



**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2013
PRIMARY 6**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2: BOOKLET A

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

Name: _____ () Pr 6 ()

There are a total of 80 questions – 30 MCQ and 50 open-ended questions.

Instructions to pupils:

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

Section A: Graphic Stimulus (5 x 1m = 5m)

Study the advertisement below and answer questions 1 to 5.

Having problems with your dog?

Does your dog make so much noise that it upsets your neighbours? Does your dog chew your shoes and furniture? Have your friends stopped visiting you because your dog keeps growling, snarling and lunging at them? Does your dog chase cars or other animals and ignores your attempts to stop it?

Find the solution to your problems at The Doggie Club!

♦ **ARE ALL DOGS WELCOME?**

It doesn't matter what breed of dogs you have - Poodles, German Shepherds, Beagles or even mongrels. All dogs are accepted for training regardless of breed, age, size or personality. Puppies must be at least 12 weeks old and be vaccinated 14 days before starting at The Doggie Club.

♦ **WHEN IS THE TRAINING SCHEDULE?**

Untrained dogs – Tuesdays or Saturdays	9.30am
Experienced dogs – Thursdays or Sundays	4.30pm

♦ **HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?**

A ten-week course costs:

\$25.00 if you enroll one dog
\$45.00 if you enroll two dogs
\$60.00 if you enroll three or more dogs



Special Offer!!

Concessionary rate for
senior citizens and
students under the age
of 16 @ \$15.00 for
each dog

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

1. Which of the owners would most likely consider enrolling their dogs at The Doggie Club?

- (1) Those whose dogs bark.
- (2) Only those with poodles or beagles.
- (3) Those whose dogs irritate the neighbours.
- (4) Only those with dogs that need to be vaccinated.

2. The Doggie Club can only accept puppies that are _____.

- (1) about 12 weeks old
- (2) more than 12 weeks old
- (3) not less than 12 weeks old
- (4) not more than 12 weeks old

3. If a Primary Six student wishes to send his dog for training, it will cost him _____.

- (1) \$15
- (2) \$25
- (3) \$45
- (4) \$60

4. A puppy that will be undergoing training for the first time will have its sessions on _____.

- (1) Tuesday mornings
- (2) Thursday mornings
- (3) Sunday afternoons
- (4) Saturday afternoons

5. Based on the information in the advertisement, which of these statements is true?

- (1) It is preferable to train puppies.
- (2) Senior citizens who want to train their dogs will enjoy a special concession.
- (3) It is advisable for puppies to be vaccinated before starting at The Doggie Club.
- (4) Dog owners have to take their pets to The Doggie Club two times a week.

Section B: Grammar Discrete (7 x 1m = 7m)

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

6. _____ his hectic schedule, Jason still found time to volunteer at the orphanage.
- (1) Although
 - (2) Between
 - (3) Despite
 - (4) In spite
7. Susan was certain that she heard the fire alarm _____ just before the explosion.
- (1) ring
 - (2) rang
 - (3) rung
 - (4) rings
8. My elderly neighbour, Uncle Bala, lost his life's savings when he _____ a conman's tricks.
- (1) fell on
 - (2) fell for
 - (3) fell into
 - (4) fell through
9. All the boys but one _____ to participate in the inter-class games next month.
- (1) agrees
 - (2) is agreeing
 - (3) has agreed
 - (4) have agreed
10. Mrs Lee decided to reward Daniel as he had made _____ careless mistakes than David.
- (1) less
 - (2) more
 - (3) many
 - (4) fewer

11. The principal, as well as several teachers, _____ at the conference this year.

- (1) speak
- (2) speaks
- (3) is speaking
- (4) are speaking

12. All the equipment _____ been moved to the storeroom so that the workers can clean the area.

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

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

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

The boys told their parents about their adventure in the jungle.

"How is that possible (13) You heard gunshots?" Father queried, a puzzled look on his face. "Hunters are no longer allowed in the jungle. Someone is breaking the law."

The police were called. Michael and Charles led the police into the jungle. Suddenly (14) someone ran past them and pushed one of the policemen down.

"Stop! I will shoot (15) the other policeman shouted.

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

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

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

Section D: Vocabulary (5 x 1m = 5m)

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

16. Julie and her friends _____ from shop to shop, taking their time to examine the products on offer.

- (1) trudged
(2) trekked
(3) sprinted
(4) sauntered

17. The police _____ Bala of committing the crime although they were still unable to gather conclusive evidence.

- (1) arrested
(2) acquitted
(3) detained
(4) suspected

18. Serena seems rather _____ today. I think she is worried about the upcoming tennis competition against her strongest opponent.

