



CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION TWO (2014)
PRIMARY SIX
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)
BOOKLET A

Name _____

Class: Primary Six _____

20 August 2014

30 Questions
(30 Marks)

Total Time for Booklets A and 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.

This booklet consists of 9 printed pages excluding the cover page.

Study the following advertisement and then answer questions 1 to 5.

Galaxy Shopping Mall
Grand Opening on 13 December 2014

**Extended shopping hours throughout the month of December. 10 a.m. – 12 midnight*

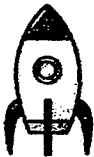
Looking for fun activities to occupy your time while your parents shop? Come down to Galaxy Shopping Mall between 13 and 17 December and experience an exciting space adventure indoors! You may even stand a chance to win the grand prize of a telescope worth \$1 000!



**Make Space for Imagination @
the IDEAL SPACE ADVENTURE!**

Our goal is to inspire and evoke a sense of wonder about space

Calling all Space Cadets! Join us for an out-of-this-world space adventure with exciting activities! Accomplish at least 1 of the 4 solar system Activities to take part in the daily draw and win cash vouchers. Complete 3 or more activities to take part in the Grand Draw!



Build a Spaceship

Think out of the box, with a box. Come build your very own spaceship using recycled cardboard! Best creator of the day will win 10 mini cupcakes!

Age: 7–12 years old



Space Monster

It's time to dress orbit. Martian, alien, robot – play with your imagination and design your own space-themed costume. Then strut your stuff down the catwalk!

Age: 5–10 years old



Comet Shootout

Defend the universe from alien invasion. Launch space comets and see if you can hit enough alien cans and get FREE ice-cream vouchers!

Age: 5–12 years old



Orbital Course

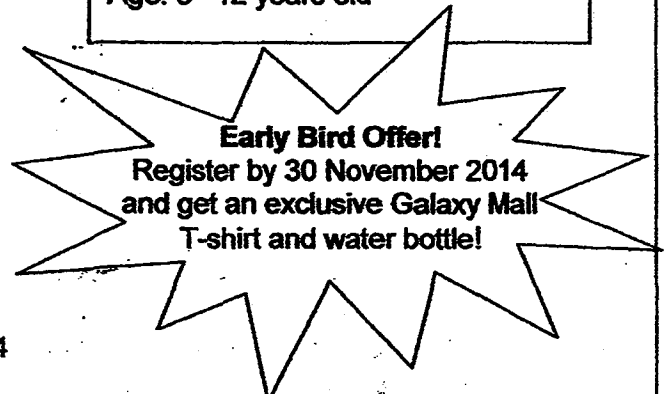
Ever wondered how a space cadet would train? Experience an exciting obstacle course that will surprise you, challenge you and leave you bouncing for more!

Age: 8–12 years old

To register for IDEAL Space Adventure:

- Log on to www.IDEAL.sg/space-adventure
- Limited to 300 participants per day!
- Register before 5 December 2014 to ensure you have a place.

For more enquiries: Call the organiser @ 6512 1234



Early Bird Offer!

Register by 30 November 2014
and get an exclusive Galaxy Mall
T-shirt and water bottle!

Organised by: Galaxy Shopping Mall



Prizes sponsored by: Space Centre

1. The main aim of the Ideal Space Adventure programme is to _____.

- (1) arouse in children a sense of awe
- (2) prepare children for an actual trip to outer space
- (3) inspire children to become space cadets when they grow up
- (4) persuade children to shop with their parents at Galaxy Shopping Mall

2. Children may get free _____ after completing the Solar System activities.

- (1) T-shirts and a telescope
- (2) T-shirts and cash vouchers
- (3) cash vouchers and water bottles
- (4) ice-cream vouchers and cupcakes

3. To participate in the Grand Draw, a child must complete a minimum of _____ activities

- (1) 1
- (2) 2
- (3) 3
- (4) 4

4. Justin is a creative and energetic 9-year-old who loves to overcome physical challenges and enjoys designing costumes. The two activities that would most likely interest him are _____.

- (1) Space MonStar and Orbital Course
- (2) Orbital Course and Comet Shootout
- (3) Comet Shootout and Space MonStar
- (4) Build a Spaceship and Comet Shootout

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

- (1) A maximum of 300 participants is allowed per day.
- (2) One has to register on 5 December to secure a place.
- (3) Galaxy Shopping Mall is organising Ideal Space Adventure for 4 days in December.
- (4) Parents are encouraged to join their children in completing the 4 Solar System activities.

