



**HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
2014 SEMESTRAL EXAMINATION 1
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY SIX
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.

Booklet A

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

Parent's signature: _____

Booklet A : _____ / 30

Booklet B : _____ / 65

TOTAL : _____ / 95

Read the poster carefully and answer questions 1 to 5.

2014

National Spelling Bee

*Overall champion wins \$8,000
and Challenge Trophy*

The New Times and
NSB National Spelling
Bee returns for its
3rd year!

**Can you out-spell the
other competitors?**

The 2014 National Spelling Bee provides participants with opportunities to pit their spelling skills against one another. It increases participants' awareness of phonemes and syllabication and enriches their vocabulary through the study of different types of words. It is designed such that students will have to use strategies to help them spell both familiar and unfamiliar words. Spelling aloud into a microphone in front of so many others requires confidence as well!

COMPETITION DATES

Sat 12 July 2014 - Preliminary Round

Sat 26 July 2014 - Zonal Round

Sat 16 August 2014 - Grand Finals

VENUE

New Times Centre

REGISTRATION

Each primary school can
nominate a maximum of six
pupils from Primary 4, 5 or 6.

The registration deadline is
5 June 2014.

All participants must:

- be attired in their full school uniform
- be able to spell words within the 60-second time limit

Organised by:

NewTimes

National
South Bank

In partnership with:

Schools Section

Supported by

National
Spelling
Committee

For more information, please write in to 2014nsb@nt.com

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. One of the organisers of the 2014 National Spelling Bee is _____.

- (1) Schools Section
- (2) National South Bank
- (3) National Spelling Committee
- (4) Primary Schools in Singapore

2. The National Spelling Bee has been held for the past _____ years.

- (1) two
- (2) three
- (3) four
- (4) five

3. According to the poster, the main aim of the competition is for participants to _____.

- (1) increase their level of confidence
- (2) expand their knowledge of sentences
- (3) raise their awareness of phonemes and syllabication
- (4) use strategies to help them spell familiar and unfamiliar words

4. Only those who _____ are allowed to participate in the 2014 National Spelling Bee.

- (1) are above 13 years old
- (2) are selected by their primary schools
- (3) are keen to take part in a Spelling Bee
- (4) have taken part in past years Spelling Bees

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

- (1) The appropriate age to start spelling right is at Primary 4.
- (2) Participants must be able to spell the word given within a minute.
- (3) The best way to learn how to enrich your vocabulary is to take part in Spelling Bees.
- (4) The Spelling Bee is meant for students who do not wish to challenge one another.

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. Rahman noticed his brother _____ into the kitchen to snack on the cookies that their mother had forbidden them to eat as it was almost time for dinner.

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

7. The credit should not have gone to Miss Lim but to Mr Chong who has managed to achieve the target all by _____.

(1) myself
(2) herself
(3) himself
(4) themselves

8. "I can never get it right, _____?" James sighed as he stared at the challenging sums forlornly.

(1) is it
(2) isn't it
(3) can I
(4) can't I

9. "I _____ it for spelling, punctuation and grammatical mistakes," Peter said with satisfaction as he handed in his composition to his English teacher.

(1) has checked
(2) am checking
(3) have checked
(4) been checking

10. "Neither of the twins _____ present, I suppose that the two other reserves have to take their place," the coach said.

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

11. The avid football fan was worked _____ over the referee's call. His face was all flustered as he exclaimed repeatedly how unfair it was.

- (1) in
- (2) up
- (3) out
- (4) off

12. I am tired; _____, I have to carry on working.

- (1) despite
- (2) in spite of
- (3) consequently
- (4) nevertheless

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

On Christmas morning, we rushed into the living room and reached for our presents under the Christmas tree.

"Here's another one for you (13) said Mother as she handed me a package. I looked at it, confused. Having spent so much time examining the presents before Christmas, I recognised this one. But it had not been mine, it was my mother's present (14) A new label had been put on it, with my name written in my mother's handwriting.

"Mom, I can't (15) I protested loudly. I stopped when I saw the expression on my mother's face – a look I could not really understand.

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

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

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

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

16. The fireworks display at the National Day Parade was _____.
All the spectators were awestruck.

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

17. Due to Jon's _____ performance during his piano recital, he was granted a music scholarship in London.

(1) sacred
(2) simple
(3) sterling
(4) substandard

18. Jacqueline _____ so much confidence during the talent competition that all the judges chose her to be the winner.

(1) exuded
(2) flaunted
(3) revealed
(4) transmitted

19. The police successfully apprehended the kidnappers as they were _____ in their pursuit of them.

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

20. Marcus was _____ by his Mathematics teacher for failing to complete his homework on time.

(1) affirmed
(2) charged
(3) chastised
(4) complimented

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)

In the eyes of the citizens of London, Queen Elizabeth could do no wrong, but their feelings towards her successor, King James, were entirely different. It was not that they (21) resented a Scottish king but it was his debauched behaviour and (22) unconcealed hatred of the people of London that eventually led to his downfall.

