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NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL  
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2013  
PRIMARY 6

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2

(BOOKLET A)

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Date: 26 August 2013

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Study the brochure carefully and answer questions 1 to 5.

For 7 to 12 years old kids

## Kids vs Wild Science



Have you ever wondered what you can do in an emergency?

How can you survive if you get lost in the wild?  
Let our 2-day camp teach you how Science can help you use the things around you to be the ultimate outdoor survivor!

Our experienced staff will guide you to learn survival skills. Gain knowledge of the key elements needed for survival in the outdoors unaided by modern tools.

*Lots of exciting activities that will make you want more!*

### Treasure Hunt

Can't find your way around? Learn how to use the sun or the stars to help you navigate your way around to find our special treasure trove.

### Drink Me Up

Thirsty? Learn a host of ways to get clean water from any source: the sea, rivers or even a muddy pool!

### Wild Edibles

Hungry? Learn how to identify wild edible plants for food.

### Keep Me Warm

Feeling cold? Learn to start fire using friction.

### Early Bird Promotion

Register before 15 April 2013 with a sibling and pay only \$100 each. The first 50 pairs to register will receive haversacks for free.

### Limited Places Available

Fee: \$120 per child

Date: Participants can choose from any of the following:

Camp	Date/Day
A	12 June 2013(Wed) & 13 June 2013(Thurs)
B	14 June 2013(Fri) & 15 June 2013(Sat)
C	16 June 2013(Sun) & 17 June 2013(Mon)
D	18 June 2013(Tue) & 19 June 2013(Wed)

Time: 11 am – 9 pm

Assembly Point: Bukit Timah Nature Reserve  
(Visitor Centre)

Registration: [wildkids.com.sg](http://wildkids.com.sg)

### For more information:

Telephone: 68137347(Lily)

Email: [Lily@gmail.com](mailto:Lily@gmail.com)



Always inform a responsible person EXACTLY where you are headed, and PRECISELY when you should be expected back. If you do this, a survival situation might last hours instead of days!

**Section A - Graphic Stimulus (5 X 1 mark)**

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

1. The main purpose of the camp is to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) cultivate a love for nature in children
  - (2) train children to become great scientists
  - (3) expose children to various outdoor activities
  - (4) teach children some life skills through Science
  
2. Those who sign up for the camp will need to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) eat wild fruits found in the wild
  - (2) drink unfiltered water from the sea and rivers
  - (3) meet at Bukit Timah Nature Reserve Visitor Centre
  - (4) look for treasure using the sun or the stars to find directions
  
3. Jane signed up for the camp with her twin brother on 16 April 2013. They \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) were entitled to free haversacks
  - (2) had to stay overnight for the camp
  - (3) had to pay only two hundred dollars in all
  - (4) could contact Lily for more information about the camp
  
4. John wants to attend the camp on weekends. He also has to be in school for lessons from 17 to 19 June 2013. Therefore he has to attend Camp \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) A
  - (2) B
  - (3) C
  - (4) D
  
5. According to the brochure, which one of the following statements is true?  
Participants will \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) enjoy eating wild vegetables.
  - (2) learn to make fire with twigs and lighters.
  - (3) learn the different ways of obtaining clean water.
  - (4) know how to use a compass to find his or her way around.

**Section B – Grammar ( 7 x 1 mark)**

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

6. \_\_\_\_\_ we have differences in opinions, Jay and I completed our project on time for submission.
- (1) Since
  - (2) Unless
  - (3) Despite
  - (4) Although
7. If I had worked harder, I \_\_\_\_\_ my English test.
- (1) passed
  - (2) would pass
  - (3) would be passing
  - (4) would have passed
8. Father had \_\_\_\_\_ the table for dinner just before Mother came home from work.
- (1) lay
  - (2) lain
  - (3) laid
  - (4) lied
9. Carol objects to \_\_\_\_\_ out the plan suggested by Kenny as she cannot see eye to eye with him.
- (1) carry
  - (2) carries
  - (3) carried
  - (4) carrying
10. In accordance \_\_\_\_\_ the law, anyone who is caught speeding will be charged.
- (1) of
  - (2) to
  - (3) for
  - (4) with

11. The poor \_\_\_\_\_ given household rebates on electrical bill last month.

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

12. Joan barely has the opportunity to go shopping with her friends,  
\_\_\_\_\_ she?

- (1) has
- (2) does
- (3) hasn't
- (4) doesn't

**Section C – Punctuation Discrete (3 x 1 mark)**

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

We were faced with the great difficulty of our journey. How were we to prevent ourselves from slipping down the steeply inclined plane (13)

"Magnificent, glorious (14) I cried in a moment of involuntary enthusiasm.