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. I congratulated him _____ his success in gaining entry into the most prestigious university.
- 1) in
 - 2) of
 - 3) on
 - 4) with
7. Nobody, except the twins, _____ out the solution to the problem sum yet.
- 1) work
 - 2) works
 - 3) has worked
 - 4) have worked
8. Happiness overwhelmed the new mother, _____ tears of joy to her eyes when she saw her newborn cradled snugly in her arms.
- 1) bring
 - 2) brings
 - 3) brought
 - 4) bringing
9. "You rarely keep your promises, _____ you?" said Hui Chong in disappointment.
- 1) do
 - 2) did
 - 3) don't
 - 4) didn't
10. The price of movie tickets _____ risen. I cannot afford them anymore.
- 1) is
 - 2) are
 - 3) has
 - 4) have

11. Mrs Jenkins _____ we all loved and respected finally retired at the age of eighty.

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

12. The teacher made Hamid _____ that it was wrong to falsely accuse his classmate of theft.

- 1) realise
- 2) realises
- 3) realised
- 4) had realised

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)

As we were lagging behind, I was the only one who knew she had fallen into the drain. It was filled with mud and Jolene began to sink. She yelled, Help (13) Preeya, please help me!

I felt no compassion towards her. She had tormented me for the past year. You have been so mean to me! I retorted (14) why should I help you?"

But then I remembered what my mother had taught me. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you (15) she would often say. I reached out to grab Jolene's hand, and pulled with all my might.

Adapted from: Boo is for Bully

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

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

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 instruction booklet was _____ into different languages to cater to customers of different nationalities.

- 1) translated
- 2) transferred
- 3) transmitted
- 4) transformed

17. The politician's biased comments _____ vehement protests from shocked citizens across the nation.

- 1) piqued
- 2) evoked
- 3) extracted
- 4) produced

18. The scouts heard the _____ of burning wood as they gathered around the campfire.

- 1) sizzling
- 2) cackling
- 3) crackling
- 4) sputtering

19. On Chinese New Year, my family and I are planning to _____ my maternal grandparents who are living in Malaysia to have dinner with them.

- (1) call in
- (2) call on
- (3) call up
- (4) call upon

20. The host was embarrassed when there was not enough food to eat because he had _____ the number of guests attending the function.

- (1) undersized
- (2) undervalued
- (3) underachieved
- (4) underestimated

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

Kumar lay silently on the cold hard floor, listening to the ticking of his watch as a squeaky mouse scurried by noisily. His captors had left him in the windowless room for the past hour. Chained by the legs to the wall, the possibility of making an escape seemed (21) remote. Kumar was feeling (22) increasingly dejected by the minute. Finally, he sat up and rummaged through his backpack. At the same moment, a knock (23) scarcely audible sounded on the front door. Kumar froze in dreaded (24) anticipation. However, as the knocks became louder and (25) incessant, Kumar perked up. He recognised the secret code. His comrades had returned for him.

21. 1) aloof
2) lonely
3) impossible
4) inaccessible
22. 1) speedily
2) immediately
3) continuously
4) progressively
23. 1) barely
2) partially
3) sufficiently
4) moderately
24. 1) realisation
2) expectation
3) astonishment
4) apprehension
25. 1) eternal
2) intermittent
3) monotonous
4) uninterrupted