With a father like King James, Prince Charles stood little chance of gaining popularity and his continual (23) defiance of the Parliament made civil war virtually (24) inevitable. In 1642, Prince Charles ascended the throne and became king. He left London and the city was soon reduced to a state of rebellion. The war escalated into (25) open conflict. In 1649, Charles returned to the capital to be tried and was finally executed outside his father's greatest monument, the Banqueting House.

21. (1) envied
(2) revered
(3) begrudged
(4) disapproved

22. (1) unclear
(2) unseen
(3) unmasked
(4) unexpressed

23. (1) regard
(2) esteem
(3) opposition
(4) preference

24. (1) doubtful
(2) uncertain
(3) incidental
(4) unavoidable

25. (1) vicious
(2) random
(3) irreparable
(4) unrestrained

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

(5 marks)

Billy was a bully of the worst kind. He only picked on the younger and weaker children in his school who were helpless in the face of his aggressive behaviour. He would bully them and intimidate them into giving him their pocket money. No one dared to tell on Billy because if they did so, they knew what would be in store for them later.

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Billy particularly enjoyed terrorising Stephen, a mild-mannered seven-year-old boy who was not in the least bit aggressive. He made Stephen's life a misery. Sometimes, he would corner him in the canteen and taunt him. At other times, he would ransack Stephen's bag and take his belongings. Occasionally, Billy even demanded money from him. Surprisingly, Stephen suffered in silence and continued to do so for several weeks.

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"There's no need to report Billy because I know that, one day, he will meet his match. The world is made up of different kinds of people," Stephen told his friends confidently when they asked.

One afternoon, Stephen was walking home from school with his younger sister, Sue, when Billy suddenly leapt over a garden wall and stood in front of them, ugly and threatening. Billy was taken aback.

Stephen

"Let me see what's inside your sister's bag!" shouted Billy. He lunged at the terrified little girl and made a grab for her backpack. This was too much for Stephen. He took hold of Billy's arm and twisted it around. Billy lost his balance and landed on the ground with a thud, a look of utter astonishment on his face.

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Moments later, Billy stood up slowly, looking dazed. Then, he charged angrily at Stephen. Stephen waited until the last possible moment before stepping aside nimbly and deflecting Billy straight over the garden wall. There was a loud crash followed by a series of moans and groans. Looking over the wall, Stephen pointed a warning finger at the boy cowering on the ground and said sternly, "No more bullying, or else..."

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Then, with a huge grin on his face, he sauntered home with Sue. Billy had met his match after all.

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26. "No one dared to tell on Billy because if they did so, they knew what would be in store for them later." (Lines 4-5) Billy's victims believed that _____ if they reported him to their teachers.
- (1) he would make things even more difficult for them later
 - (2) his parents would be informed about what had happened
 - (3) he would learn from his mistakes and turn over a new leaf
 - (4) he would be severely punished for bullying his schoolmates
27. Billy was a coward at heart because he _____.
- (1) only picked on defenceless children
 - (2) was extremely violent towards children
 - (3) enjoyed extorting money from children
 - (4) frightened children and snatched their belongings
28. When Stephen said that Billy would "meet his match" (line 13) one day, he meant that _____.
- (1) Billy would take part in a fighting contest one day
 - (2) Billy would finally meet someone whom he could not bully
 - (3) he would be bullied by Billy even more if he reported him
 - (4) he intended to report Billy's misbehaviour to the Principal one day
29. What was the main reason for Stephen's sudden attack on Billy in paragraph 6?
- (1) He was trying to protect his younger sister, Sue, from Billy.
 - (2) He wanted to teach Billy a lesson that he would never forget.
 - (3) He was taking his revenge on Billy for constantly bullying him.
 - (4) He wanted to frighten Billy so that he would not bully him anymore.
30. Based on the passage, which of the following statements is true?
- (1) Billy bullied all the children in the school.
 - (2) Billy had finally met his match in Stephen.
 - (3) Stephen and Sue were not surprised to see Billy.
 - (4) Stephen deliberately planned to teach Billy a lesson

END OF BOOKLET A

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HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
2014 FIRST SEMESTRAL EXAMINATION
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY SIX
PAPER 2 BOOKLET B

Name: _____ () **Class: P6** _____

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 blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

(10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

A) above	D) although	G) away	K) so	N) before
B) despite	E) due	H) in	L) this	P) who
C) to	F) their	J) up	M) which	Q) where

Shenzhen has become a popular shopping destination recently. Just like Singaporeans who have been travelling in droves to nearby Johor Bahru for shopping and good food, Hong Kong locals have been enjoying trips to Shenzhen (31) _____ there are discounts, attractions and fine cuisine. This open secret has been the choice for many (32) _____ want to have some weekend fun and it is only a matter of time (33) _____ Shenzhen becomes one of the top must-visit destinations in Asia.