I looked around in amazement.

"At last," cried my uncle (15) we have reached the end of the shaft."

It was a glorious sight to see how the electric light brought out the sparkles in the walls of the calcareous rocks and the old red sandstone.

*Adapted from 'A Journey to the Centre of the Earth'*

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

**Section D -- Vocabulary (5 x 1 mark)**

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

16. There was an \_\_\_\_\_ of public support after Paul's horrific accident, with many people donating blood to save him after an appeal.
- (1) outcrying
  - (2) outraging
  - (3) outpouring
  - (4) outbuilding
17. Ken was the mastermind of a/an \_\_\_\_\_ in which he faked traffic accidents and then made bogus insurance claims.
- (1) hoax
  - (2) bribery
  - (3) extortion
  - (4) conspiracy
18. Years of \_\_\_\_\_ the responsibility of being the sole breadwinner for his family has taken its toll on Mr Wong's health.
- (1) securing
  - (2) attaining
  - (3) acquiring
  - (4) shouldering
19. Tracy learns how to respect the elders from the examples set by her parents than from what she is told. Indeed, as the saying goes, "\_\_\_\_\_"
- (1) Great minds think alike
  - (2) Charity begins at home
  - (3) Actions speak louder than words
  - (4) Advice most needed is least heeded
20. Kenny \_\_\_\_\_ with Jen over the theme of their Science project and they hardly speak to each other anymore.
- (1) fell out
  - (2) fell back
  - (3) fell apart
  - (4) fell through

### Section E – Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

Delegates from all over the world will be attending a three-day toilet conference in Singapore.

It may sound (21) ridiculous. As the world (22) wrestles with international terrorism, so much time and effort here in Singapore will be spent discussing public toilets. China, which is keen to promote a (23) positive image of having clean restroom facilities, is sending twenty delegates.

Conservation will also be an important topic of discussion, about how best to provide a good service to the public in parts of the world where water might be (24) scarce.

Singapore is the perfect host for such a conference. A country known to the world for being squeaky clean where the authorities regularly fine people who do not flush public toilets. The government has said clean public toilets reflect the (25) status of a gracious society.

*Adapted from BBC Learning English, 19 Nov 2001*

21. (1) absurd  
(2) logical  
(3) comical  
(4) sensible
22. (1) combats  
(2) engages  
(3) confronts  
(4) withstands
23. (1) unique  
(2) popular  
(3) friendly  
(4) favourable
24. (1) rare  
(2) deprived  
(3) unlimited  
(4) insufficient
25. (1) hallmark  
(2) authority  
(3) revolution  
(4) declaration



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Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

As the white van noses down the dirt tracks above Inanda Dam outside Durban, people emerge from the mud and cinder block houses, waving. Like the dogs bounding eagerly at their heels, many are thin and bear the ravages of illness, but they all smile as they greet the driver of the van: Dog Lady, Angel of the Valley.

Silver-haired Durban grandmother, Jenny Konigkramer, 57, returns their greetings. She addresses each by name, and when she pulls over and climbs out, she bends to fuss over each dog. 5

"Your five are looking in much better condition, John?" she tells a man in blue overalls. Like most in the valley, he is unemployed. Jenny and her part-time helper, Anna Hlope, 38, heft a bag of dog pellets from the van. John takes off his cap in delight, then crouches and opens a corner of the bag to treat his five dogs to a handful. He disappears in a blur of wagging tails and Jenny drives on. "It's this that keeps me coming back," she says. 10