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

As Jeremy's thoughts cleared, he began contemplating a question that had never occurred to him before. What would life be like without the use of his legs?	
Jeremy McGhee had been an active, young 'adrenaline junkie' who balked at the thought of sitting still. After tumbling over the handle bars of his Suzuki GSX1000 motorcycle that fateful day, 25-year-old Jeremy lay sprawled in the middle of a busy California intersection. For the first time in his life, he couldn't feel or move his legs.	5
During the months that he spent recovering from the spinal cord injury that left him a paraplegic, Jeremy waded through the sledge of uncertainties that accompanied the news that chances were slim he would ever walk again, struggling to stay afloat in this emotional tidal wave, he found himself being called upon to make level-headed decisions about things he had never thought about before. For instance, he had to choose the best wheelchair for his active lifestyle and learn to file insurance claims correctly. In the meantime, a mountain of medical bills began piling up. But, even as he lay in his hospital bed, fighting the windfall of new challenges suddenly set in his path, Jeremy knew that he still had control over his life.	10 15
Jeremy did not allow himself to see the glass as half empty for long. Although he couldn't control whether his legs would allow him to walk again, he knew he could control how he dealt with his current condition. Wheelchair or no wheelchair, Jeremy wasn't one to give up. As he would soon discover though, there is no instruction manual for teaching people how to adjust when piecing a wheelchair into the equation of their lives. Although he had friends and family around him to offer support, they knew as much about living with this type of disability as he did - nothing.	20 25
As he attempted to reclaim his life, he began to see the need for an organisation to help people get back on their feet. Enter Fight2walk, the non-profit organisation that Jeremy founded to mentor those facing spinal cord injuries. Instead of looking at his injury as a burden, he chose to offer himself as a living example that, although life does not always go as expected, it doesn't mean you cannot continue to live a fulfilling life.	30
One day he was discharged from the hospital, using a car with specially adapted hand controls, Jeremy drove himself to the snow-covered Colorado Mountain to spend some time skiing and getting on with his life's journey. In the six years since his accident, Jeremy has not stopped pushing the limits of the human spirit. Today, Jeremy works as a seasonal ski instructor and teaches other people with disabilities how to overcome the claustrophobia of paralysis by getting outdoors.	35
He will always remain conscious of the fact that one unforeseen turn of events has brought him to an apex of human existence he could never have imagined - a place where he chooses to use his experiences, bad and good, to help others.	40
http://www.thinthreads.com/samples/uturn.html	

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 marks)

26. Which word from paragraphs 1 to 3 has the same meaning as 'not willing to do something'? ~~The~~ word is '_____'.
1) balked
2) waded
3) cleared
4) sprawled
27. In the passage, what does the " emotional tidal wave "(line 12) that jeremy was struggling to stay afloat refer to? It refers to the _____.
1) accident that happened at the intersection
2) time spent recovering in hospital after the accident
3) sound decisions he had to make after the accident
4) overwhelming uncertainties he had to face after the accident
28. In line 19, the phrase "jeremy did not allow himself to see the glass as half empty for long" tells you that Jeremy was a/an _____ person.
1) *Optimistic*
2) *pessimistic*
3) *unWavering*
4) *Courageous*
29. Why did jeremy set up Fight2walk? He wanted to _____.
1) set up a skiing company for people coping with injuries
2) design an instruction manual on how to cope with injuries
3) provide emotional support and guide people to cope with injuries
4) earn income by providing physical support for people coping with injuries
30. The main idea of this passage is about how jeremy _____.
1) had sustained his injury
2) had overcome unfortunate circumstances
3) started the charitable organisation Fight2Walk
4) was devastated about not being able to be active



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PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)
BOOKLET B

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary Six _____

20 August 2014

50 Questions
(65 Marks)

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

Components	Marks
Booklet A	30
Booklet B	65
TOTAL	95

Parent's
Signature: _____

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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 in order to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

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|------------|-------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| (A) about | (D) because | (G) is | (K) of | (N) then |
| (B) across | (E) has | (H) it's | (L) our | (P) where |
| (C) are | (F) have | (J) its | (M) than | (Q) which |

The Grand Canyon is a steep-sided canyon carved by the Colorado River in the United States in the state of Arizona. It is undoubtedly one of the most stunning natural landmarks on (31) _____ planet. Many people know it is the largest gorge in the world – a 290-mile-long gash (32) _____ the face of the Colorado Plateau in northern Arizona. It is the Colorado River that shaped this vast temple of rock but (33) _____ did all that water come from?

Scientists have two conflicting views. The first is that the early Colorado River extended simply by erosion and gradually wound its way to the Colorado Plateau, where the Grand Canyon (34) _____ located. Recently, a more controversial theory (35) _____ arisen: that the Colorado River was actually fed by a massive lake, Lake Bidahochi, (36) _____ overspilled to form it.

However, Lake Bidahochi no longer exists so scientists can only speculate on (37) _____ existence, with their evidence being the remains of green sediment found around the area where they believe it used to be. This green sediment was found in the Grand Canyon as well and it is more likely that this would have originated from a lake (38) _____ from a sediment-carrying river.

