look after Zeke
- (2) provided the narrator with companionship and a listening ear
- (3) was a great entertainer amongst the young children in the neighbourhood
- (4) persuaded the narrator's neighbours to lift the barriers against the narrator and her family

29 Why did the local children at the new town the narrator worked in believe that Charlie had supernatural powers?
Charlie _____.

- (1) spoke like a human
- (2) managed to heal his broken leg without anyone's help
- (3) chose to stay on with the narrator even after he was able to fly
- (4) cast a spell on a veterinarian whom the narrator brought him to

30 Based on the passage, the narrator can be described as a _____ person.

- (1) rich
- (2) weak
- (3) courageous
- (4) superstitious



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Section	Marks	
Grammar Cloze		10
Editing for Spelling and Grammar		10
Comprehension Cloze		15
Synthesis / Transformation		10
Comprehension Open Ended		20
Total		65

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blanks. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

(A) with	(D) were	(G) in	(K) was	(N) for
(B) is	(E) to	(H) an	(L) are	(P) a
(C) on	(F) the	(J) this	(M) under	(Q) through

A pie company is responsible for the invention of the Frisbee. William Russell Frisbie decided to open a bakery in (31) _____ 1870's. He wanted (32) _____ bakery to be a homemade pie bakery, so he had to decide the type of container he would use for the pies. William bought pie plates that (33) _____ made out of tin and had the name of the bakery embossed (34) _____ the bottom.

In the mid 1940's, some Yale University students used the empty pie tins to toss (35) _____ themselves. The campus (36) _____ not far from the Frisbie Baking Company.

The history of the Frisbee continues (37) _____ a man by the name of Walter Frederick Morrison who had (38) _____ interest in exploring the concept of flying saucers. Flying saucers were a reality (39) _____ Morrison. He would contemplate (40) _____ his mind the idea of alien life and the possibility of the aliens visiting Earth and other planets. During the 1950's, filmmakers were capturing this idea and creating it on films. He wanted to give his concepts of flying saucers more publicity and exposure.

Adapted from The Great Idea Finder – The History of Frisbee



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

In Thailand, some farmers and labourers enjoy a peculiar gastronomic

treat – eating insects. According to some sources, the practice (41) starts in the

early 1990s when workers from farming provinces (42) **mygreated** to the cities.

In their quest for jobs, they also brought their (43) **earing** for grilled insects with

them. Bangkok residents started tasting those delicacies and developed a

liking for (44) it. Sellers who were on their pushcarts are often swarmed (45) on

interested patrons who include motorcyclists and (46) **perdesstrains**.

Thumrong started selling insects when he went (47) from Bangkok three

years ago. In exchange for such a (48) **loucrefive** trade, he was more than willing

to give up farming. The golden opportunity arose and he jumped (49) at the

bandwagon and started peddling his (50) **assaltment** of insects in Bangkok.

Adapted from 'Creepy Crawlies'

Fill in each blank with the most suitable word.

(15 marks)

In a century of explosive innovation and elaborate gadgetry, Momofuku Ando made his fortune from a more humble discovery. This Japanese instant-noodle inventor's skilful (51) _____ of flour, oil and a little salt and MSG (52) _____ has undoubtedly redefined the way the world eats.

Ando's original Chicken Ramen, after months of (53) _____ and error, has spawned multiple variations. In India, *masala* is the (54) _____ choice. Italians like (55) _____ with tomato while the Thais prefer the noodles spicy and the chilli voltage may reach alarming levels. All told, 43 billion servings of the inexpensive (56) _____ are consumed each year worldwide.

When Ando's package noodles entered the market 41 years ago, it was dismissed (57) _____ an impractical luxury item. At ten cents a pack, the dehydrated meal (58) _____ six times as much as a fresh, steaming bowl (59) _____ in a neighbourhood noodle joint. However, the novelty of the instant meal quickly drove sales (60) _____. Dozens of competitors joined Ando's Nissin Food Products Company (61) _____ the ramen battle. Today in China (62) _____, there are more than 2,000 instant-noodle manufacturers. Indonesia boasts more (63) _____ 50 domestic brands. While instant noodles (64) _____ stayed well under a dollar a pack, a bowl of ramen in Tokyo now costs around \$5. Ando, it seems, has invented (65) _____ inflation-proof food. Now if only the 89-year-old can figure out a way to perform the same feat with sushi.