Jenny has been at it for six years, since the day she accompanied her domestic worker, Queenie, to her home here to see her sick dog. "I was nervous at first, there's so much talk of crime, but the people were friendly. And the suffering I saw opened my eyes." Queenie's dog had advanced canine distemper and had to be put down by Jenny's vet. "There were so many others with distemper and other problems, I knew I had to go back." 15

Jenny has a long-held passion for animals. "With this, I knew I could make a difference." She scrounges supplies from donors – damaged bags of pellets, dog bowls, blankets and old kennels. She also takes dozens of animals to SPCA each month to be sterilised or treated for injury or illness. 20

"No one else does this for us," says Pasha, a young taxi driver. His first dog was killed by a car on the road. His second, an exuberant black puppy he calls Snoopy, had washboard ribs and a sore on his neck caused by fleas when Jenny first saw him. She brought antibiotics and a bottle of the flea and tick dip she mixed herself, and showed Pasha how to use it. "Jenny talks nicely, she opens our eyes," says Pasha as Snoopy jumps up and licks her to thank her for curing him of fleas. 25

Tick-borne bilial, rabies and kennel cough are just some of the problems here. Worse, to Jenny, are cases of cruelty. "I've seen hunting dogs caught in their owners' own snares with horrific limp injuries and several burnings and stabbings." Sometimes these animals have to be put down, and Jenny stays with them and strokes them to the end. 30

"But this work can be as traumatic as rewarding," Jenny confesses. 35

*Adapted from Readers Digest 2013 by Glynis Homing*

**Section F – Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)**

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

26. Jenny is being hailed as Angel of the Valley because she \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) treats sick people
- (2) provides employment for people
- (3) shows warmth and kindness to dogs
- (4) arranges permanent shelters for dogs

27. What does "this" in line 12 refer to?

- (1) Jenny's passion for animals.
- (2) The touching sight of John feeding dogs.
- (3) The sight of delighted dogs upon seeing food.
- (4) Jenny's desire to make a difference to the dogs' lives.

28. Why was Jenny apprehensive about going to the valley at first?

- (1) The crime rate there was high.
- (2) The people there were unfriendly.
- (3) She could not bear to see the suffering of dogs there.
- (4) She was afraid of the transmissible disease of dogs there.

29. What is the present state of Pasha's puppy?  
Pasha's puppy \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) is healthy now
- (2) was killed by a car
- (3) has to be put down
- (4) is suffering from distemper

30. Which one of the following statements is **not** true?

- (1) Jenny is a familiar figure in the valley.
- (2) Taking care of dogs is fulfilling to Jenny.
- (3) People in the valley are not in good health.
- (4) Most of the people in the valley are busy working

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**NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
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**ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2**

(BOOKLET B)

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Class: Pr. 6 \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 26 August 2013

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**Section G – Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)**

*There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40 in the passage below. From the list of words in the box, choose the most suitable answer for each blank and write its letter (A to Q) in it. The letters "I" and "O" have been omitted to avoid confusion in marking.*

**Each word can be used only ONCE.**

A) a	D) but	G) is	K) over	N) who
B) an	E) for	H) on	L) to	P) whom
C) and	F) into	J) or	M) was	Q) with

Language is constantly changing. Words are invented, meanings are changed and some words are lost. Mumbo-jumbo is thought to be an African term for a witch doctor (31) \_\_\_\_\_ carried out seemingly strange ceremonies. In English, mumbo-jumbo took (32) \_\_\_\_\_ the meaning for something that is either mysterious (33) \_\_\_\_\_ meaningless.

In 1884, (34) \_\_\_\_\_ circus owner named P.T. Barnum bought an enormous male elephant from London Zoo. He subsequently named the elephant Jumbo (35) \_\_\_\_\_ shipped it to America to take it on his circus tour. It (36) \_\_\_\_\_ the largest known elephant in captivity at that time. Barnum's advertising posters showed a huge elephant (37) \_\_\_\_\_ the name Jumbo written in large letters.

Soon the word jumbo was being added (38) \_\_\_\_\_ anything that was especially large. (39) \_\_\_\_\_ about a year, Jumbo was exhibited across America. Then, one night as he was being led across some railway tracks to board the train to his next destination, another train arrived unexpectedly and ran straight (40) \_\_\_\_\_ him. Neither the elephant nor the train survived the collision, but the word jumbo continues to be part of the English language.