Ultimately, it is not (39) _____ immense importance to know how the Colorado River began, (40) _____ we know that it was definitely this amazing river that shaped the Grand Canyon. Indeed, it is still shaping it today.

Adapted from <http://blogearth.wordpress.com/2008/02/11/how-was-the-grand-canyon-created/>

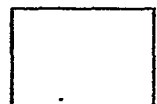


Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box. (10 marks)

I realised I had worn the wrong sort of clothes. However, I had never thought
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that I would has to go down into the pit with the snakes in order to catch them. The
42.
T-shirt and trousers were of no protect against the inch-long fangs of a Gaboon
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viper. Overly aware of my friends' intent **skrutinee**, I put up a brave front and
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accepted the dare. I was pray that they would change their mind. **Unforchnatli**,
they started tying the rope round my waist and then lowered me into the pit.

Suddenly, the kerosene lamp, which no one bad remembered to pump in all our
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excitement, went out. To make matters worsen, one of my shoes slipped off. There I
47.
was, standing gingerly at the bottom of the deep pit, **plunched** in darkness with no
shoe on one foot and surrounded by eight deadly vipers. I stood rooted to the spot,
frozen in fear.

48.
Without daring to **twich** a muscle, I waited in pitch darkness while wild thoughts
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of the snakes fuelleu from my over-active imagination filled my mind. Feeling my
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rising panic, I urged my friends to hasten the **mishion** of hauling the lamp out to
pump it up. I waited for what seemed like an eternity before I could finally see again.



Fill in the blanks with the most suitable answer. (15 marks)

Many of us have been bitten by mosquitoes. Have you ever wondered why some people get bitten more than (51) _____ do? Is it something in our blood or the perfume we wear that (52) _____ or repels the pest?

Studies have shown that only female (53) _____ feed on blood as they need human blood to develop fertile eggs. Male mosquitoes will avoid you completely and head for the flowers instead.

Mosquitoes can detect carbon dioxide in the air we exhale and can target people as (54) _____ as 80 kilometres away. Thus, people can attract mosquitoes from a distance simply by (55) _____. Larger people tend to give off more carbon dioxide, which is why mosquitoes typically prefer munching on adults (56) _____ small children. Pregnant women are also at (57) _____ risk as they produce more exhaled carbon dioxide.

Apparently, some people are more enticing to mosquitoes and scientists have found that genetics account for 85% of our susceptibility to mosquito bites. This group of people emit 'come and get me' smells which (58) _____ to the mosquitoes. Those less likely to be (59) _____ produce odours which mask these scents. Scientists said that it might be useful to make insect repellents that contain these natural masking odours to keep the mosquitoes at (60) _____. They would likely be completely (61) _____ to humans unlike current insect repellents which may have a strong smell that put us off.

One study also concluded that those who (62) _____ dark clothing tend to attract mosquitoes more. Movement also attracts mosquitoes. Thus if you run around the volleyball court, the mosquitoes will sense your (63) _____ and head towards you. When you pant from exertion, the smell of carbon dioxide from your heavy breathing (64) _____ them closer. This (65) _____ why some people tend to get bitten more when they are exercising.

To minimise the impact of being bitten, it is always safe to wear some form of insect repellent.

Adapted from <http://www.livinghealthy360.com/index.php/why-mosquitoes-target-certain-people-30/>



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. "Did you sweep the floor yesterday, Selva?" asked Mother.

Mother asked Selva _____

67. The game stall was immensely popular. Therefore, it brought in the most profit.

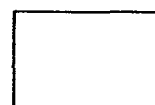
_____ because of its

68. Sally's brother loves to cook. She does not.

_____ does not share

69. Both Jason and Hui Ning did not turn up for the party.

70. The naughty boys saw their teacher. They ran back to their seats.



Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

Overcome by sheer exhaustion, I stumbled on a rock that was barely sticking up. Flailing for balance, with my heavy backpack working against me, I slipped in the mud and almost fell. I still could not believe this was really happening. I could not believe my dad had done **this** to me.