- (1) bewildered
(2) distracted
(3) frenzied
(4) puzzled

19. The popular restaurant in Queenstown was shut down by the authorities when its kitchen was found to be _____ with cockroaches.

- (1) infested
- (2) polluted
- (3) infected
- (4) contaminated

20. The general office was _____ with telephone calls after the principal's announcement yesterday.

- (1) filled
- (2) flooded
- (3) drowned
- (4) stormed

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

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

I can still remember Auntie Lim, the friendly old lady, who used to live a stone's throw from me. Her husband was killed in a fatal industrial accident and she had severed all ties with her four children as they had used up all the money
(21) (22)
that she and her late husband had worked so hard to save.

Despite the fact that she lived alone and was already in her sixties then, she was still full of vigour and seemed to enjoy her life thoroughly. As a good-natured
(23) (24)
and quiet person, she was very well-liked by neighbours and had many friends to keep her company.

Now, she works at a home for the elderly, looking after the old and the desolate. She is very happy working there.
(25)

21. (1) cut up
(2) cut off
(3) cut out
(4) cut away
22. (1) extorted
(2) extracted
(3) extricated
(4) exhausted
23. (1) spirited
(2) energetic
(3) animated
(4) industrious
24. (1) caring
(2) patient
(3) amiable
(4) reserved
25. (1) lonely
(2) crippled
(3) infirmed
(4) bereaved

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

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

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

5 The speedboat was about two kilometres away when Andrew first noticed it. They were directly in its path. There were two others in the canoe with him. The boys had hired the canoe that morning to get across to a small and rather deserted island. They intended to have a picnic as well as to explore the island for unusual creatures and plants.

Seeing the speedboat coming towards them, their first reaction was to paddle as hard as they could so that they would get clear of the speedboat.

10 "Even if it manages to miss us," observed Peter gloomily, "the canoe will overturn as the speedboat goes past."

Andrew was more worried than his friends because he did not know how to swim. A feeling of despair and helplessness swept over him. An idea suddenly struck Andrew at that moment. He tore off part of his red shirt, put it at the end of his paddle and he waved it high like a flag. The speedboat was still moving towards them. Andrew began to pray under his breath.

15 In the nick of time, however, the speedboat swerved and roared past them at a distance of about a hundred metres. Someone from the speedboat waved to them merrily but they were too shocked to respond. They sat waiting for their canoe to be overturned but it did not happen. In fact, the speedboat went past so lightly and swiftly that the surface of the water was barely disturbed.

20 "It is incredible!" shouted James excitedly. They could not believe that they were still in the canoe without falling into the water. "Phew! What a narrow escape that was!" shouted Peter loudly. However, deep down in his heart, Andrew was glad and thankful that he had prayed.



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Parent's Signature: _____

Booklet A	/30
Booklet B	/65
Total	/95

Any query on marks awarded should be raised by _____. We seek your understanding in this matter as any delay in the confirmation of marks will lead to delays in the generation of results.

PAPER 1 - Writing	/55
PAPER 2 - Language Use & Comprehension	/95
PAPER 3 - Listening Comprehension	/20
PAPER 4 - Oral Communication	/30
TOTAL	/200

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26. Andrew and his friends hired a canoe to _____.

- (1) camp at an island
- (2) explore some islands nearby
- (3) find out more about an island
- (4) collect strange creatures and plants

27. The boys were worried as the speedboat was moving towards them because _____.

- (1) it might collide with the canoe
- (2) their canoe might go off course
- (3) it was about two kilometres away
- (4) they could not paddle hard enough

28. Andrew felt a sense of despair because _____.

- (1) he was not able to swim
- (2) the boys would not get to the island
- (3) he was worried for his friends' safety
- (4) the speedboat had swerved past them

29. When the speedboat was near the canoe, Andrew _____.

- (1) jumped into the water
- (2) paddled away quickly
- (3) made a makeshift flag
- (4) waved his hands wildly

30. It word "It" in line 20 refers to the _____.

- (1) canoe that the boys were in
- (2) speedboat that had just past them
- (3) close shave they had just experienced
- (4) time when they were too shocked to react

Section G: Grammar Cloze (10 X 1m = 10m)

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

Use each WORD once ONLY

A) among	D) could	G) over	K) to	N) when
B) as	E) during	H) should	L) was	P) where
C) at	F) from	J) them	M) were	Q) yet

The potato was brought to Europe by explorers in the 1500s. Although the potato is consumed extensively in Europe today, it struggled for acceptance _____ it was first introduced. (31)

King Louis XVI of France saw the potato's potential _____ a substitute for wheat. A series of publicity stunts _____ staged to encourage French citizens to look at the humble tuber _____ a new perspective. He hosted dinners featuring many potato dishes and invited only the royals and nobles _____ these feasts. (32) (33) (34) (35)