**Section H – Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1 mark)**

Correct each word in bold for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

As a child, Joe was deeply influenced by his grandmother. She would sit

(41)

outside their house each Saturday morning to wait for **vanders** and she would buy

(42)

wares from them as they pass by their village so that they did not have to walk all the

(43)

way to the market. Joe said, "She often told me not to be **embearased** to do good

for others."

(44)

However he was studying for his medical degree, Joe travelled regularly to

(45)

remote hill districts to distribute medicine that he and other students has made in the

(46)

(47)

university's **lerboratri** for free. The poor villagers who suffeted with horrible cramps

(48)

and **diehreal** recovered after taking the medicine. The villagers were too poor to

afford seeing a doctor or buying medicine.

(49)

On an **okaesion** to the hill districts, Joe had to pitch a tent to spend the night

(50)

on the hillside. A thunderstorm came in the night and his tent was blow away while

he slept. It was an unforgettable experience for Joe.

**Section I – Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)**

*Fill in each blank with a suitable word.*

Orang-utans, or 'man of the forest', live in primary and secondary forests. Some can be found up to 1,500 metres above sea level (51) \_\_\_\_\_ most of them live in lowland areas. Orang-utans share a preference with humans (52) \_\_\_\_\_ fertile plains and lowland valleys. This habitat, once rich in tropical forests, is now being replaced by human activity and settlements.

Orang-utans (53) \_\_\_\_\_ the world's largest tree-climbing mammals. They have a characteristic ape-like shape, shaggy reddish fur and grasping (54) \_\_\_\_\_ and feet. Their long arms can (55) \_\_\_\_\_ up to a span of two metres in length. Orang-utans' legs are relatively short and (56) \_\_\_\_\_ but their hands and arms are long and powerful.

Orang-utans travel by moving (57) \_\_\_\_\_ one tree to another. They usually (58) \_\_\_\_\_ climbing down to the ground. In the rare instance when they are on the ground, they move on "all fours", with clenched (59) \_\_\_\_\_ placed on the ground.

The Sumatran orang-utan is the (60) \_\_\_\_\_ endangered of all orang-utan species. It can (61) \_\_\_\_\_ be found in the northern and western provinces of Sumatra and no other part of Indonesia. The species is fast losing its natural habitat (62) \_\_\_\_\_ agriculture and human settlements. This species particularly (63) \_\_\_\_\_ on high-quality primary forests for sustenance. It is (64) \_\_\_\_\_ able to tolerate habitat disturbance than other orang-utan species. Sumatran orang-utan numbers have reportedly plummeted by up to 60%, even with selective logging. With human pressures increasing, orang-utans may soon (65) \_\_\_\_\_ from the wild forever. If habitat loss is not stopped now, the Sumatran orang-utan may eventually go extinct.

*Adapted from Orang-utans by World Wildlife Fund*

**Section J - Synthesis / Transformation (5 x 2 mark)**

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

66. Joe is too clever not to know the answer.

\_\_\_\_\_ so \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_

67. Most of the people here are not as pretty as Jane.

Jane \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68. The dove appeared suddenly from the magician's hat. The audience was shocked.

The sudden \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. "This is the cinema where I watched Superman yesterday," Serene told Ben.

Serene told Ben that \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70. The judge was annoyed as the lawyers started bickering loudly.

Much \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



**Section K – Comprehension (10 x 2 marks)**

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

Most young girls would hate living on an isolated rock surrounded by water, but not shy Ida Lewis. The 15-year-old was glad when her father was appointed the lighthouse keeper of Lime Rock. Now, he would be home with his family all the time.

It was in June, 1857, that the Lewis family moved to Lime Rock. The tiny island stood about 280 metres out in the Newport, Rhode Island, harbour. **It barely poked its craggy head through the waters of Narragansett Bay, but the water around it was turbulent and it was very dangerous to incoming boats.** 5

Though Ida had lived near the sea all her life, she knew very little about boats. However, she learned quickly as every weekday, she had to row herself, her two younger brothers, and sister to the mainland to attend school. The distance was not very far, but often the boat would bob like a cork in the water. 10

Ida also learned to tend the light. For long periods, during gloomy weather or storms, the light was kept burning both day and night. 15

Four happy months went by for Ida. Then tragedy struck. Mr Lewis suffered a stroke that left him paralysed. Mrs Lewis was appointed lighthouse keeper in his place.