For nine days, our guide, Al, had been leading us into the most rugged corners of the mountains in southwestern Colorado, coaxing and pushing us over the passes and into the peaks, through good and bad weather, mostly through bone-freezing weather and sleet. There were eight of us, four girls including me and four guys, all spending nine weeks in this outdoor educational trip. Al called this his Discovery Unlimited Trip promising great adventures. However, to all eight of us, it was a nightmare trip.

"How's it going?" Suddenly, Troy was walking beside me. Sensing my unhappiness, he asked, "Why don't you blow the whistle?"

"Do you know how many times I have wanted to blow the whistle loud and clear? Sadly, I am not ready to face my dad who had signed me up for this trip and I also do not want to be first to leave." I admitted. We chatted for a while and started up a steep slope, soon, neither of us had enough breath to speak.

We drew in closer to the campfire that night, all prepared for Al's lengthy and boring speech. We knew he would make his uninteresting speech about the next day as he always had and he did not disappoint us. As he poked the fire, he started, "Tomorrow, you're going to climb Storm King, elevation 13 752 feet. You'll know you've accomplished something when you reach the peak. Troy, you're going to be the navigator since the rest have done their part to lead." Then, he spread the topographic map out on the ground. "You can study the map while the rest of us followers can go to bed. We'll draw lots for climbing partners before we set off tomorrow." To my surprise, Al ended his speech within a minute and we could rest for the night.

During breakfast, I put my hand into the bag as some of the other had done and drew Freddy's name. I nearly fell over in elation to have picked the best climber among us. Soon, we set off trying to make as much time as we could before the weather turned bad, which it tended to everyday around noon. Troy, our navigator for the day, led the way.

When we cleared the trees, a high ridge, serrated and imposing, blocked our view of the peak. Troy started up the ridge, making good time. He did not stop to look at his map nor did he ask anyone for a second opinion. I wondered if we should be conferencing, the way Al wanted us to, but like Troy, I was anxious to get on with it before

the weather turned bad.

Suddenly, Troy stopped and waved to us. The clouds were turning dark and the wind was blowing hard. When we went nearer to him, he motioned towards the face of the looming peak and said, "You lead, Freddy. Find us a route."

Realisation hit me and I was dumbfounded. Troy seemed so at ease with his role as a leader and not once had he indicated that he was not sure where he was going. It was clearly a defeat for him, having led all the way from camp, to have to follow now.

Adapted from: Downriver - A novel by Will Hobbs

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. why did the author trip over the rock that was barely sticking up?

72. What does the word 'this' in line 4 refer to?

73. What prevented the author from blowing her whistle?

74. Explain clearly why Troy and the author could not continue their chat in paragraph 4.



75. How was Al's speech that night different from his other speeches?

76. Why did Al pick Troy as the navigator?

77. Which 7-word phrase in paragraph 6 tells you that the author was not the first to draw her partner?

78. Who was the author's climbing partner?

79. Explain fully why Troy did not conference with the rest when climbing up Storm King.

80. In line 39, the author said "realisation hit me and I was dumbfounded". What was the realisation and why was she dumbfounded?



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Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
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Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
3	2	4	3	4	1	2	4	1	4	1	3	2	L	B	P	G

Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
E	Q	J	M	K	D

41)have 42)protection 43)scrutiny 44)praying 45)Unfortunately

46)worse 47)plunged 48)twitch 49)by 50)mission

51)others 52)attracts 53)mosquitoes 54)far 55)breathing

56)to 57)higher 58) 59)bitten 60)bay

61) 62)wear 63)movement 64)brings 65)is

66)Mother asked Selva if he had swept the floor the previous day.

67)The game stall brought in the most profit because of its immense popularity.

- 68) Sally does not share her brother's love for cooking.**
- 69) Neither Jason nor Hui Ning turned up for the party.**
- 70) At the sight of their teacher the naughty boys ran back to their seats.**
- 71) She was very tired.**
- 72) It refers to the author's dad signing her up for the trip.**
- 73) She did not want to be the first to leave their group.**
- 74) They were climbing up a steep slope and did not have enough breath to chat.**
- 75) His other speeches were longer than his speech that night.**
- 76) Troy was the only who had not led the group yet.**
- 77) The phrase is "as some of the others had done".**
- 78) Freddy was the author's climbing partner.**
- 79) He wanted to reach the peak as soon as possible as the weather usually turned around noon.**
- 80) She realised Troy was lost and was dumbfounded because he did not show any sign that he was lost.**