These made the potato seem like food that was exclusive to the rich and it soon became a topic of conversation all _____ France. Next, he stationed guards at the patch _____ the potatoes were grown but instructed _____ to accept bribes from civilians who wanted to enter. The security was also deliberately lax at night so that civilians _____ steal the potatoes more easily. This news spread quickly _____ the people and more people started to consume the potato. All these efforts paid off and the potato became an important part of French cuisine. (36) (37) (38) (39) (40)

Adapted from Nobility and Analogous Traditional Elites in the Allocutions of Pius XII

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Section H: Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1m = 10m)

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

Eating out is everyone's favourite pastime in Singapore. Discussions on this subject

(41)

(42)

rarely failed to enthusiastically engage Singaporeans. But Singapore now has many

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goremeh restaurants set up by some of the world's most famous chefs, it is the wide

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selection of dilectible hawker food in hawker centres that whets the **apitaite**s of

Singaporeans every day.

(46)

Hawker centres and food courts provide a great variety of **coozins** stemming from the

different racial groups living in Singapore at affordable prices. In recent years, the popularity.

(47)

of bright, clean and efficient food courts seemed to have superseded that of hawker centres.

(48)

Food courts provide a better hygienic and comfortable environment but the stalls there are

often unable to reproduce the quality of food produced in hawker centres.

(49)

It seems the choice is between eating **imferier** and overpriced food in air-conditioned

(50)

food courts to eating cheap quality food in grubbier surroundings of the hawker centres. What

a difficult choice indeed!

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Once the shape has been formed, the cardboard is treated _____ a secret
(60)
concoction made of organic materials to _____ it its waterproof and fireproof qualities. In
(61)
the final stage, it is coated with lacquer paint to _____ its appearance. The resulting
(62)
product, Gafni claims, is stronger _____ carbon fibre.
(63)

The bicycle's frame, wheels, handlebars and saddle are all made of cardboard in this way,
and then _____ together to form the bicycle. The tyres are puncture-proof as they are
(64)
composed of solid rubber recycled from _____ car tyres. Now that his cardboard bicycle
(65)
invention has become a reality, Gafni predicts that it may even be possible to create cardboard
cars and aircrafts.

(Adapted from 'Re-cycling' in The Economist)

Marks

Section I: Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1m =15m)

In the following passage, there are 15 blanks numbered 51 to 65. Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Izhar Gafni has invented a cardboard bicycle that is strong, waterproof and costs about \$20 to manufacture. Gafni overheard someone talking _____ building a canoe made of cardboard. He was inspired and started toying with the _____ of making a bicycle from cardboard.

Cardboard, made of wood pulp, was invented in the 19th century as sturdy packaging to _____ other more valuable objects during transportation. It was rarely used as a substitute for stronger materials _____ metal.

Gafni started developing the Cardboard Bicycle three years _____. He spent the first two years learning the properties of cardboard. "Making a cardboard box strong and durable is _____, all you need to do is to fold it. _____, making a strong and durable bicycle made of cardboard is extremely difficult," he says. It _____ a year and a half, after lots of testing and failure before Gafni found the right way to fold the cardboard. He _____ this knowledge to create different patterns for folding cardboard into strong and durable bicycle components.

Section J: Synthesis/Transformation (5 x 2m = 10m)

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

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66. Neither Adam nor Daniel is convinced by Sally's explanation of her absence.

Both _____

67. Helen asked John if he had thought of where he wanted to visit that afternoon.

Helen asked John, " _____
_____?"

68. I prefer reading at home to going to the cinema.

I would rather _____

69. Kelly was disciplined and diligent during the school holidays. Her mother was delighted.

Kelly's _____

70. Jenny refused to follow Mr Ali's instructions. He was frustrated.

Jenny's _____

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Section K: Comprehension Open-ended (10 x 2m = 20m)

Read the passage below carefully and answer questions 71 to 80.

Mr. Budd read the description of the suspected robber, William Strickland, carefully and committed the description to memory. The report mentioned a handsome reward. With business at the saloon being poor, he hoped to get this reward in order to keep his saloon business afloat. Mr. Budd sighed. He knew there was no way he could catch the criminal singlehanded. Mr. Budd was small in size and even with a razor in hand, he would hardly be a match for Strickland who was reportedly violent. Just then, a large customer came charging into the shop demanding that Mr Budd dye his hair.