Situated a stone's throw (34) _____ from the hustling and bustling city of Hong Kong, Shenzhen is gaining a name as a commercial hub of China, partly (35) _____ to it being a Special Economic Zone. (36) _____ Shenzhen may lack the natural beauty, this industrious city makes it up with its wide number of man-made amusement parks and sheer ambition to be a cut (37) _____ the rest.

Moreover, Shenzhen locals take (38) _____ food seriously. Regional delicacies are found everywhere in (39) _____ migrant city though the most popular styles of cooking would have to be Cantonese and Hunan cuisine.

An ideal place for a family vacation, it appeals (40) _____ many as it is not too far away. It is a shoppers' paradise and has interesting places to keep the children occupied for the day. It is definitely worth spending time there.

(Adapted from Golf Digest April Issue 2005)



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

Mrs Heng was teaching our class the basic rules of grammar. One of the boys

(41) sits in front of me was restless and took out a pack of cards. I (42) **envyeed** him as he

had a large collection. At that moment, Mrs Heng walked up to him and said, "Norman,

hand them over right now!" He (43) **reluktently** stacked the cards together and put them

on her (44) outstretching palm. After Mrs Heng had kept the cards in the drawer, she said,

"Norman, please walk (45) by the front of the room and face the class." She (46) sound

quite calm. Norman slowly walked to the front of the class as (47) **instruktet** but he

tripped over Melody's bag as he was quite (48) **klumzy**. He nearly fell flat on his face but

was saved from the (49) **embaresment** at the last moment by Adrian who grabbed his arm

before he met the ground. (50) Shook by the incident, Norman appeared to be on the verge

of tears. However, he held back his tears and braced himself for the consequences.

Fill in each blank with the most suitable word.

(15 marks)

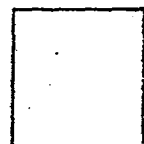
Remember the earthquake and tsunami in the North East Coast of Japan on 11 March 2011? Many of us still (51) _____ the images of the waves ripping into buildings and uprooting everything (52) _____ its path etched deeply in our (53) _____.

Admire the fear and horror of the immediate catastrophe, the tsunami had (54) _____ the cooling system of the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant and (55) _____ employees working in the Plant knew that there was (56) _____ imminent threat of nuclear fallout, the effects of (57) _____ would extend beyond Fukushima if the damage was not rectified in (58) _____.

Time continued to tick away as the senior management considered (59) _____ to cool four of the nuclear reactors. Two reactors were (60) _____ down for maintenance, the electrical and back-up power supplies were cut (61) _____ due to the tsunami. If the nuclear fuel rods were not cooled off, (62) _____ would melt causing release of radioactive materials reaching (63) _____ beyond Fukushima.

Most people (64) _____ the Plant and the surrounding areas. There were even rumours that the government might evacuate the thirty-five million (65) _____ of greater Tokyo! At that point, some employees of the Plant chose to remain at the facility to do what they could to prevent the nuclear fallout. They were named 'Fukushima 50' by the media though the actual number ran into the hundreds.

(Adapted from 'Unsung Heroes of Fukushima, Think Earth Issue 2)



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. Karen always surprises her parents with her outstanding performance.

Karen never _____

67. The deep gash in his leg was not mentioned in the report.

There was no _____

68. The petite lady spoke rudely. She wore a well-tailored suit.

_____ who _____

69. "Are you the one who ate the chocolate cookies in the jar?" my brother asked me.

My brother asked me _____

70. Mrs Kumar knew he would complain about everything and he did.

_____ just as _____



Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

Exhausted and soaked with sweat, Bill Pinkham stared hard as his dogs burrowed into a snowdrift to sleep. He knew he was somewhere near the top of Eagle Summit, a barren, windswept mountain saddle, 240 kilometres from the finish line of the 1600-kilometre Yukon Quest International Sled-Dog Race. At least, he hoped he was near the top. A snowstorm had wiped out the trail across the frosty and treeless landscape. The temperature had been dropping when his dogs, exhausted by their arduous trudge up the steep mountain through the deepening snow without a trail to follow, decided they had run enough and lay down.