Adapted from The Momofuku Ando Instant Ramen Museum



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. Gina said that Kim had left for London the previous day.

" _____
_____, " Gina said.

67. It is possible to see this minute organism with that microscope.

Without _____

68. Kumar entered the bedroom. He started tidying up the mess.

Upon _____

69. We did not slurp the soup in the presence of our guests.

Mindful _____

70. The two towns along the border were terribly destroyed by the bombings.

The bombs caused _____



Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

Two brothers, who have run away from home to escape their abusive father, are on their own on the streets of an Indian city. With the help of other street children, the brothers learn to work as glass collectors and things begin to look brighter.

It was such a relief when we finally moved to the island especially when no one challenged us. For what seemed like hours we had watched other street dwellers – men, women and children – settling down for the night on bamboo mats wrapped in ragged blankets under makeshift canopies. We had waited while the traffic died down until all that passed by was the occasional taxi or rickshaw. Then we ran quickly across the road, stepped over the little wire fence and stood looking around. 5

"This is cool," I grinned at Sandeep. "We've got our own island."

"What if someone wants to take it from us?" Sandeep asked. 10

"We'll tell them we were here first," Suresh replied.

Sandeep went quiet and I thought he had gone to sleep. I sat gazing into the night for a while longer. **My mind was too full to close it down.** I felt as though someone had plucked me from a warm and cosy nest and dropped me into a totally alien landscape although I knew deep down that the nest had been far from warm and cosy for quite a long time. I had to build a **new nest** on my own and I wanted to make it feel like the safest place on earth. Our island was just a beginning. I lay down at last and allowed the waves of exhaustion to envelope me. 15

We must have fallen asleep because the next thing I knew, I was startled by the blast of a horn very close to my head. I sat up quickly but it took a few moments for me to work out where I was. It was getting bright. I could see a bus disappearing down the road to the left of the island. A truck went by too, circling round us before heading off to the right. I stood up and stretched, working my neck from side to side to loosen it up. As I did so, I saw that I was being watched. A boy was leaning against a lamp post on the opposite side and staring at me. I turned away from him and pretended to be busy with the belongings in my bag. I began to feel uneasy. He strolled across the road and stopped outside the wire fence. 20 25

"You've got yourself a good place there," he said.

I nodded. Sandeep began to stir. 30

"I wish I'd thought of it myself," the boy continued.

I did not know what to say. I had a feeling that the boy, who was older than me, was going to claim our island for himself.

"The police will probably move you on if you try to stay," he said and watched for my reaction. "Some of the police around here are mean especially to street kids," he added. 35

I was wondering where the conversation would go next while Sandeep and I stared up at the boy without moving, wide-eyed at what he told us.

"You're going to stay around in this city then?" the boy asked. 40

I nodded my head wishing I could think of something to say to make myself appear tougher. I did not want this boy to think that I could not look after my brother and myself.

"My name is Vikas," he offered. "I've got contacts if you need a job."

"I'm Suresh and my brother's Sandeep," I replied. I did not say anything else. It would have been giving away too much to tell this stranger that I needed to find a job. 45

Extract from Broken Glass by Sally Grindley

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. How did the writer and his brother feel when no one challenged them?

72. Quote the two-word phrase from paragraph 1 which tells us that the people mentioned did not live in houses.



73. Explain fully what 'our own island' in line 9 means.

74. What was the writer trying to convey to the reader in the sentence ' My mind was too full to close it down ' in line 12?

75. According to the passage in line 16, what were the writer's ambition for his 'new nest'?

76. Explain fully what 'It' in line 21 refers to.

77. Where did the writer and his brother spend their first night?

78. In line 27, explain why the writer busied himself with his things from his bag when he realised that he was being watched.

79. How did the writer react after Vikas spoke about the police?

80. Suresh did not want to divulge 'too much' in line 46 to the stranger they had just met. Describe one character trait of Suresh and give one piece of evidence from the passage to support your answer.

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74)He was thinking about a lot of things that he could not fall asleep.

75)The writer wanted to build his new home on his own and make it feel like the safest place on earth.

76)It refers to the day.

77)They spent it on the street.

78)He thought that the body might want to take over the island that he and his brother had found.

79)The writer stood still and he was shocked at Vikas.

30)Suresh is a cautious person.He did not want to appear weak in front of Vikas.