"Certainly, sir," said Mr. Budd. He noted the man's bush of fiery red hair, short chin-beard and well-kept teeth, one of which was a gold tooth. The customer was obviously ready to spend money on his personal appearance. Dyeing meant quite a big sum and Mr. Budd was pleased. As he made light conversation with the customer, Mr. Budd examined his hair with trained eyes and fingers. It was naturally black hair, prematurely grey, which had been dyed red. He asked for the name of the dye formerly used, and noted that he would have to be careful. Some dyes would not mix kindly with other dyes.

Chatting pleasantly, Mr. Budd worked on, and they started talking about the William Strickland case. Just then, Mr. Budd saw his customer suddenly draw back his left hand, which was resting carelessly on the arm of the chair, and push it under the white apron but not before Mr. Budd had taken note of the deformed thumb nail. Mr. Budd started to wonder about the man in his shop. What was the likelihood that someone different would have the same distinguishing features as William Strickland? It seemed unlikely. The man glanced up, and the eyes of his reflection became fixed on Mr. Budd's face in a serious examination. "What's the matter?" said the customer.

"I just need a minute to collect the materials for the dye, sir," Mr. Budd replied softly before retreating to the back of the shop. If only he had been quicker he would have observed that thumb nail, that tooth, put two and two together, and run out to give the alarm while the man's beard was wet and soapy and his face buried in the towel. Or he could have put lather in his eyes. Mr Budd took a few deep breaths to calm his nerves. Then he remembered. He did not have to arrest the man himself, he only needed to provide information leading to arrest. As he fetched a bottle from the glass-fronted case, he saw his mother's old-fashioned wooden paperknife that bore the inscription "Knowledge is Power". Mr. Budd now felt a strange freedom and confidence. He removed the razors with an easy, natural movement, and made light conversation as he skilfully applied the dark-brown tint. Not for nothing had Mr. Budd studied the complicated reactions of chemical dyes. In the pride of his knowledge he had set a mark on his man.

Mr. Budd watched as the customer boarded the No. 24 bus, oblivious to the changes that were about to happen to his hair. Mr. Budd walked hurriedly to the police station and breathlessly uttered the story of his great professional betrayal to the constable on duty. Thanks to the information he gave, the police were able to provide a new description for the criminal. They arrested William Strickland on board a ship docked at Ostend soon after. How could William Strickland slip away unnoticed with a green moustache, green eye-brows, and that thick, springing mass of vivid green hair? Thanks to his quick thinking, Mr. Budd not only got his financial reward, his fame and that of his saloon grew after the newspapers reported his role in the capture of William Strickland.

(Adapted from 'The Inspiration of Mr Budd' by Dorothy Sayers)

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ANSWER IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. In paragraph 1, what was the reward meant for?

72. What were two factors that led Mr. Budd to think that he would hardly be a match for Strickland?

73. "Dyeing meant quite a big sum." (line 10) Explain clearly what this means.

74. Which word in paragraph 2 means "in the past"?

75. What caused Mr. Budd to become suspicious of the customer?

76. "It seemed unlikely". (Line 20) What does the underlined word refer to?

77. What could Mr. Budd have done if he had realised who the customer was earlier?

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78. How did Mr. Budd 'set a mark' (line 34) on the man?

79. Quote the two-word phrase in the last paragraph that shows that what Mr. Budd had done to the man's hair was not something he would usually do.

80. In what way had Mr. Budd's fortunes changed by the end of the story?

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41)fail 42)Although 43)gourmet 44)delectable 45)appetites

46)cuisines 47)seems 48)more 49)inferior 50)and

51)about 52)idea 53)protect 54)like 55)ago

56)easy 57)However 58)took 59)used 60)with

61)give 62)improve 63)than 64)put 65)used

66)Both Adam and Daniel are not convinced by Sally's explanation her absence.

67)Helen asked John, "Have you thought of where he wanted to visit that afternoon.

68)I would rather read at home than go to the cinema.

- 69) Kelly's discipline and diligence during the school holidays delighted her mother.
- 70) Jenny's refusal to follow Mr Ali's instructions frustrated him.
- 71) The reward was meant to new the person who caught William Strickland.
- 72) Mr Budd was small in size and Strickland was reportedly violent.
- 73) It means dyeing is expensive.
- 74) The word is "formerly".
- 75) Mr Budd saw the deformed thumb nail when the customer drew back his left hand.
- 76) It refers to some one different having the same distinguishing features as William Strickland.
- 77) He could have run out of the shop while the man's face was buried in the towel.
- 78) Mr Budd used the chemical reactions of the new dye to change the man hair eye brows and moustache.
- 79) The phrase is "professional betrayal".
- 80) Mr Budd not only got his financial reward, his fame and that of his saloon grew after the newspaper reported his role in the capture of William Strickland.