One day, she called Ida to her. "Ida," she said, "you will have to quit school. I cannot care for the light and your father too. I need your help." Ida did not complain but continued her daily struggle with the choppy waves to row her siblings to school. She also had to buy supplies for the light and groceries for the family. 20

As Ida was walking on the rocky shore one evening, she heard faint cries from over the choppy waters. Peering through the dusk, she could make out an overturned sailboat in the distance and someone was clinging to it! 25

Without thinking of danger, Ida got into her boat and was soon skimming across the water to the rescue. When she reached the sailboat, she found not one but four young men clinging to it.

Ida pulled the four into her boat and headed for shore. She had rescued three teenagers and a twenty-year-old. They were very frightened and amazed to see a young girl at the oars of the rescue boat. 30

"Please, please, don't tell anyone about this," Ida implored them shyly. Ida felt that anyone in the same quagmire would have done the same. The youths promised to keep the rescue a secret. 35

From then on, Ida kept a watchful eye for anyone in trouble in the water.

Once, she saved three farmers whose sheep had fallen into the bay. The three had borrowed a boat to pursue the sheep but the tide carried them farther and farther out. Then the boat filled with water and started to sink. In only a few minutes, Ida was taking the drowning men into her boat. After she had left them on shore, she went back and saved the sheep. 40

It was Ida's rescue on July 25, 1869, that brought her courageous feats to the attention of the nation and the world. It was late afternoon. Cold rain and high waves drenched Lime Rock. Ida sat before the fire, her head bent over some sewing. Suddenly, her mother scampered down from the lighthouse shrieking, "Someone is drowning! Someone is drowning!" At once, Ida jumped to the rescue. 45

Never had Ida's courage been so tested. The rain blinded her. Her hands became freezing cold. It took all her strength to force the little boat into the wind as the waves almost swamped it. 50

This time Ida's rescue saved two soldiers. Over and over the soldiers thanked Ida for saving them. There was no way that Ida could keep this rescue a secret. The soldiers told everyone. Newspapers and magazines published the story. When Ida learnt of this, she went **red in the face**. Subsequently, she received letters from all over the United States and England. She was also 55 given several awards and a life-saving medal.

Ida Lewis was famous.

Adapted from *The Heroine of Lime Rock* by Janette Gentry

71. What does the word 'It' (in line 7) refer to?

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72. How many siblings did Ida have?

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73. Why did the rowboat 'bob like a cork in the water' (lines 12 13)?

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74. Which sentence in the passage tells you that Ida enjoyed her stay at the lighthouse?

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75. What other responsibilities did Ida have after her father was paralysed?

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76. How did Ida know that the four youths were in trouble?

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77. Which phrase tells you that Ida was rowing very fast towards the overturned sailboat?

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78. Which word from lines 30 to 47 has the same meaning as "pleaded"?

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79. Give **two** reasons why Ida had to physically struggle to rescue the two soldiers.

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80. In your own words, explain clearly why Ida went 'red in the face' (line 54)

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41)vendors      42)passed      43)embarrassed      44)Although      45)had

46)laboratory      47)from      48)diarrhea      49)occasion      50)blown

51)but      52)for      53)are      54)hands      55)reach

56)weak      57)from      58)hate      59)fink      60)most

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72)Ida had three siblings.

73)The row boat was thrown about by the choppy waves.

74)The sentence is " Four happy months went by for Ida".

75)She had to buy supplies for the light and groceries for the family.

76)Ida heard faint cries from over the choppy waters and peering through the dark, she could make out an over turned sail boat in the distance and someone was clinging into it.

77)The phrase is "skimming across the water".

78)The word is "implored".

79)The cold rain blinded her, making her unable to see and her hand S became freezing cold, making it hard to row the boat.

80)Newspaper and magazines published the story of her saving the two soldiers making her embarrassed.