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Pinkham, recognising that dogs possess a logic that sometimes escapes humans, resigned himself to lying in his sleeping bag on the snow. Pinkham dozed off, **wiped out** from pushing the 90kg load on his sled to ease the burden on his dogs. He was also feeling the fatigue of having no more than a couple of hours of sleep during each of the last ten nights. However he woke up several minutes later as his sleeping bag began to freeze around him. To warm up, he decided to walk around and look for the trail. He wandered around for an hour, shining his headlamp into the void, snow pellets glinting in the light's glare for an instant before they stung his cheeks. Unable to find anything that resembled a route, he decided to go back to the dogs.

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Rule number one: never leave your team. As he started back, he realised, his heart rising to his throat, that he had not a clue where his team was. The wind had destroyed all traces of his footsteps. Pinkham was alone in rural Alaska, miles away from the nearest human, cabin or even a piece of firewood, on top of a mountain in a snowstorm. He did the only thing he could do: he sat down on an ice-encrusted outcrop to wait for sunrise.

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The annual Yukon Quest is a race in which a small group of hardy men and women brave the howling winds and snowstorms. Beyond this, it is the sheer amount of travelling at a runner's pace, across some of the least hospitable terrain of the planet. Competitors have been snowed in for days in remote sections; teams have been attacked by wild animals. It is called the world's toughest race for a reason: it is not for the faint-hearted.

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(Adapted from *Dog in Socks*, Sunday Life: The Sun-Herald Magazine)

71. What was Bill Pinkham doing at Eagle Summit?

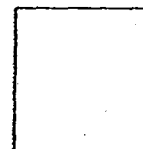
72. Why did Pinkham and his dogs have to stop and rest?

73. Which word from Paragraph 2 tells you that Pinkham submitted without resistance to take a rest in the snow ?

74. From Paragraph 2, give two reasons why Pinkham was 'wiped out'.

75. What was the weather condition when Pinkham was wandering around for an hour?

76. Which phrase tells you how Pinkham felt when he realised he was lost?



77. Explain what the wind did to Pinkham's footsteps.

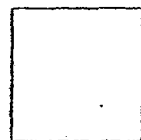
78. What did Pinkham do when he realised that he was lost?

79. From Paragraphs 4 and 5, list two conditions that made Yukon Quest challenging for competitors.

80. Name one characteristic competitors in the Yukon Quest have to possess. Give a reason for your answer.

END - OF- PAPER

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EXAM PAPER 2014

LEVEL : PRIMARY 6
SCHOOL : HENRY PARK
SUBJECT : ENGLISH
TERM : SA1

Q1	2	Q21	3	Q41	Seating	Q61	off
Q2	1	Q22	3	Q42	envied	Q62	they
Q3	3	Q23	3	Q43	reluctantly	Q63	far
Q4	2	Q24	4	Q44	outstretched	Q64	evacuated
Q5	2	Q25	4	Q45	to	Q65	population
Q6	1	Q26	1	Q46	sounded		
Q7	3	Q27	1	Q47	instructed		
Q8	3	Q28	2	Q48	clumsy		
Q9	3	Q29	1	Q49	embarrassment		
Q10	1	Q30	2	Q50	Shaken		
Q11	2	Q31	Q	Q51	have		
Q12	4	Q32	P	Q52	in		
Q13	3	Q33	N	Q53	minds		
Q14	2	Q34	G	Q54	damaged		
Q15	4	Q35	E	Q55	the		
Q16	4	Q36	D	Q56	an		
Q17	3	Q37	A	Q57	it		
Q18	1	Q38	F	Q58	time		
Q19	2	Q39	L	Q59	now		
Q20	3	Q40	C	Q60	shut		

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Q72 They had arduously trudged up a steep mountain through the deepening snow without a trail to follow causing them to feel exhausted.

Q73 The word is "resigned".

Q74 He has pushed the 90kg load on his sled to ease his dogs of some weight and he slept no more than a couple of hours for the past ten nights causing him to be tired.

Q75 There was a snowstorm going on.

Q76 The phrase is 'his heart rising to his throat'.

Q77 It had wiped away all his footsteps, not allowing him to trace his way back to his team.

Q78 He sat on an ice-encrusted outcrop and waited for sunrise.

Q79 The competitors would be snowed in at remote places in Alaska for days and they had to battle off wild animals which threatened to attack them.

Q80 They had to be hardy as they have to brave the snowstorms and howling winds in order to reach the finishing line.